

# Arbor Hills Newsletter

## August 2002

### Neighborhood News

#### National Night Out

Thank you to all the neighbors who participated in National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6. There was a nice turn out for the flashlight parade and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Unfortunately the Ann Arbor Police got confused and visited the Ann Arbor Hills neighborhood instead of ours! They were very sorry about the mix up and promised to visit our Halloween Parade in October. Chief of Police Daniel Oates e-mailed this apology:

Dear Arbor Hills,

Thanks again for your understanding re: the AAPD's mix-up at last Tuesday's National Night Out event. We'll be sure to do it correctly and better than ever next year. In the meantime, should you have any concerns or advice for the Police Department, please don't hesitate to call. As we get closer to Halloween and your neighborhood's plans firm up, please let us know how we can help.

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#### Traffic Calming Study

We have been approved for the Ann Arbor Traffic Calming Study! The first public meeting is scheduled for **September 4 at 7:00 p.m** (location to be announced). The meeting will be run by the city of Ann Arbor. All Arbor Hills residents are encouraged to come to give opinions about traffic in our

neighborhood. The meeting will be run by the city of Ann Arbor, and is intended as a forum for Arbor Hills residents to express their opinions concerning traffic in our neighborhood. Since the City normally reserves this service for public streets, we feel lucky that we were considered for this "free" study. Thank you so much for voting "yes"!

(Please remember: this study does not constitute approval for the Neighborhood Board to install speed bumps. Its purpose is simply to determine whether we have street design problems that encourage speeding.)

#### Street and Sidewalk Repairs and Construction

Earlier this month Guenther Building Company completed the street repairs and sidewalk construction mandated by the City of Ann Arbor. Thanks for patiently enduring the noise, dust, holes, and heavy equipment!

#### Green Thumb Awards

August—not so hot, not so humid, perfect, in fact, for checking out the extraordinary landscaping efforts of Bill and Shannon McCarren (3250 Kilburn Park) and Jeff and Julie Trapp (3339 Elsinore). And as you do, take delight in *all* the beautiful yards and gardens throughout the neighborhood. What a creative and colorful bunch we are!

#### New Middle School Bus!

Our sincere thanks goes out to the eight Arbor Hills families that persuaded the Ann Arbor School Safety Board to bus our middle school students to Clague. Anita English deserves special thanks for spearheading this cause and uniting the neighbors to support it.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Annual Neighborhood Meeting**

Arbor Hills' 2002 annual meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m., at Clague Middle School. Business will include election of two (2) individuals to the Board of Directors. To nominate yourself or another person, call the management company (254-1990).

### **Children's Halloween Parade**

Join us in Kilburn Park on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. for the fourth annual Arbor Hills Children's Halloween Parade. Come dressed up and decorate your bikes, wagons, and strollers for a walk around the block. This is your chance to "show-off" your costumes before trick-or-treating on Thursday night, October 31. Refreshments will be served.

## **Notices & Reminders**

### **Association Dues Increase**

As we review next year's budget, the Board has found "new" expenses that previously were covered by the Guenther Building Company. Such things as street lighting, higher insurance premiums and future street repairs are now the Neighborhood's responsibility. Unfortunately, this means that we must raise dues beginning in January 2003. (And speaking of dues: Mid-year dues are now late, and any residents who haven't yet paid owe a late fee of \$25. Pay quickly so more fees don't get added on!)

**Please see page 4 for more details concerning the 2002 budget.**

### **Purple Loosestrife Invasion**

Our neighborhood is being attacked by an invasive species of plant life. Purple Loosestrife is a tall, skinny, purple weed that flowers in the mid to late summer months. Please pull out the flowers by their roots before they go to seed.

### **On the Move?**

Did you just move in, or are you moving out? Please call the management company (254-1990) and let them know.

### **Email, Anyone?**

Want to get your newsletter and up-to-date neighborhood plans over the Internet? Send your email address to Kami Meader at [AeroKam@aol.com](mailto:AeroKam@aol.com).

### **Skunk Nest Removal**

Last month a resident called Independent Management Company for assistance in removing a skunk's nest from their property. The problem was solved to the mutual satisfaction of all involved; however, residents need to know that when such "maintenance projects" occur within private property lines, they are the responsibility of the property owner, not the management company. Exceptions are problems affecting mailbox stands, light poles, sensor stands, utility boxes, or the front entrance flower beds.

### **Mysterious Deaths on Bayswater**

Last month's drought may be the culprit, but the victims are three street trees! To avoid future losses, the Directors are exploring other possible causes, and sadly remind residents that replacement of street trees is the homeowner's responsibility.

# **ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

## **Opening Calendar**

School begins for all students on Tuesday, August 27. Hours for each school are as follows:

Huron High School (994-2040)

7:40 a.m. to 3:23 p.m.

