

*Nico Wynd Estates*  
**NEWSLETTER**

**May 1, 2024**



# GOOD NEWS

In January the LTMC recommended to council that the siding project covered under the 2023/24 CRF budget be put to tender, rather than simply awarding the work to the incumbent contractor. There was some concern at that time that this would delay the much needed work. After some discussions with Kallio, it was determined if we immediately awarded them the work, their earliest start date would be mid-summer. This timing did not favour any advantage for the sake of expediency. The tendering process was seen to offer two advantages; more competitive pricing, and a possible earlier start date. Phil Adams worked with Apex Building Sciences to assemble a list of qualified envelope contractors, six in all. Apex provided all contractors with a tender document consisting of detailed specifications, drawings as

well as general and specific contractual terms. All contractors attended a mandatory site visit, and were asked to respond in 3 weeks. Five out of the six contractors responded, from which two low bidders were shortlisted. Council met with Apex to obtain clarifications, and consult with them on matters relating to their professional experience. The final bid price came in \$100,000 below our budgeted number. The cost savings do not end there. We have a resident who works for a family building supply business. He has offered to supply the successful contractor all applicable project materials at their cost. A post tender addendum is being issued by Apex to the contractor of choice to resubmit a contract price based on his new lower costs. Contractors were asked to submit a start date and duration of construction. Most came in with the same timing, mid-summer. Duration 20 weeks. Thank-you to Phil Adams and the members of the Long Term Maintenance committee for their tireless efforts in bringing this to fruition!

## **SGM**

Council has been busy planning a Special General Meeting to be held on June 11 at Elgin Hall to address some resolutions regarding updating some of the current bylaws and rules and to vote on an alternative funding formula to address siding restoration work. Information meetings will be held on May 14 and May 28 to inform residents of the resolutions that will be presented at the SGM and to allow residents to ask questions and voice any concerns about the resolutions. A SGM information package will be mailed out to all residents in early May which will include more specific information about the SGM and the information meetings.

## Nico Niners

Get ready to swing into the “Niners” Men’s Club—where golf isn't just a game, it's a community. The club was formed to encourage new owners/residents to come out to play and connect with their neighbors. While we aim to limit the numbers to 48-50 members (6-10 tee times), there is always room for new owners/residents to come out and play. The club meets on Mondays and Thursdays, gathering between 11:45 am and 12:00, where foursomes are arranged with the first tee time at 12 noon. If you want to join us for a relaxed and enjoyable round of golf contact our Captain, Moe Larter, at 604-536-4742 or email him at [moelarter@gmail.com](mailto:moelarter@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Events:

May 14	First SGM Information Session	May 14	Power Strata and Skedda Training
May 17	Power Strata and Skedda Training	May 28	Second SGM Information Session
June 1	New Residents’ Party	June 8	Garage Sale
June 11	SGM at Elgin Hall		

## Our Neighbors To The West: Totest Aleng



A short stroll west of Nico Wynd along the Nicomekl River you will discover historic Stewart Farm. In the last year you may have noticed the construction of a new indigenous learning center; the Totest Aleng. This center has been developed with the help of the Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations. The Indigenous Learning House supports an Artists in Residence program as well as programs for schools and the public. Upcoming workshops for the public are:

- Medicinal Soap Making with Deanna Miller, sxwnem May 11th | 10:30am-12pm
- We walk slowly: Plant Walk with Deanna Miller, sxwnem June 1st 10:30-11:30

Totest Aleng along with historic Stewart Farm are hosting their first ever Spring Fest on May 4 from noon to 4 pm. The celebration will include food vendors, artists, musicians, craft activities and rowing lessons from the Nicomekl Rowing Club. More information can be found at: <https://www.surrey.ca/news-events/events/spring-fest>.

## **In the Grill**

**The Grill is sizzling with excitement, especially on Music nights with our Name that Tune event filling to 80 enthusiastic guests! But even on non-music nights, the vibe is lively as the weather warms up and the evenings stretch longer. Don't miss out—make your reservations ahead and join the fun!**

**Remember to take advantage of your Resident's perks: enjoy a 10% discount on food plus earn points for every dollar spent. The Points are redeemable for green fees and cart rentals, perfect for sharing with family and friends. Simply register your name at The Grill and remind the cashier of your residency to enjoy these benefits.**

**Our Grill staff is dedicated to continuous improvement and providing exceptional service to our valued patrons. They warmly welcome any constructive feedback as they strive to offer a great experience to all. Please feel free to reach out to the Grill Staff with constructive suggestions or comments.**

**See you at The Grill for good times and great food!**

**Please note: The Grill will be closed on May 25th from 6 pm onwards for a private event.**

## **ROLLING OUT THE GREENS**

**It looks like a slow but steady roll back to opening up the greens after a cold snap that hit Nico Wynd and most Surrey area golf courses this past winter.**

**Greens are responding to the improving weather but recovery is still slow, especially the newly seeded areas that are very thin due to cool evenings and mornings; they have no signs of germination at this time. Craig hopes to open #2 and #3 greens in the next week or so. Greens #1, 5 and 8 sustained the most damage and will be several weeks before they can open.**

**Renovated Blue #2 Tee is now open to play and renovated Tee on #5 and #7 will open in the next few weeks.**

**Fairway aeration will start Tuesday, April 30th.**



**It is good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling”.....Mark Twain.“**