

# Newsletter

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring/Summer 2018

"Over Winter Glaciers

I see the summer glow

and through the wind piled snowdrift

the warm rosebuds below." Ralph Waldo Emerson

After a long cold winter, spring is finally here at the Ponds at Foxhollow, with summer not far behind. Lately, spring and summer have seemed to merge into one season in the Berkshires. The beauty of the property at Foxhollow springs to life with the warm weather. I am reminded of this daily as I drive on to the property each morning.



The Ponds video is now on Youtube, in addition to our website. It can be viewed from this newsletter by simply clicking on the play button on the photo to the left. The board of directors and the management are working to improve and maintain our beautiful property. Special thanks to former board member Marc McHugh for jump starting the newsletter. I have summarized some of the major projects below. As always, I appreciate your thoughts on The Ponds. Have a wonderful summer.  
Edward Pelkey

## ROOF PROJECT

Mission Accomplished. All roofs on the property, including the clubhouse, have been replaced. On each roof, ice and water shield was installed, the roofs were covered with 30-year GAF architectural shingles, and new skylights were installed. The roof work, a project that spanned 2 1/2 years, the roof work was done by Pittsfield-based roofing contractor Morrell St. John. Hill Engineers drew the plans, and the project was facilitated by the efforts of board members Vin Magnano and James Carrington. The completion of this project helps us in regards to energy efficiency, structural integrity and avoidance of health hazards. Also, the new roofs add curb appeal and will ensure the future enjoyment of your vacation ownership.



## TENNIS COURT REPAIR

We will be resurfacing the courts starting June 23, 2018, the court will be repaired and resurfaced. The surface will again feature "U.S. Open" color scheme. The colors have been tested and proven to enhance visibility of the ball for players. Whilst clay courts and hard surface courts have been traditionally green, blue is actually closer to purple, which is opposite of yellow on the color wheel. Consequently, the blue surface provides a higher contrast to the yellow tennis balls and thus improves visibility. We will also be adding a gate to the front side of the courts for added convenience.

### Additional Information and Projects:

- Sump pump and vapor barrier installation was completed in all buildings.
- Pavement resurfacing scheduled in June for steps in front of Building 7–12.
- Pavement resurfacing scheduled for concrete outside of Westinghouse 24.
- Cable upgrade – the Ponds now offers digital cable in all units.
- Wireless Internet – new equipment was installed, and our bandwidth was increased. The Ponds' free wireless service rates highest among hotels in Lenox based on the data provided by [www.hotelwifitest.com](http://www.hotelwifitest.com).
- Bed Bug Inspection – The Ponds has always been proactive in maintenance and prevention of bed bugs. In addition to our weekly inspections, we hire a service that uses certified bed bug – sniffing canines. We are set for an inspection June 15.

Enjoy your summer!

Edward Pelkey

General Manager

Ponds at Foxhollow

