



Wellington Park HOA Newsletter

JANUARY 2022

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone had a nice relaxing holiday season & is ready for 2022. Let's hope 2022 is less "eventful" than 2020 & 2021. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful neighborhood with thoughtful neighbors who make living here so enjoyable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Town of Cary will be coming through the neighborhood for the **last loose leaf pick up** during the week of **January 24-30**. Please try to keep your leaves out of the street. Thank you.

The **Geese Chaser** dogs will be working on the ponds three days per week to help a group of 10 geese move along to another neighborhood. They will be here **through the end of January**.

Reminder: The HOA Board voted, at the October meeting, to move the ***annual meeting and board elections*** to the third Monday of March going forward. December is a very difficult month to get enough homeowners together to have a quorum because of the holidays. Moving the meeting to March will allow for the option of an outdoor meeting if needed. Our budget will continue to follow the calendar year. You will still receive a copy of the budget with your assessment coupon and are invited to attend the December meeting if you have questions or comments about the budget. Of course you are always welcome to review the budget & comment on it by requesting a copy anytime. The next **annual meeting** will be Monday **March 21, 2022** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

SPRING Tennis & Pickleball lesson registration is now open. Classes start Sunday, February 20 and end May 1. All classes will be on Sunday afternoons at our tennis courts. Wellington Park HOA gets a percentage of the registration fee that we use on equipment such as new nets and eventually to resurface the courts. Register at [Upcoming Tennis ProgramsNC - Tennisbloc](#)

Anyone interested in trying **Pickleball** is invited to come to the tennis courts on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 for free play. This is not a lesson but just an opportunity for people to try it out and have some fun. Paddles & balls are available to borrow. To find out more about Pickleball, watch this YouTube video- [What is Pickleball? Learn about one of the Fastest Growing Sport in the USA - YouTube](#)

HOA BOARD NEWS:

WP HOA Board meetings are the first Monday of each month unless it is a holiday. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, the meeting will take place the second Monday of the month. The **next HOA Board meeting** will be Monday **January 3rd** at the clubhouse. The open meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Have an idea for the neighborhood? We want to hear it! Reach out through the "Contact Us" page on the Wellington Park website - <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/>

Community Courtesies

10 tips to winterize your home

It seems to happen in the blink of an eye.

First, the kids go back to school. Then, the leaves turn from green to yellow, orange and red. Next thing you know the holidays are here and then – hello, winter!

When Old Man Winter eventually appears, make sure your home is prepared with these 10 tips:

1. Check the gutters.

Prevent ice dams by cleaning out your gutters, installing gutter guards (if feasible) and making sure the attic floor is properly insulated. The attic itself should be well-ventilated and about 10 degrees warmer than outside.

2. Protect the pipes.

Protect against frozen pipes by insulating those that could be susceptible to freezing. With severe temperature drops, keep a stream of water running in a few faucets to guard against freezing and bursting.

3. Seal the cracks.

Caulk around holes and openings to help prevent cold air from seeping in. Install weather stripping and seals around openings such as windows, doors, air conditioners and mail chutes.

4. Stop the slips.

Keep driveways and sidewalks clear of ice and snow and repair any issues with steps and handrails.

5. Install an emergency release.

Consider installing an emergency pressure release valve in your plumbing system. This will protect against increased pressure caused by freezing pipes and can prevent them from bursting. It's also a good idea to learn how to shut the water off and know where your pipes are located.

6. Keep it cozy.

Set your thermostat for at least 65 degrees and make sure your house or apartment is well-insulated.

7. Have heating checked.

Furnaces, boilers and chimneys should be serviced at least once a year to clear any buildup and to keep them running efficiently.

8. Test your detectors.

Residential fires are more common in winter, so it is important that all of your smoke detectors work. Check them monthly and replace batteries as needed. You should also consider installing a carbon monoxide detector to avoid inadvertently trapping this toxic gas in your home.

9. Clear the yard.

Keep the trees trimmed and remove dead branches and debris from your yard. Ice, snow and wind can weaken trees and cause branches to fall and potentially damage your home, car or even yourself and others.

10. House the hose.

Remove all attached garden hoses, drain them and store them away. Shut off the valves and insulate the faucet.

And finally, if you're heading south for the winter, you need to take extra precautions. Turn the water completely off and consider having the plumbing system drained to keep pipes from freezing. Also, have a friend or neighbor check on your home regularly to look for any issues. If a problem is detected, time is of the essence.

Most homeowners insurance policies cover damages due to extreme winter weather, but make sure you speak with your independent agent to answer any questions you have about your specific homeowners, condo or renters' insurance policy.

Now, enjoy those fireplace-filled weekends knowing you're well-prepared for the winter!

Quick Links:

HOA website: <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/>

Contact the board: <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/contact-us/>

HOA Meeting Minutes: <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/meeting-minutes/>

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