

**Terrapin Wood Property Owners Association
Community Newsletter – April 2026**

We're fortunate at Terrapin Wood to have property owners who truly care about maintaining the beauty and character of our community, along with a dedicated Board that manages the essential administrative work behind the scenes.

The Board currently meets quarterly, and all meeting dates and times are posted on our website at www.terrapinwood.com. While attendance has been light, these meetings are a great opportunity to stay informed, share ideas, and help shape our neighborhood. **The next meeting date is July 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Titan Electric, 17600 East Street, North Fort Myers.**

Getting involved doesn't require a big commitment; just showing up is a meaningful first step. It's easy to have opinions from afar, but participating in person allows you to be part of the conversation and the decisions that affect us all. For those who are interested, **servicing on the Board is also a rewarding way to contribute.**

Beyond community updates, these meetings are a chance to connect with neighbors, discover shared interests, and even spark ideas for future community events. With more participation, we can continue to build an even stronger sense of community.

Terrapin Wood thrives because of its residents. Your voice, your ideas, and a little of your time can help keep it a wonderful place to call home. We hope to see you at the next meeting!

Board Member Resignation & Open Position

The Terrapin Wood POA Board would like to inform residents that Jim Schewe has resigned from the Board. **We thank Jim for his time and service to the community.**

This resignation leaves a vacancy on the Board for the **remainder of this year**. We encourage any interested residents to consider getting involved and helping shape the future of our neighborhood. **Please note that, according to the bylaws, to be eligible to run for the Board, you must be the record owner of legal title for at least one of the fifty-four lots within the development.**

How to Nominate Yourself:

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit your name by **May 3, 2026** by emailing: **TerrapinWood@gmail.com**

Once all nominations are received, the Board will prepare and distribute ballots to the community for voting.

A Note on Board Participation

The Terrapin Wood POA Board is a **volunteer organization**, and members balance their responsibilities alongside their personal and professional commitments.

Active participation from residents is essential to maintaining a self-managed community. If we do not receive sufficient interest from homeowners to serve on the Board, we may need to explore engaging a professional management company to handle administrative duties.

While the Board remains committed to keeping assessments at a reasonable level, hiring outside management would likely lead to higher assessments to cover those additional costs.

Your involvement directly impacts the future direction and financial health of our community.

Neighborhood Watch Program Update

The Board recently requested new neighborhood watch signs from the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Unfortunately, they are currently out of stock. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office requires communities to participate in **at least two free crime prevention programs within a 12-month period** before issuing new signage.

We are interested in coordinating these presentations for our neighborhood—but we need your input to ensure strong participation.

Please let us know your availability preferences:

- Time of day: **Early Morning, Afternoon, or Evening**
- Day of week: **Weekday or Weekend**

Kindly respond to this email with your preferences so we can coordinate effectively with the Sheriff's Office and secure a meeting space.

Get Involved – Your Voice Matters

Terrapin Wood thrives when residents stay engaged. Whether it's serving on the Board or participating in community programs, your involvement helps keep our neighborhood safe, well-managed, and a great place to live.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Board responsibilities, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Contact: TerrapinWood@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and continued support of our community.