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Would you like to Advertise in Ginger Woods Quarterly Newsletter? Then contact either Jim Danielson. (jdanielson@sbcglobal.net) Or Brian Palm (Bpalm19@aol.com) for availability and rates. Spots are limited and there is no extra charge for full color.

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Ginger Woods News

Ginger Woods a Premier Living Community



SPRING IS COMING!!

Fellow Ginger Woods Residents, with a lot of negotiating and influence, the board of directors has arranged for winter to end soon and for spring to come to our neighborhood in the next few months...

We know that many of you are busy planning for the spring, getting ready to work outside, adding decks, patios, hot tubs, pools etc... Spring is always a busy time and our design and review committee (DRC) has been busy all winter, enhancing our processes to make the DRC process as seamless and efficient as possible. That being said, it is Your Responsibility to get approval on any of the items that are listed in the Design and Review Guidelines and be familiar with the Ginger Woods Rules and Regulations documents (both available for download at www.ginger-woods.org).

Here is your quick "cheat sheet" on the DRC process and how to keep on track to make sure that you projects are approved in a timely manner:



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Board Meeting Dates:

The board has set our 2004 meeting schedule as the 1st Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited.

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Ponds

3.12 Ponds And Detention Areas

All water elements on common areas within the Properties shall be aesthetic amenities only, and no other use, including without limitation fishing, swimming, boating, playing, or use of personal flotation devices, shall be permitted. The Association shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of any authorized or unauthorized use. They shall not be contaminated by anything other than water from the storm drains. Items such as garbage (of any type), grease,



motor oil, etc. are prohibited from being disposed of into the ponds.

Recently we have received numerous phone calls from concerned homeowners regarding children and adults being too close to our ponds. The ponds were created to beautify our neighborhood. They were not designed to be a source of entertainment. Please be a responsible parent / neighbor and keep our residents, especially children, away from the ponds at all times.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Do you realize that we live in one of the largest, most vibrant cities in the world! When was the last time you really enjoyed all that Chicago has to offer? A great resource to check out is the Convention and Visitors Bureau's fabulous website <http://www.choosechicago.com> You can find links to all that Chicago has to offer like events this spring / summer, things to see and do, Restaurants and Nightlife, Places to Stay, Shopping, Parking and more. Next time you are looking for a quick day-trip, think of your own back yard and check out [choosechicago.com](http://www.choosechicago.com).



Easter Food Drive.

Easter is April 11 this year and once again our Community Service Committee will be conducting a food drive to benefit a local food bank. Please watch your mailboxes for exact pick up times. Let's make this year the biggest drive ever!



Volunteers Needed

Hey residents, how would you like to meet new neighbors, get involved in the community, and help out with some great summer events. The Board is looking for volunteers to help organize and administer a summer party and a neighborhood golf outing this summer. If you are interested in helping out, please contact any of the 5 board of directors.

When to Fertilize

The most important thing you can do for a lawn is to provide it with proper nutrition. A well-fed, healthy lawn has a better root system to combat heat, cold, drought, and other stresses. A quality, granular, controlled-release fertilizer, allows grass plants to grow evenly, without starvation periods or heavy growth spurts. Controlled, even growth also minimizes grass clippings.

Most lawns require 4-5 feedings per year. Basically, the first feeding should coincide with the first mowing; and the last feeding when the grass is done growing for the year. The following is an example of a typical lawn care program.

Early spring (February to April) Lawns wake up hungry from the winter months. A spring feeding strengthens roots and gets lawns off to a good start before the heavy growing season. In most regions, it is wise to apply a combination fertilizer with a pre-emergent to control crabgrass.

Late spring/early summer (May to June) At this time grass is actively growing and using up nutrients, therefore it is important to supply the lawn with a proper feeding designed for this time of year. Since this also is a time when broadleaf weeds are actively growing, a combination fertilizer with broadleaf weed control is ideal.

Late summer (July to August) The hot days of summer result in grass that is stressed by heat, drought, foot traffic and insects. An application at this time will help your lawn recover from, and combat, these potential problems. Avoid applying a fertilizer when temperatures are over 90° F.

Early fall (September to October) With cool nights, rainfall and morning dew, this is a great time to supply the lawn with the nutrients it needs to recover from and repair summer damage. An early fall feeding is one of the most important of the year.

Late fall/early winter (November to December) A final feeding before the nasty winter months will strengthen roots and increase nitrogen stores for an early spring green up. At this time of year, roots remain active for just a couple of weeks when the top growth stops the energy reserves are stored for the following spring.

The specific time of day you fertilize your lawn depends on weather conditions, and some fertilizers shouldn't be applied if rain is in the forecast for 24 hours. You should always read the directions on the back of the bag carefully before applying any fertilizer.



Lawns 2.5.8

Lawns must be regularly maintained and be reasonably free of weeds. Lawns (including parkway areas between sidewalks and curbs) must be maintained such that there are no dead grass areas in excess of 50 contiguous square feet. Any lawns that have over 50 square feet of dead grass must have the areas replanted within 30 days or other reasonable time frame as determined by the Board of Directors. Trees and bushes must be trimmed of dead branches. Property must be regularly cleared of trash and debris. Any property with excessive weeds will be fined.

Sprinkler Systems 2.6

In ground sprinkler systems may be installed without DRC approval assuming the system does not cover any Common Areas. Systems that spray onto Common Areas must first be approved by the DRC prior to installation.