



Wilderness Ridge HOA Board of Directors Update

September 2017

Waterfall repair

The HOA waterfall was down for five or six weeks due to a leak deep under the roundabout. The leak was due to freezing and thawing over many seasons. It occurred where PVC pipe met a steel pipe. A camera was sent through the piping to locate the problem and the video was made of this journey. It could be likened to an “industrial colonoscopy.”

To repair this joint, the 12 inch steel pipe near the pump was cut by a plumber and reinstalled after the repair was made. The repair, which was somewhat like inserting a stent, consisted of the utilization of a fiberglass mat, resin, hardener and two packer protection sleeves at the problem site.

This repair is warranted for 50 years, so some of you young folks please keep this in mind. We learned a great deal during our search for the leak and hopefully this experience will enable us to prevent future adventures of this nature.

HOA Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Wednesday, November 15th at the lodge. At this time it appears there are no conflicting husker volleyball or men's or women's basketball games. Chip Cary, the new Wilderness Ridge general manager, will give us an update on what's going on and will be available for questions.

We will also have a discussion on ash trees and EAB. I believe

Whispering Wind has ash as its street tree. It would be good to have several members at the meeting who live on Whispering Wind to discuss the options.

Other agenda items will be similar to past years and include the financial report, election of board members, maintenance issues and questions and answers.

Emerald Ash Borer

According to Andy Campbell of Campbell's Nursery the current state of EAB is the same it has been for the last year or so. As of today, no new infestations have been discovered beyond the closest one in Ashland.

Any ash tree in your yard is your responsibility whether it is a street tree or located elsewhere on your property. Andy says that if you wish to treat the tree, that treatment should begin next spring and many companies can give you cost proposals for the treatment. Generally that would be a two-year treatment - thus a treatment in the spring of 2018 would be repeated in the spring of 2020.

Remember that treatment will need to continue until either a better option is found or ultimately the lifespan of the tree. Treatment costs will increase as the tree grows and not every tree will react perfectly to the treatments so it is not a perfect 100% protection according to Andy.

Thank you,
Your HOA Board of Directors