



The Inside Edge

*A Quarterly Neighborhood Newsletter
for Residents of Water's Edge/Woodlands/Spencer's Landing*

President's Letter

Happy New Year!

It's that time when we look back on our accomplishments and look forward to our goals for the upcoming year.

The past year has seen many changes to the HOA community space. We have seen the completion of the new gym, a new courtyard, and a renewed and improved community room which now features a beautiful fireplace! These new and improved spaces have already seen significant usage and have received kudos from so many in the community!

There are so many people to recognize for the wonderful renovations we have seen this past year. Thank you to all the volunteers who have spent countless hours helping to make the clubhouse a warmer and more inviting place for years to come! Thank you to Bob and Austin for managing the many tasks that go along with such a big renovation.

A shout out to the office staff who have been managing through all this construction and renovation. It has been challenging and, on behalf of the current board, we thank you for your patience and professionalism throughout the process!

The annual adult Christmas party and children's holiday party were both a great success! The kids loved all of the activities and, of course, Santa! Our current board member and recreation director, Kathy Evans, did a wonderful job, and she would kick me in the shin (only kidding!) if I didn't give a big thank you to the volunteers who made it such a re-sounding success!

Speaking of the Board, we introduced two new members this past year to replace two members who resigned, and elected a third to fill another open spot. There were a lot of seats to fill, but as always, there were members that were willing to volunteer their time to fill those open roles. It continues to be an absolute pleasure to work with my fellow board members: Kathy Evans, Mark Navin, Dave Gillette, and Molly Corbett. We have had lively and productive meetings, and I look forward to our continued partnership in 2025.

This year, the Board will be tasked with looking at the new short-term rental regulations that were passed recently by the City Council to ensure that we are in compliance. There are efforts under way to consider updating the woman's locker room, and how we proceed with the remainder of the funds from Spencer's Landing. We will also have the challenge of the next budget, and will do our best to be fiscally responsible to our community. These are just a few of the things we are working on.

I am looking forward to another year of great events like our Music Under the Tent series, Open Mic Nights, Fireside Sing Along, Patriotic Picnic, and so many others in 2025!

On behalf of the HOA Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support of our community!

Rich Hand

President

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ACC/HOA Board Meetings

January 15
Board Meeting Only
6:30 p.m.

March 12
ACC Meeting/Board
Meeting 6:30 p.m.



Join us at Open Mic Night

January 23
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Read with the Page Turners

Silent Book Club

February 5
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Don't Miss Aqua Zumba

Beginning in Late February
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Celebrate Pi Day

March 14, 2024

Bob's Lane

Editor's Note: As part of our quarterly newsletter, General Manager Bob Lane shares some thoughts on current news and events in the community from his unique perspective.



On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It was a really incredible 2024, with so much to enjoy and appreciate.

As this new year begins, I have taken some time to reflect on the years gone by here at Water's Edge. I will never forget the words of a colleague back in 2007 saying, "You are going to manage an HOA? What are you crazy?" My perhaps optimistic and naïve response was, "I sure am." What an experience it has been. For those who were not here in 2007, it has been quite a ride, with so much change and so many upgrades and renovations. We have so many people past and present to thank for the evolution of this wonderful property. Board and Committee members, volunteers and staff, have all worked incredibly hard over the years to make this place the one-of-a-kind home and destination it has become.

In 2024, we saw a number of homes sell, bringing many new faces to our common spaces. It is sad to see people move away, but always exciting to meet the new folks and see them enjoying everything Water's Edge/Woodlands has to offer. On a sad and personal note, in 2024, we lost two owners especially dear to me and the staff. Bill Lohrer, of Kaydeross Park Road, and Gretchen Finn, of Cliffside Drive, passed away, leaving behind a wonderful legacy of friendship and kindness. Bill was a frequent visitor to the office over the years, always sharing stories about his beloved Giants and Nittany Lions. When he entered the building, it instantly became a better place. We will miss his friendly visits and positive contributions. Gretchen was such a regular at the clubhouse and at events. She rarely missed a sunny day to sit in the shade of a tree in the sitting area by the beach. As the founding member of the "Shady Ladies," Gretchen never missed an opportunity to ask how we were doing, and it was obvious that she genuinely cared about us all. She was a wonderful friend to so many and she will be missed.

