



August 2022 – Reflections Newsletter

2022 Association Meeting Dates

Our quarterly meeting dates for 2022 are below.
We encourage your attendance.

Thursday, August 25, 2022 – General Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022 – **ANNUAL AND
BUDGET MEETING**

The August meeting will be held via Zoom and begins at 7:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting Details

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86560666686?pwd=TFM3VFZoWG9GYjhaVEszT1dwcZSdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 6066 6686

Passcode: 076418

Owners are encouraged to attend these meetings whenever possible. **Please note that these meetings are for Homeowners, not renters or guests.** Time will be allotted to address residents' concerns at the end of each meeting.

To help conduct the business of the Association in a timely and effective manner, the Board asks those residents in attendance to keep in mind that once the meeting has started, comments from the residents are discouraged.



Pet Waste Issues

Please continue to leash and immediately pick-up after your pets. Complaints have been received throughout the

property. There is no excuse for not picking up after your pets. If you have specific questions regarding pet rules, please refer to the Association's rules and regulations which are posted on the website.

Insurance Update



Work Update: The Association will begin complete siding replacement on the following eight buildings this summer/fall: 1 (1034-1044 Hinswood), 2 (1046-1054 Hinswood), 3 (8301-8309 Sweetwater), 4 (8291-8297

Sweetwater), 5 (8294-8302 Sweetwater), 6 (8304-8310 Sweetwater), 24 (1037-1047 Hinswood), and 25 (1027-1035 Hinswood).

Project Notes:

Important note for all owners: A project of this size will have various factors and unforeseen issues. One thing we have noted in pre-construction meetings is that some owners have wiring run on the outside of the building. We recommend that all owners review the outside of their units, particularly owners in phase one listed above. Owners with wiring run on the outside should meet with a qualified company to properly run all wiring through the walls. If a circumstance is presented where this is not possible, a variance form must be submitted for review by the board. Please understand that long stretches of wiring should have never been run outside the building and if applicable, this is the time to have it addressed.

Insurance Update:

The Association has retained an attorney and a public adjuster to assist us as we navigate this complex issue. In summary, the eight buildings noted were approved by insurance for replacement. Other buildings were not approved. The Association did not find this acceptable and we are working to have this resolved using a team of professional advisors. We appreciate everyone's patience.

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Summer Fun Facts!

- The first day of summer is between June 20th and June 22nd every year. The first day of summer is called the summer solstice, and the day varies due to the Earth's rotation not exactly reflecting our calendar year.
- The last day of summer is September 20th.
- Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber family of vegetables.
- The Eiffel Tower actually grows in the heat of the summer. Due to the iron expanding, the tower grows about 6 inches every summer.
- If you love ice cream, the summer season should be your favorite. July is national ice cream month. It is also national Blueberry month
- Another interesting fact about summer is that television shows used to only be reruns during the summer months. The idea being that everyone was outside enjoying the weather.
- The first women's bathing suit was created in the 1800's. It came with a pair of bloomers.
- The "dog days of summer" refer to the dates from July 3rd to August 11th. They are named so after the Sirius the Dog Star. This star is located in the constellation of Canis Major.
- Frisbee's, invented in the 1870's as a pie plate, but in the 1940's, college students began throwing them around. They have since stopped being used for pie plates and are now a summertime staple.
- Mosquito's are most prevalent during summer months. Mosquito's have been on earth for more than 30 million years.
- Most theme and water parks are on a summer seasonal schedule. Most amusement parks have a full time season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- More thunderstorms occur during summer than any other time of year. They also take place more commonly in the south east of England.

Exterior Modification Forms

Please remember that the submission of an architectural change form with an attached drawing is **required** prior to any changes affecting the exterior of your unit and common elements. Common requests include: window/door replacements and landscaping additions. The only exceptions are flowers in the mulch beds; **EVERYTHING** else needs prior Board approval. If you are contemplating making changes to your unit that impact the exterior, please contact the management office first with details of your plan. Thanks for your cooperation. Please save yourself the expense and hassle by clearing any major changes with management first.

Newsletters

The Association's newsletter is created 4 times per year and is designed to update you of community news and other important events. If you have interesting news to share about upcoming events, personal milestones or issues of community interest please email the property manager and we will be sure to include it in our next Newsletter!

Area Concerns

If you notice violations taking place on the property please send the information to brett@elitemgt.net. Common reports include owners not picking up after pets, speeding, and children playing by the pond. Please be sure to provide details including the unit number, date, and time. Supporting photos are also helpful to documenting and putting a stop to violations.



News and Updates from the City of Darien

Be sure to continue to visit the City's website for regular updates at www.darien.il.us. They provide press releases and regular updates on all city projects. Also, Darien Direct Connect is the city's newsletter. You can sign up directly on the website.

Upcoming Observances

Labor Day (Monday, September 5, 2022):

Labor Day is on the first Monday of September every year. It was originally organized to celebrate various labor unions' strengths of and contributions to the United States' economy. Labor Day is a day of rest or the last chance for many people to go on trips before the summer ends. For students, it is the last chance to organize parties before school starts again. In some neighborhoods, people organize fireworks displays, barbecues and public arts or sports events. The American football season starts on or around Labor Day and many teams play their first game of the season during Labor Day weekend.

Patriot Day (Sunday, September 11, 2022):

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11. On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. Those who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones may lay flowers or visit memorials.

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Assessment Payment Options

The Association offers multiple payment options to owners. Reflections currently has approximately **50%** of the

Association on auto payment (ACH). Forms are available at <https://elitemgt.net/auto-debit-form>. This is a great option and we hope that you participate. It decreases association costs, saves you time and money, stabilizes association cash flow, and is one less thing to do! Additionally, we have added the ability to accept credit card payments for assessments. All you have to do is visit our website and click the "PAY ONLINE" tab. Then create your account and pay. The service accepts all major credit cards (convenience fees do apply).
