

WATERTREE NEWSLETTER

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Fire – There was a fire in unit #305 on July 10th. Fortunately, no one was hurt thanks to the smoke detector that awoke the residents at 12:30 AM. The residents, who rented the unit, lost everything and had no insurance. They are now living with friends.

Damage (other than smoke) was limited to unit #305 thanks to the quick response of the East Syracuse Fire Department. Clean-up and reconstruction is already underway. The cause of the fire appears to be related to the baseboard heater in the living room, though the final report has not been issued.

We remind everyone to purchase either condo insurance or renter's insurance. Policies typically cost around \$150 per year. And above all, make sure your smoke detector works.

Coyotes. There are several coyotes living in the wooded area adjacent to Watertree. So-called "suburban coyotes" are a problem across Central New York, especially if you are a cat. Though rare, there are incidents where coyotes have approached humans. The NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife lists the following recommendations:

1. Never intentionally feed or approach coyotes; scare them away from your property.
2. Supervise all outdoor pets, especially small dogs and cats; keep cats inside, especially at night.
3. Keep a close eye on children, especially when they are playing near natural areas.
4. Keep coyotes wild and people safe.
5. www.nycoyote.org

The Board of Managers is in contact with the Town of Dewitt and NYS Certified Wildlife Specialists who are recommending the coyotes be destroyed or trapped. Both options are expensive and would be at Watertree's expense.

Trash Odors - Your efforts can help keep trash room odors to a minimum. Sealing trash and kitty litter in plastic bags before placing it in the garbage cans helps keep odors under control. Be aware that trash is removed from the utility rooms on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings so we recommend you "time" your disposal of cat litter to Monday or Thursday night.

Auto Fluid Leaks - Please take notice of any fluid leaks from your car such as oil, gas, transmission fluid and antifreeze. These fluids cause damage to the pavement and are also

unsightly. You are responsible for damage to the pavement resulting from fluid leaks from your car. Please have the leaks repaired promptly.

Trailer Storage - Please be reminded that storage of trailers of any kind (boat trailers, tent trailers, storage trailers, etc.) is not permitted in the Watertree parking lots. "Temporary" storage is permitted, but we rely on good judgment and cooperation of Watertree residents to make this flexible policy work. If you wish to temporarily store your trailer at Watertree, please call the office.

Window, Door Replacement. You must obtain permission from the Board of Managers before you replace any of your windows or exterior doors.

Air Conditioner Leaks - It is not uncommon for air conditioners to drip water onto the balcony on hot humid days (if we ever get any). This water can create structural problems to the building or be a source of annoyance to your neighbor below. Catching the drips in a bucket and emptying it periodically can solve the problem.