2025 promises to be an incredible year. Use of the facility was amazing over the holidays. The new gym was very busy, pickleballers were out in full force, and the pool was rarely not in use. What an amazing place this is to entertain family and friends, and we were treated over these past few weeks to visits from so many folks we don't often see. What a great start to the year! Once again, Happy New Year!



Your Community At Play

Fall Festival



Holiday Party



Twelfth Night



The Way We Were: Our Readers Share Some Memories

In each issue of The Inside Edge, we have been tracing the history of our Water's Edge community, where the famous Kaydeross Amusement Park and The Rafters Discotheque once stood. (For previous articles, please go to the newsletter archives on the Water's Edge website, at watersedgewoodlands.org, click on 'Community' and then on "Recent Posts.")

For this issue, we asked residents of Water's Edge who remember Kaydeross Park, and who were among the first home owners in our community, to share some of their memories. Here are their responses to our interview questions:

Donald Britten, who moved to Water's Edge 25 years ago, reported that he worked at Kaydeross Amusement Park when he was 15. He enjoyed driving the train that brought people down to the Park from the parking lot on the top of the hill. He also remembers that some of the workers sometimes stayed overnight in the rooms that were in the building where the indoor pool is now. Says Donald, "we had some good parties in those rooms." When asked what his reaction was when Kaydeross Park was sold and dismantled, he recalls being very upset. He didn't want to see the Park torn down, so he just stayed away.

Mark Cacoza and his wife Amy moved to Water's Edge in October 1988. Although neither of them ever went to Kaydeross Amusement Park because they did not grow up in the area, they did go to The Rafters night club, which was located where the Cliffside Drive townhomes now stand. One little-known fact that Mark shared was that in the 1970's, there was a billboard located on I-95, at "South of the Border," on the way down to Florida, encouraging Spring Break folks to "Meet me under the Rafters in Saratoga Springs NY"! (FYI, "South of the Border" is a very famous tourist stopping point, between North and South Carolina. It was the half-way point on the way down to Florida from New York State in the early days of motor travel and it still exists today.)

Mark and Amy did witness Kaydeross Park being sold and dismantled, however. When they signed their contract to



purchase their Water's Edge home in July 1987, the Park was still intact. In fact, said Mark, the original sales office was in The Rafters building. As part of the developer's negotiations with the City of Saratoga

Springs, Mark recalls, the developers had to pay the cost of extending City water east of the Northway. Furthermore, as negotiations were in progress, the developers offered to gift the famous Kaydeross carousel to the City, but the City declined the offer. It was only after the project -- then called Vista -- was approved that the developers decided to auction off the carousel, and the City ended up purchasing it.

Jay Goldman reported that he hung out at Kaydeross Park all through his college years, and worked at the Park one summer in his early twenties, after graduating from college. He ran the bumper cars at the Park and suffered an injury when, "two old ladies who did not know



how to work the cars" squeezed his leg between two of the vehicles! He also ran the kiddie boats, but would not run the "Tilt a Whirl" because, "it made him sick." Working at the Park really paid off for Jay because he made a contact that summer that led to his very first full-time job, working for the State. Jay was also at The Rafters on opening night in September 1973. An original Water's Edge/Vista owner, Jay stated that his house was the first to close in this community, in 1987.

AnnMarie Lange, another long-time resident, shared a childhood memory of visiting Kaydeross Park. In particular, she remembers the water slide that was out in the lake. Many of us have seen photos of this slide and often wondered how it worked. It seems that both children and adults simply walked out into the water, climbed up the ladder, and slid down into the lake. "It was great fun," recalls Ann Marie.

