

Arbor Hills Newsletter

August 2012

Arbor Hills Management

After deliberating over the services provided during Provident's tenure as our management company over the past ten months, the Board has determined that it would elect not to renew the current contract with Provident which expires on September 30th. Consequently, the Board has retained the services of Marcus Management led by Ralph Marcus to better serve our community effective October 1st. Please look for direct communication from Marcus Management as they prepare to take over the administration of our neighborhood.

Street Tree Maintenance

All unit owners are responsible for maintaining their street trees located between the sidewalk and the street. The tree branches below six feet **must** be removed. Use a tape measure all the way around your tree and trim branches below this height. If you need assistance with this, any lawn care or landscape company can perform this work. Please be courteous to your neighbors that walk on the sidewalks and those that need to drive next to the curbs.

September Board Meeting

The Arbor Hills 2013 preliminary budget will be presented at the September board meeting held in the Clague Middle School Library on September 19th from 7-8pm. The preliminary budget will be reviewed with questions and inputs from neighbors. This is an opportunity for unit owners to ask any questions or provide input to the board before the final budget is established and voted upon at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 25 from 7-8pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like a copy of the preliminary budget, please email the board.

Arbor Hills Facebook

Join your neighbors in the Closed Facebook Group for Arbor Hills. Instructions for joining can be found on the website and are very simple. This is an opportunity to discuss important topics, ask a question or share information within the community.

Arbor Hills Google Group

A closed Google Group has been set up for Arbor Hills neighbors. Only neighbors who request to join and are confirmed as co-owners can send or receive email. Neighbors who want to join the email list can send a request to arborhills.neighbors@gmail.com. This is a great way to communicate with your neighbors on topics of concern or receive alerts.

Litter in the Neighborhood

Look around your home and the neighborhood. If you see litter, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. If we all do this, our neighborhood will stay beautiful and clean. Remember that if you are not interested in receiving the Ann Arbor Journal (newspaper in the clear plastic wrapper delivered free on Thursdays) please call them (734-429-7380) and request that delivery to your home be stopped.

Grass Clippings / Compost

Please be aware that our Arbor Hills Neighborhood Policies state that grass clippings shall be removed from both the sidewalks and road areas. Be courteous to your neighbors by removing your clipping and disposing of them properly in your compost containers. The dumping of **any** materials, such as dead trees, grass clippings and refuse into either the wetlands or any other common area is strictly forbidden and will be enforced through the violation process.

Annual Board Meeting

Please save the date for the Arbor Hills Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 25th in the Clague Middle School Library from 7-9pm with sign in beginning at 6:30pm. We MUST have a quorum (67 unit owners) by either proxy or attendance to conduct association business. Unit owners will be asked to vote on the 2013 Budget and two candidates for the Board of Directors. Our new management company, Marcus Management, will be overseeing the meeting and voting process.

Candidates for Arbor Hills Board

Per the Bylaws, each Director runs for a two-year term. We alternate with three directors being elected one year and two the next to fully staff the five-member Arbor Hills Board. Both Deb Holmes and Elaine Kennedy will complete their terms of service this October and those two positions will be open for anyone wishing to run for a position on the board. If you are interested and have questions about what service on the board is about, feel free to contact any board member. Nomination forms will be included in your Annual Meeting notification package to be mailed at the beginning of October. Please consider serving your Arbor Hills Community.

Parent – Child Playgroups

Any parent interested in joining together with their child for conversation, playtime or friendship; please contact Mary Scheaffer-Manthey at msheman@comcast.net to discuss possible days and times. This is a great way to get out and meet your neighbors and for your child to make new friends.

Music & Ice Cream

Kilburn Park was a buzz of activity on Tuesday, August 21, for the Music & Ice Cream Social. Wonderful music was provided by the Pioneer Ensemble a string-quartet. There will be one final Music & Ice Cream event to be scheduled in September.

Committees –

All neighbors are welcome to join!

Social – Chairperson – Mary Sheaffer-Manthey
Plan events, form groups and welcome new neighbors

Communications – Chairperson – Elaine Kennedy
Keep everyone informed of all neighborhood news

Landscape – Chairperson – Ig Justyna
Assist in maintaining the community's aesthetic goals

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

Solar/LED/Energy – Chairperson – Bonnie Demetral
Help investigate possibilities for our neighborhood

Bylaw – Chairperson – Tad Biskupski
Review our Association Bylaws and make suggestions as to how they can be updated and streamlined.

Neighborhood Watch – Chairperson – Kami Meader
Prevent neighborhood crime by maintaining awareness, communication and education of neighbors

Board Members & Officers

Elaine Kennedy – President

Deb Holmes – Vice President

Ig Justyna – Treasurer

David Finnegan – Secretary

Carla Charlebois – 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.

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