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HIGH TURNOUT AND CLEAR CONSENT VOTER DIRECTION FOR PROPOSED MUD 261 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

On April 12, over one-third of all MUD 261 eligible voters participated in a non-binding consent vote to register opinions regarding 2 community projects: a subdivision perimeter beautification project, and a MUD building.

By significant margins, voters provided their consent for a perimeter beautification project, and turned down a proposed MUD building. This high voter turnout and clear direction successfully provided MUD 261 directors the desired community input requested. MUD 261 directors were neutral on both projects; therefore setting up the general process for the town hall meetings and consent vote in an effort to gauge sentiment for these potential projects prior to making any decisions.

Grass roots community leaders coordinated the 2 town hall meetings

to provide voters with information and answer questions. They also prepared and provided the project presentations; then handled the logistics for the one day, district-wide referendum. MUD directors provided process guidance, set the consent vote rules, helped train/prepare ballot judges, and ensured votes were counted publicly.

The results are expected to lead to the district borrowing municipal funds to complete the perimeter beautification project, as well as other district capital requirements. It is anticipated that it will take most of the remainder of 2014 to complete the bond issuance, final project design / engineering, and the permit / bidding process.

The MUD 261 board thanks the community steering committees, balloting judges, and other local leaders and volunteers for their time and effort.

MUD DIRECTOR ELECTION ON MAY 10

On May 10, three candidates ran for two open director positions in a MUD 261 general election. The municipal election and

early balloting was open to all registered voters. Final results were canvassed and ratified by the MUD 261 board in late May.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

By the time you receive this newsletter, our "new look" for the esplanades, entrances and other annual flower beds will have been completed. Thanks to Lee Suydam who orchestrated our meeting with Terra Radiance. Lynn Collins, Lee and I met with the owner/grower several times following his presentation to our HOA Board, and we listened to the Residents who all expressed the need for more of a WOW factor.

Thank you to all of our Homeowners for helping to make Woodwind Lakes such a beautiful place to live.

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To submit an article for consideration please email it to frank@sterlingasi.com. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

Gardening Tips

Presented by RCW Nurseries

Plants in the right pot can contribute greatly to your home's attractiveness, whereas the wrong one can be a pain to use, short-lived, or even detrimental to your plants. It's better to invest in a few good-quality pots that are handsome even when empty than to cram your garden with cheap containers that detract from the plants and your home. Here are some tips to use when shopping for pots.

1. Bigger is Better.

Grouping and/or stacking smallish pots together is cute, but each one quickly dries out. Choose a pot that holds at least 3 gallons (imagine 3 milk jugs fitting inside). A larger pot also gives you ample options to create an interesting display.

2. The Right Material.

Clay (terracotta) pots are fine for our warm season, but are susceptible to winter damage. During winter the clay absorbs water that freezes to ice expanding and eventually cracking it. The thinner the clay, the more susceptible it is to cracking. If you love

the look of terra cotta pots, choose those that have thicker walls and be prepared to drag them into the garage or house.

Ceramic pots are clay pots whose walls are glazed on the outside, and sometimes on the inside. But the glazing does not protect them from cold weather, and must be moved into the garage or house.

Concrete pots work very well. But they are expensive, and can only be moved with considerable effort. If you want a concrete pot it's best to have a permanent location for it.

Whiskey barrels and cedar boxes make great pots. But like their concrete cousins, the larger ones cannot be moved without a lot of help. Eventually the wood rots and they have to be replaced.

Pots made of foam are light enough to be moved with relative ease. Bear in mind that when placed in a sunny location, with our summer sun and other weathering they too will eventually fade or crack.

Metal pots can be an elegant choice. But they get very hot to the touch when placed in the summer sun. And they can rust, so you

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need to protect patios and decks if you plan placing them on these surfaces.

3. Drainage is Essential.

All pots must have a drainage hole in the bottom. Trapped water rots plant roots. Use a masonry bit to drill one in the middle of concrete or terra cotta. You can use just about any type of bit to drill a hole in a foam pot. Make sure the drainage hole is at least 3/4-inch wide.

4. Style Matters.

Choose pots that are appropriate to the architecture of the house and your landscape. A cedar box will seem out of place in a traditional house with wrought-iron railings. And a Victorian iron urn will also look out of place in a contemporary home.

5. Perspective and Scale.

Containers flanking the front entrance are a sincere "Welcome" sign, and they should be in scale with the doorway of your house. A pot for a spot across the yard needs to be large enough to be seen from a distance. When shopping for a pot, bring a picture of where you want to place it. It should be taken from where you will be seeing it most often, helping you to determine the best size container to use. Measuring your front entrance will also help you choose one that is neither too small nor too large.

Happy Gardening!

Food Around the Lakes and Common Areas

We love to feed our ducks and turtles; however, please make sure that you do not leave food (chips, bread, fruit, etc.) sitting around the lakes. If you are going to feed the animals, please clean up anything that is not eaten so as not to attract insects and other wild animals to the common areas. Not only is it hazardous to many of the animals, it is very unappealing from the standpoint of keeping our common areas nice. Potential home buyers would probably not see that as very aesthetic. If you see food on the ground, please do what you can to pick it up and throw it in a trash can. Use a waste bag (provided at the entrance of the lakes) if necessary.

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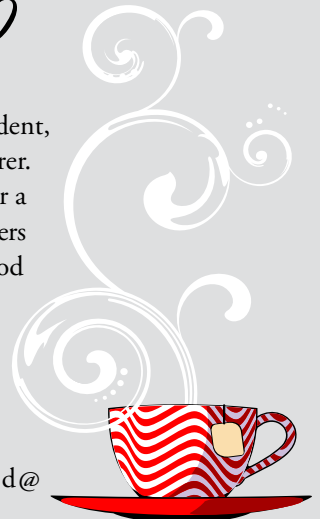
The current officers, Diana, Gail, Stacia and Dawn, would like to thank the members of the Women's Club of WWL for a fantastic club year; we could not have accomplished all of this without your help and support!

The Women's Club of WWL is pleased to announce the officers for the 2014- 2015 club year:

Gail Ford-President, Lynn Collins-Vice President, Lynne James-Secretary, Chris Wheeler- Treasurer.

The purpose of the Women's Club is to offer a convenient and friendly environment for members to socialize with the ladies in the neighborhood and participate in fun and interesting activities. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. Our annual membership dues are \$25 per year.

For more information about the Women's Club please contact Gail Ford (ggford@sbcglobal.net)



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