Sandy Silverhart, a Water's Edge resident since December 1998, has memories of Kaydeross Park that go back to the 1960-1965 years, when her boys were young. "The moms and the kids all gathered at the swim club at Kaydeross Park. That was the place to be." The kids took swim lessons at the pool. "In those days," recalls Sandy, "the lake was pretty bad. It was smelly and full of weeds, not like it is today."

We thank all of the residents who shared their entertaining memories, and would welcome any other reminiscences of either Kaydeross Amusement Park or the early years of Water's Edge. Please send your memories to the Water's Edge website included in the introduction to this article.

Pictures attributed to: Steve Pustelnyk-You Tube

~ Submitted by Laurie Wellman

A Day in the Life of a Water's Edge Dog: Introducing "Murphy"

Last summer, as I was sitting at my desk at a window overlooking Cliffside Drive, I suddenly saw a most unexpected and amazing sight. A woman was walking down the center of the street with a belt around her waist, and the belt was attached to seven dog leashes. At the end of each leash was a dog – seven of them in all! They were all different breeds, some were large and some were very small, and they were all perfectly behaved. No one was barking, no one was jumping around and snapping at their neighbors, no one was pulling on their leash – they were all calm, quiet, and seemed very happy to be there all together. The woman then turned them all around to go in the opposite direction by leading the dogs in a wide, graceful arc, and then she lined them up in a row on the grassy area along the curb, where the entire group of dogs stopped and posed while she took a picture of them. Not sure what I was watching-- I thought perhaps it was a circus act – I went outside and asked the woman who she was.

It turned out that her name is Karissa Desofi, a Saratoga native who runs a woman-owned business called Sunshine Pack Walking, LLC, and for twelve years she has dedicated herself to helping dogs and their families thrive. After graduating from college, she received training as a professional dog groomer at the NY Academy of Pet Styling in Clifton Park. She then developed a business that includes pet sitting, dog walking, and caring for all kinds of animals, and was instrumental in raising the funds for the popular Saratoga Dog Park. Then, she found her true niche in Pack Walking, which combines physical exercise, mental stimulation, and socialization for the participating dogs. But let's meet one of Karissa's super stars, and let him tell us all about Pack Walking:

Woof! My name is Murphy, and I am a purebred Golden Retriever. I am 8½ years old, and I have been part of the Pack Walking family for the past six years. My dog parents are named Sally and Rick – perhaps you know them? I live in Water's Edge, where I like to roll in the grass down by the lake, and chase my ball. But what I love best of all is taking daily pack walks with my friends. Here's how it works:

Every weekday, Karissa picks up our "pack" in her trusty minivan, that is often called the "dog school bus," and she takes us on a 40-to-60-minute group walk. We enjoy fresh air, exercise, and calm, structured socializing, rain or shine. After the walks, Karissa sends photos or videos of our pack to our families, and it always brings a smile to their faces. Introducing a new dog to the pack is a slow and thoughtful process. Karissa spends time building our trust, teaching calmness, and addressing each of our unique needs. Only



Murphy

after very careful preparation can a new member join the larger group, which sometimes includes as many as ten dogs at a time. This personalized approach ensures a happy and harmonious pack.

When the van arrives at my house, I jump in and go right to the open area in the back, where I either sit, lie down, or cuddle with some of my friends. Some of the dogs prefer travelling in a crate, to give them their own private space, and that's okay too. Then, when we are unloaded from the van, we each get an individual potty break before starting the walk. During the walk, we stop several times, since not all of the dogs need a potty break at the same time. (We avoid peoples' front yards, and use side streets and wooded areas. Karissa is always careful to pick up after us.)



Murphy by the pool

Later, Karissa stops to take some group photos of us. We love to pose for the camera, and some people say that we actually look like we are smiling. We even have birthday parties when one of our pack friends is celebrating a birthday, and you can see some of those photos of us in our party hats on the website listed at the end of this story. We love our pack walking, and it's so much more fun than just staying in the back yard and barking. Thanks, Karissa!

