

Arbor Hills Newsletter

April 2011

Storm Water – Why should you care?

Do you know the saying 'April showers bring May flowers'? In Arbor Hills there may be a new saying. What comes off your roof is sure to require proof. The roof on your home as well as driveways and roads are considered impervious areas. This means that water coming off any hard surface is not absorbed by the ground and flows away into a storm water system. When storm water leaves the Arbor Hills system and flows into the City system, **the City will charge a fee for the use of their system.** Recently, the City provided proof that a portion, but not all of the impervious area water runoff goes into the City storm water system. What does this mean to the Association and to the individual homeowners? What is the relationship between the storm water runoff, the detention ponds, and the wetlands? What happens when material that washes into the detention ponds over the period of many years begins to build up? The answers to these questions may surprise you and there will be a presentation on this topic at the next open Board meeting, April 20, 2011.

Mailboxes

Have you looked at your mailbox lately? Many are in a state of disrepair are old and rusty or don't have their numbers. Make Spring a time to replace your old mailbox. A new mailbox costs only \$18. All new mailboxes should be black in color. If you have a mailbox of a different color, it would enhance the appearance of the neighborhood if you would replace it with a black one. **If you would like assistance replacing your mailbox or would like to volunteer to help others, please contact the Board. Email Board@Arbor-Hills.org or call 734-926-8857**

Neighborhood Appearance

We all want to take pride in our neighborhood. According to our Neighborhood Policies, all units are to be kept properly maintained, trimmed, and free of debris. This includes sports equipment, children's toys and other objects that should be stored inside your home or garage. Please take a walk around your home and see what you can do to improve its curb appeal. Additionally, all trash, recycle and compost containers must be removed from street sides within twelve hours of pickup and **must be stored inside.** Members of the Landscape / Architecture Committee will work together with neighbors to help achieve the goal of maintaining our community with a high standard of appearance. If you are interesting in joining this committee, please contact the Board.

Be a responsible dog owner

All owners have a responsibility to follow the Ann Arbor City Code (Chapter 107, 9:45) regarding their dogs:

- 1) All dogs **must** be secured by a leash held by the owner or secured to a stationary object **and** attended by the owner. Dogs should not be left tied outside while the owners are inside.
- 2) A noise nuisance is barking for a continued duration which disturbs a person of normal sensitivities on premises other than that occupied by the owner of the animal.
- 3) A ticket will be issued if a dog discharges on property other than that of its owner and it is not immediately removed

MISSING - Aldwych Street Sign - Please contact the Board at Board@Arbor-Hills.org if you have any information. Thank you!

Please turn in your Contact Information Sheet. Thank you!

Suggestions?

Do you have an idea, concept or initiative that would make Arbor Hills a better community? It can be an idea to bring neighbors together in a new way, something that would make the neighborhood look better or anything that you feel would make Arbor Hills a wonderful place to live. Please submit your ideas, questions or concerns to the Board.

Website & Forum

Have you looked at the website? You can find loads of information, current newsletter and contact information! Have you signed up for the Neighborhood FORUM? Look for or find a sitter, get help repairing your bicycle, offer your service to your neighbors, locate a missing item, make a comment or form a coffee, book, walking or retiree club. Check it out! www.Arbor-Hills.org

Committees

If you are interested in joining or leading a committee, please email your interest to Board@Arbor-Hills.org

Social / Welcome –

Co-Chairs Janet Sherman & Mary Sheaffer-Manthey
Plan events, form groups and welcome new neighbors

Communications – Chairperson: Heather Finnegan
Keep everyone informed of all neighborhood news

Budget / Finance – *We still need a Chairperson*
Review of the HOA's finances and policies

Landscape/Architecture – Chairperson: Ig Justyna
Advise on operation and maintenance common areas
Assist in maintaining the community's aesthetic goals

Rental – Chairperson – Chuck Daniels
Aid those who choose to rent their homes

Solar Energy – Chairperson – Bonnie Demetral
Help investigate this possibility for our neighborhood

Bylaw *NEW* – Chairperson – Tad Biskupski
Review our Association Bylaws and make suggestions as to how they can be updated and streamlined. This work will lead to a vote by co-owners to update this essential document.

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of the Month at Clague Middle School Multi-Media Center from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. The meetings are open to all neighbors.

Next Meeting – April 20th

April Board Meeting Agenda Items

- 7:30 – 8:00pm Open Questions & Answers
- 8:00 – 8:30pm Various Topics to include:
 - Handrail Resolution,
 - Attorney Search Progress,
 - Revised Collection Policy,
 - Fidelity Bond,
 - Monthly Select Mgmt & Committee Reports
- 8:30 – 9:00pm Storm Water Presentation
- 9:00 – 9:15pm Reserve Study Status
- 9:15 – 9:30pm Neighborhood Appearance
Please contact the Board with any requests for agenda additions

Board Members & Officers

Board: Steve Hadrill – Treasurer
Board: Deb Holmes – Vice President
Officer: Ig Justyna – Secretary
Board: Elaine Kennedy – President
Board: Siva Senthoooran – Board Director
Board: Winnie Song – Board Director

How to Contact the Board

Email and Voice messages will be forwarded to all members of the Board. Please let us know your questions, concern or comments.

Email address: Board@Arbor-Hills.org

Phone number: (734) 926-8857

Web site: www.Arbor-Hills.org

Management Company Information

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