

# SPRING 2023



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## Springtime in Crystal Springs

SPRING IS ON THE HORIZON and with the time change and the days once again getting longer most of us can't wait to get outside and get our homes and yards ready for warmer weather. A few things to touch on as we are able to pick up branches and leaves left over from last fall. Take a look at your homes from your neighbors eyes and start a list of what's to be done. First of all, as mentioned in our Winter newsletter, April 19th is just around the corner and that is the date set from the Board of Directors last to have dead and dying trees removed. Not only are they unsightly but also a danger to the home, the homeowner and others from falling limbs. A big thanks to all the neighbors who have already have had tree companies over to have them and the stumps removed. Some areas of Crystal Springs require replacement of trees, so if you're unsure if this includes your home, reach out to your board representative to check so that you remain in compliance.

**MAILBOXES** If your mailbox is off kilter and needs shoring up, if it needs a fresh coat of black paint or your house numbers are faded or missing, take some time to work on that. It's important for firetrucks and ambulances to be able to find you in the event of an emergency, and your mail carrier will also thank you.

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If you need a mailbox replacement call Bonnie Huyser and she will can let you know what replacements will look like for your individual association. Drop her an email or call during business hours.

**EXTERIOR HOME APPEARANCE** Crystal Springs is a neighborhood that draws people in with its beautiful homes. Springtime is a great time to see if your home needs a bit of a facelift. A good place to start is by powerwashing your home to remove the green moss and dirt that has built up. Then if it needs paint or stain, put it on your "to-do" list or make arrangements to have this done professionally.

**YARDS AND LANDSCAPING** Is it time, or past time, to trim the trees, shrubs, add some fresh mulch, repair or remove old basketball hoops, trampolines, or swing sets? Is your grass neatly mowed, trimmed, and free of weeds?

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**THE BYLAWS, RULES AND RESIDENTIAL USE RESTRICTIONS WERE WRITTEN WHEN CRYSTAL SPRINGS WAS DEVELOPED, STARTING FROM THE WEST SIDE OF KALAMAZOO AND THEN OVER TO EACH ASSOCIATION ON THE EAST SIDE.**

**THESE RULES ARE NOT NOT BOARD WRITTEN, BUT BOARD ENFORCED  
PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY**

**You see them in other neighborhoods, and one at Gaines Township. Now we are delighted and honored to have Scout Thomas Blowers working in our community while earning his Eagle Scout badge. He is building two "Free Little Libraries" which will be installed and placed in the neighborhoods, one on either side of Kalamazoo. If you would like to donate money (\$5-10 dollars or any amount) toward his materials, please contact Karen Gill 616.292.3712 for information. If we receive any overage, it will go directly to Scouts on behalf of the neighbors of Crystal Springs.**



this is shown as an example,

## LONG GRASSES ON THE COURSE

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write to Craig Smith of REDWATER and/or your Board members regarding your thoughts about the grasses *at the edge of the homeowners property lines*. We received a good sampling of those who did not like these grasses, those who did, and a few who mistakingly thought we were trying to redesign the entire course. So, once again, we remind everyone that CSPOA has no authority to dictate Stonewaters landscaping but because of your input, we hope this will make a difference. We appreciate and give thanks to the hard working people of Stonewater, and this is a letter of response from Redwater.

March 10, 2023

To: HOA's Stonewater/ Crystal Springs

Regarding: Long Grass on Golf Course

This note is intended to update you on the boarder grass areas at the StoneWater CC golf course. A few years ago, we let the boarder areas around the golf course grow naturally longer to allow for better-defined golf holes. After year one, we responded to feedback and cut back several areas. Over the last two years we have continued to reduce the areas that have long grass while improving the golf course playing conditions for our golf members.

Last year, 2022, we again reduced about 30% more of the long grass from the course. This year, 2023, we plan to reduce the sprinkling in the remaining long grass areas, so the grass will not get as thick and tall. Also, we plan to increase the mowing from 2 times per year to 3 times in these areas so the grass will not get as matted and overgrown.

While we cannot please everyone with our approach to how we manage our boarder grass, we do feel these final improvements will make a positive impact. StoneWater unlike other community golf courses, have large border grass areas that are not normally in play for the golf course. Letting these areas go natural does add some nice look and dimension to the open spaces and help define and accentuate the golf course appearance.

We hope you can see the advantages of having a successful golf club as your neighbor. We will continue to invest into the property and facilities to keep your and our investment at its best.

RedWater Group

**Crystal Springs Property Owners Association**

Annual Meeting  
Monday, April 24 7:00pm  
FireRock Grille

Guest Speakers Jason Kent County Sheriff,  
Fire Department  
Thomas Blowers Eagle Scout candidate



**Crystal Springs  
annual garage sale**  
9-6 NO EARLY SALES ALLOWED



FOR ALL OF YOU PLANNERS, START ARRANGING YOUR SCHEDULES! FIREWORKS FOR 2023 WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH WHAT A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF THE WEEKEND!



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT, AFTER MISSING THEM IN 2022, WE WILL BE WELCOMING BACK WOLVERING FIREWORKS DISPLAY WHO WAS OUR VENDOR OF CHOICE FOR MANY YEARS

**Little Firecracker Parade**  
Saturday,  
July 1st  
9:00am



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**office hours Monday,  
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9 - 4:30**



For social news in the neighborhood join your neighbors on Facebook just search for "Crystal Springs Life on the Course"



If you're not on Facebook but want to keep informed about upcoming events, call or text 616.292.3712

We are happy to add you to text or email alerts!