Thank you, Murphy, for sharing your thoughts with our readers. To see a gallery of photos taken on the various pack walks, go to the website www.sunshinepackwalking.com, or the Instagram address at [@sunshinepackwalking](https://www.instagram.com/sunshinepackwalking).

~ Submitted by Laurie Wellman

Postscript: It is with much sadness that we report that shortly after being interviewed for this story, Murphy passed away after a brief illness. He will be sorely missed by his family, his pack friends, and all those who knew him at Water's Edge.



Group photo of one of the dog packs

Saratoga Springs City Council Passes Short-term Rental Law

The City of Saratoga Springs unanimously passed a short-term rental ordinance in December 2024. Short-term rentals are an integral part of life in Saratoga Springs, built on tourism, especially during the track season. There are currently more than 1,300 known short-term rentals in Saratoga Springs. According to City Council members, the ordinance has been modified based on public input and is consistent with the legislation passed and signed by the Governor at the State level. Residents of the Waters Edge/Woodlands community who have offered, or will offer, their properties for short-term rental will be required to follow the law as adopted by the City. The Water's Edge/Woodlands HOA Board of Directors will be examining the impact on community residents who offer, or intend to offer, their properties for short-term rental.

The rental ordinance states that, “while the City recognizes that some property owners wish to rent to others on a short-term basis all or part of dwelling units they own, the City has a duty to encourage stable residential neighborhoods for the health and well-being of all City residents, businesses, and guests. The City intends to license short-term rentals under conditions that foster neighborhood cohesion and that attempt to keep property values affordable for owner-occupancy and residents of the City.”



There are many aspects of the short-term rental law, and any HOA homeowner considering use of their home for short-term rental should become familiar with the full ordinance. Here are some of the basic elements of the framework for this legislation:

- Short-term rentals are defined as “less than consecutive 30 days” for the purpose of tourist or transient use.
- Short-term rental properties must be licensed by the City and entered into a data-base designed for that purpose. An application for a short-term rental license shall be made either in writing or electronically through the City web site on forms provided by the Commissioner of Accounts.
- There is an annual licensing fee, to be determined. Permits are renewable on a yearly basis.
- The properties must pass an annual fire inspection. Proof that a fire inspection was conducted by the Saratoga Springs Fire Department and passed within twelve (12) months of filing the Application is required. The cost of the fire inspection is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only “owner occupied” properties may be rented as a short-term rental. Owner-occupied is defined to include a dwelling that is used as the primary residence of the homeowner, and is the location where the taxes are filed.
- Primary residence is defined as an occupancy of the homeowner for more than 183 days of the calendar year.
- Properties may be rented for short-term rentals up to 150 days.
- The Primary Contact serving the property must be located within 50 miles of the property that is designated as a short-term rental. The owner may designate a property contact, who must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the period of the short-term rental.
- An Affidavit Certificate, which must be signed and notarized, signifies that compliance with State and local codes is enforced, as well as other specific mandates that must be documented, such as proof of ownership or compliance with specific standards outlined in the ordinance.
- In keeping with the New York State law, the properties must carry insurance for at least the value of the dwelling, plus a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for third-party claims of property damage or bodily injury that arise out of the operation of a short-term rental.
- Of note, those residents who have been renting short-term since the passage of the amendments in late December are required to secure a license by June 1, 2025 to be deemed not in violation of the enacted amendments.

There are also detailed requirements in each section of the ordinance, including details of the Affidavit Certificate, information on complaints and violations, suspension or revocation of a license, and penalties for violation. The full ordinance is available on the City of Saratoga Springs website, under the Department of the Accounts Commissioner, at saratoga-springs.org. Additional information will be provided to the community by the HOA's Board of Directors as it examines the law and its implications for HOA residents participating in the short-term rental program. Residents should note that the new State and City laws are in addition to our HOA requirements, and that our HOA requirements will continue to be applicable.

