

Autumn Wood At Hunter's Field Homeowners Association

SMILES AT THE POOL

July 20, 2009

Your Board of Directors has taken the extraordinary step to outfit the pool area with video surveillance devices.

Year after year, your pool area was subjected to destructive shenanigans, and ill-mannered behavior of some of our pool users—whether homeowners or trespassers. The Board employed part-time guards; random, roving security patrols; even fence chains to minimize the vandalism. The Board also changed keys, added extra security, and encouraged a neighborhood watch.

This year after several damaging incidents, the Board closed the pool, only to find swimmers climbing the iron pickets to gain access. The only remaining solution was to get tough and make dramatic changes.

Your Board of Directors sought recommendations from a number of security experts and other professionals familiar with combating vandalism before considering any improvements.

The immediate change you will notice is the addition of video cameras in the pool area. These are live, streaming video and record all activity 24 hours a day covering all areas of the pool. The video capture is of high quality which will be used by law enforcement personnel as needed. However, we have taken the necessary steps to ensure your privacy is not violated.

A SHARP-LOOKING FENCE

The next thing you may notice is the installation of new perimeter fencing which was chosen to prevent trespassers from easily gaining access to the pool area. In addition, this replacement supersedes the old, less secure, and rusted fence that was reaching the end of its useful life through stronger construction, deterring design, and new paint.

POOL KEY EXCHANGE

The last phase of improvements will be the pool key exchange in mid-August.

The managing agent, together with a few Board members, will provide the new keys to residents on a one-for-one basis. You must surrender your old key to obtain a new one. This exchange will be made in the pool area over the course of two weekends. If you have been a long-time resident in Autumn Wood, you will remember this process. **The scheduled cut-over time is August 15**. Special arrangements will be scheduled for those residents who are unable to make this exchange.

The keys are a new type key—not really a metal key at all, but rather a proximity access card; technologically advanced, easier to use, and they even float! You simply wave the 'key' at the electronic pool gate and enter. These cards were chosen for their ease in operation and also for a number of accountable advantages to management.

Acting in the best interests of our homeowner's association, the Board feels confident that these new additions will reduce the future costs of vandalism and will ensure a secure and pleasant atmosphere as you enjoy the pool.