Clague Middle School (994-1976)

8:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Thurston Elementary School (994-1970)

8:50 a.m. to 3:36 p.m.

## **August / September School Calendar**

Monday, August 26: Teachers report for work in classroom

Tuesday, August 27: First Full Day for students

Friday, August 30: Closed (Labor Day holiday)

Monday, September 2 Closed (Labor Day)

Wednesday, September 25: Half-day (a.m.) for elementary and middle school (Teacher/Staff meetings)

## **Arbor Hills Bus Pick-Ups**

### **Huron High School**

Students will be picked up at **7:00a.m.** at the corner of **Kilburn Park Circle & Dunwoodie Road** on bus number **32**.

### **Thurston Elementary**

Students will be picked up at

a) **8:35a.m.** at the corner of **Kilburn Park Circle & Dunwoodie Road** on bus number **89**; and

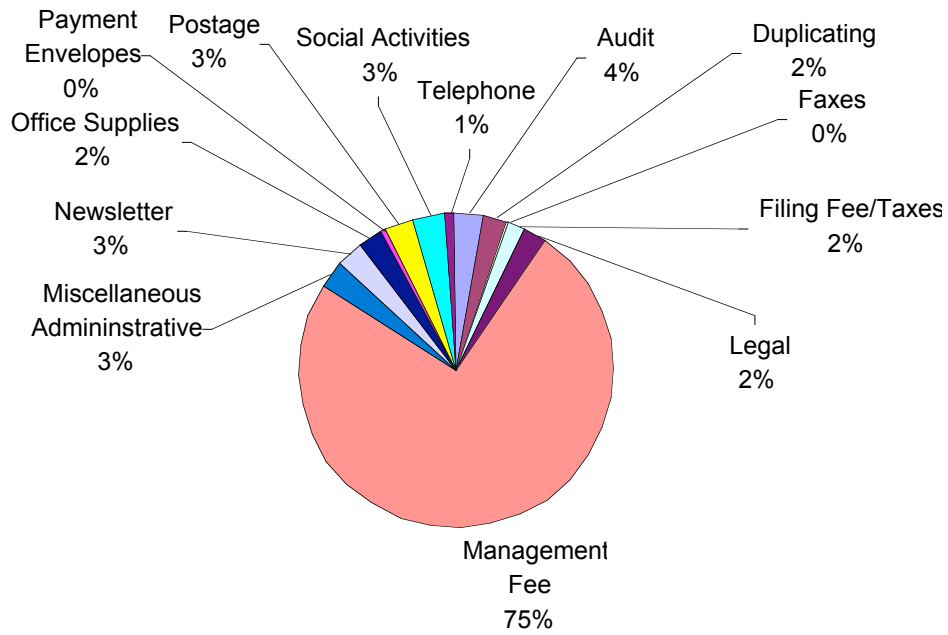
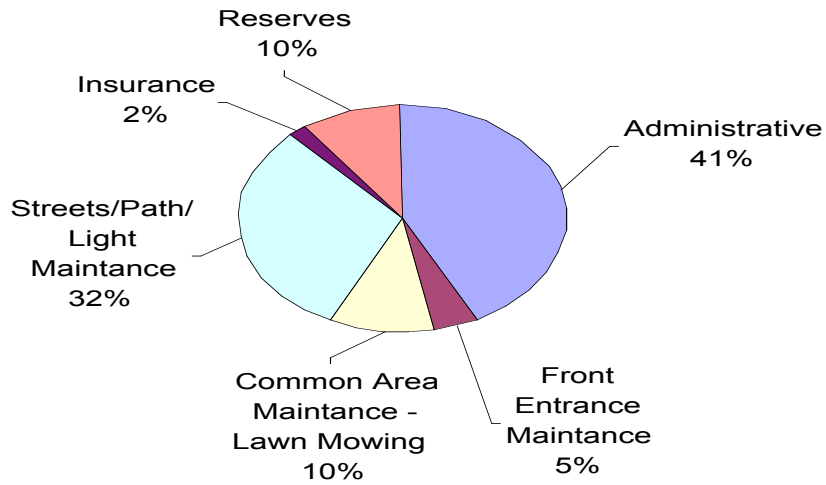
b) **8:40 a.m.** at the corner of **Buckhorn Court and Kilburn Park Circle** on bus number **89**.

### **Clague Middle School**

Students will be picked up at **7:45a.m.** at the corner of **Kilburn Park Circle & Dunwoodie Road** on bus number **111**.

Any questions or concerns, please call Transportation at 994-2330.

**Arbor Hills 2002 Budget**



**Administrative Breakdown (41% of budget)**