At A Glance

This is a new column that was created for the newsletter to provide readers with short, but important, updates on issues of interest to the community.



Boating Safety

Effective January 1, 2025, all operators of motorized vessels, including personal watercraft, will be required to earn a boating safety certificate by completing a boating safety course. This

new requirement applies to all operators, regardless of age. Operators of kayaks and canoes are not required to have a certificate at this time.

This is just one example of the information gleaned by those members of the Water's Edge community who attended the New York Safe Boating Course held at our clubhouse in November. In an interactive classroom environment, participants learned about general boat safety practices, in addition to engaging in discussions about boating on Saratoga Lake.

Another important piece of information shared during the course: If you have a lifetime recreation certificate or sporting license, your New York State Driver License can now become an all-purpose boating, fishing, hunting, and parks ID card. Anyone successfully completing the New York Safe Boating Course or the approved online boating safety course may opt to have the anchor icon placed on their NYS DMV-issued document. The DMV will maintain a record of your having completed the boating safety course, and automatically place the icon on your license each time it is renewed.

For those residents who do not currently possess a boating safety certificate, additional information about New York State Boating requirements can be found at the New York State Parks website, www.parks.ny.gov. A listing of future classes is available on that site. The Water's Edge/Woodlands HOA plans to schedule more training sessions in late winter/early spring of 2025.



Fireworks

The Water's Edge/Woodlands Board of Directors, at its November meeting acknowledged the results of a community survey conducted to determine if a mandate exists to move fireworks from the Fall Festival to the time frame surrounding the Fourth of July. A slim majority of homeowners favored the Fourth of July time frame. The Board indicated that this information would help in their consideration in scheduling the event.

Snake Hill

Saratoga PLAN has reviewed the results of its recent community survey and is now moving forward to restore Snake Hill as a diverse, resilient part of the Saratoga Lake shoreline, to be managed for safe public access in the future. Snake Hill remains closed to the public at this time.

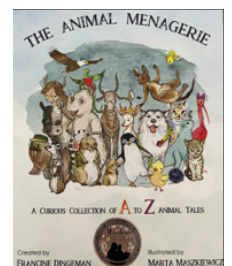


At the end of 2024, Saratoga PLAN developed a management plan for Snake Hill. In 2025, there will be an online meeting to present the plan to the public and answer any questions.

For those interested in preserving Snake Hill, as well as other areas of Saratoga Lake, there will be many opportunities to volunteer, including stewardship/trail work, administrative assistance, special events, and community outreach. More information will be available at The Saratoga PLAN website, www.saratogaplan.org.

Community Resident Francine Dingeman Receives Award

Waters Edge/Woodlands author Francine Dingeman is celebrating the one-year anniversary of her publication, *The Animal Menagerie: A Curious Collection of A to Z Animal Tales*, along with an accolade for literary excellence.



In November, Dingeman was awarded the Moonbeam Children's Book Award silver medal in the category of Learning Order (Alphabet/Counting Books) by the Jenkins Group of Traverse City, Michigan. The Jenkins Group celebrates authors, illustrators, and publishers worldwide for inspiring works for youth. These works are cited for encouraging a lifelong love of reading and learning.

The Animal Menagerie, written by Dingeman and illustrated by Marta Maszkiewicz for children ages four through seven, is a delightful A to Z picture book filled with fascinating characters from the animal kingdom. Each alphabet letter is featured, with captivating verse and pictures.

An article about *The Animal Menagerie* can be found in the Winter 2024 edition of *The Inside Edge*. The book is available at various sites in Saratoga Springs and the surrounding communities. In addition, you can find it online at FrancineDingeman.com.

~ Submitted by Connie Sullivan

Renovation Update: You'll See a Smiling Face, A Fireplace, A Cozy Room...

There's nothing like a fireplace to make you feel all snug and cozy. Just ask anyone who has lounged, or read, or chatted with friends by the new addition to our community room.

Completed in early December—just in time for our Holiday Party-- the new fireplace is a beauty, combining vertical shiplap and genuine stone to please the eye and warm the heart. Above the fireplace opening, a big-screen TV cries out for community viewing. Super Bowl Party, anyone? Or, perhaps, a series of movie nights for Water's Edge families?

When you think of all the improvements we've seen in the past two to three years while renovating the clubhouse, it's important to acknowledge the volunteer

who led the charge. Special thanks to Design Committee Chair, Lisa Constantino, for her vision, passion, and efforts to make the Water's Edge clubhouse such a beautiful and inviting place to be.

Next in line: the selection of new furniture to create an additional space for conversation, given the significant expansion of the community room. We look forward to sharing another renovation update in the Spring issue. In the meantime, come on down to the clubhouse and enjoy the warmth!

~ Submitted by Ilene Angarola



*Our beautifully renovated community room
awaits your company!*

HOA Bulletin Board: Important Messages from Management and Your Neighbors

An Important Snowy-Day Reminder: PLEASE Pick Up Your Newspapers

Homeowners are reminded to please pick their newspapers up off the sidewalks on snowy days before the plows arrive. Failure to do so can cause the snowplows to jam, resulting in hours spent repairing the damage before plowing can resume.

Help Keep Our Gym Floor Clean and Dry

Please remove outdoor shoes before entering the HOA gym. Changing shoes prior to exercising will help to keep the new machines clean and dry, and in good working order.

Coming This Winter: Our Outdoor Skating Rink

Weather permitting, Management hopes to open our community skating rink this winter. Watch for further announcements!

Another Cryptogram!

If you enjoyed the cryptogram featured in our Autumn issue, we think you'll also like the one below. This time, the encoded words all belong to a specific category—in this case, "*The Inside Edge*." See if you can decode the words on the following list, all of which have something to do with our HOA newsletter. The decryption code and the answers can be found on page 12.

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| 5. Y F Y J R P E W A G R T A | 11. T A Y E B M A Y M E R X G A U |
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~ Submitted by Ilene Angarola

Water's Edge Annual Fall Festival Brings Residents Together for Fun and Flavorful Dining

Editor's Note: This article was written by a special guest reporter, Water's Edge lifeguard Olivia Howe. Olivia is in the eleventh grade at Saratoga High School, and hopes to major in journalism in college.

The clubhouse was the focal point of our community on Saturday, October 19, as neighbors came together for the greatly anticipated Fall Festival. The occasion marked a significant milestone, as it was the first big gathering since the expansion of our beautiful new community room, a space that many are already using for entertainment.



The festival featured lots of music, food, and enjoyment. The chili-tasting contest was the highlight of the evening, and featured eleven delicious entries. Participants were able to vote for their favorite chilis in many different categories, including Most Original, Most Traditional, Spiciest, and Best Overall. Each entry offered something different and special, as there was a blend of both classic and spicy recipes submitted by those neighbors who competed in the event. At the end of the tasting, the winners were announced, and prizes were awarded. A wide variety of homemade desserts were also brought by community members, and were all delightful to try. Thank you to all who participated!



During the chili contest, and for most of the evening, a lively band (Warden and Co.) played, bringing neighbors out onto the newly-renovated deck to listen to a great selection of tunes. Adding to the excitement of the festival was a raffle, with prizes ranging from gift cards to cocktail blends.

After the sun went down and temperatures grew colder, everyone gathered outside to witness the spectacular fireworks show over Saratoga Lake. Neighbors came together in front of the clubhouse to reflect on the evening, talk with one another, and watch the beautiful display of vibrant colors.



The Fall Festival was a great event, especially since our new community room was the perfect space in which to host it, with its ample space and updated design. This festival was yet another example of the wonderful community spirit and atmosphere that make our neighborhood the special place that it is.

~ Submitted by Olivia Howe

And Another Thing . . .

"And Another Thing..." is a column that appears in each newsletter to inform HOA residents of scheduled events in our community.



Ann Marie

Twelfth Night

On January 5th, community residents chipped in to enjoy the premiere of a Twelfth Night Celebration, featuring dinner, dessert, coffee, and tea. Residents also brought appetizers to share, and this delightful event was enhanced by games, prizes, music and dancing. Thank you to

Ann Marie Lange for organizing this engaging evening. If other residents are interested in organizing a community special event, such as a Super Bowl Party, March Madness night, a pizza celebration, or any event of your choice, please contact Bob Lane. Our community can only grow in friendship by the willingness of our members to host a variety of community events.



Talent Showcase

Our second event for 2025 will take place on Thursday, January 23rd, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the newly remodeled community room. This event is open to all who

want to showcase their musical talents.

Don't be shy! In order to ensure a smoothly run event, please contact Bob Lane to let him know if you plan to participate. Mike Perkins and Rich Hand will help MC the event as well as provide some of the music. All musicians, no matter your level, are encouraged to use this venue as a place to fine tune your talents!! It is a very encouraging and kind audience!!

Bring your own bottle. There will be a table to share your favorite snacks or appetizer (optional, of course). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



Silent Book Club

The community organized its first Silent Book Club, called "Page Turners" in December. The next gathering is scheduled for February 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 pm. At a Silent Book Club, community members relax for 45 minutes while enjoying an hour of quiet, un-

interrupted reading among friends, with a book of their own choice (any length, hard copy, paperback, electronic, and any genre - novel, history, short story, etc.) while soft music plays in the background.. At the end of the allotted time, each individual shares a brief statement about the book they are reading, followed by some refreshments and a time to enjoy each other's company.

Often with traditional book clubs there's the scramble to finish the selected book, whether you like it or not, and the pressure to have something smart to say. Wouldn't it be great to have a book club where you could just enjoy books and friends – without any homework? Join us!

Aqua Zumba

You asked for it, and you have it! Aqua Zumba will return to Water's Edge for five

weeks, beginning in late February or early March. Join the party and splash to energetic music with community members in our indoor pool. Taught by a licensed instructor, the 45- minute classes in a group setting will be invigorating and fun. The flyer inviting your participation will be sent to all residents in late January. Participation will be limited to 15 community members, based on the size of the pool. The fee will be \$40, or \$8 a session. We look forward to seeing you there. Watch for the flyer coming soon.



Pi-Day

Water's Edge/Woodlands residents love to celebrate! So, we are bringing back our popular event from last year, our Pi-Day Party. March 14th is National Pi Day. Pi is a mathematical term, with the first digits being 3.14. So, Pi Day is 3.14., aka March 14th. If you're looking to share your favorite pies, celebrate Happy Pi Day with us by preparing your special quiche, pot pie, or luscious dessert pie, and sharing it at the clubhouse on Friday, March 14th. The celebration starts at six p.m. and continues till eight p.m., with great food, games, raffle baskets, and other surprises. Think about your favorite recipes that you can't wait to showcase. Details and guidelines for participation will be emailed to all residents in mid-February. Mark it on your calendar for a "pie in the sky" event!



~ Submitted by Connie Sullivan

Another Cryptogram Solution (from Page 9)

DECRYPTION CODE for "Another Cryptogram"

The following letters:	Y	N	X	F	A	T	K	W	R		I	G	C	P	L	Z	H	M	U	E	B	D	Q		J	
Are substituted for these:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Answers: 1. Quarterly 2. The Way We Were 3. Photographs 4. Masthead 5. A Day in the Life
6. Events Calendar 7. And Another Thing 8. Renovation Update 9. Bulletin Board
10. Bob's Lane 11. Feature Articles 12. President's Letter

The Inside Edge

A Quarterly Neighborhood Newsletter for Residents of Water's Edge/Woodlands/Spencer's Landing

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