

Arbor Hills Newsletter

August 2018

Calendar

September 9th – Sunday, mulch spreading, 1:00 pm at the front entrance

September 18th – Tuesday evening, storm water/detention pond meeting with the City, 5:00 pm, Kilburn Park

September 27th – Open Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, in the Clague Middle School Media Center

October 25th – Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm, in the Clague Middle School Media Center

Wetland Pond Issues: Lockhaven/Elsinore

The Board has received feedback from the City about their willingness to meet with Arbor Hills residents and the Board on site in the early evening on Tuesday, September 18th, at 5:00 pm. Dates in August did not work out. For this meeting, the Board is planning to meet in the Kilburn Park for a question and answers session for about an hour. Thereafter, the plan is to walk the neighborhood to the areas in question for further discussions. All neighbors are welcome. Please attend to ask/address any concerns or questions you may have. If needed, there will be a signup sheet for speaking. We want to make sure everyone is heard and still have time to review the ponds themselves.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be October 25th at 7:00 pm in the Clague Middle School Media Center. There are 2 Board positions up for election this year. If you like to run for a Board seat, please let Casa Bella and the Board know.

Street Drain Repair

The street drain on Kilburn Park Circle near the speed limit sign has been repaired. Thank you for your patience.

Solar Power Street Light

The solar powered street light on Aldwych has been scheduled for repair. Unfortunately, it still hasn't been repaired yet. The company, National LED Solutions, who installed it 2 years ago, and who's based out of Grand Rapids plans to be out in early September now to fix it under warranty.

Street Lights Costs

For the rate adjustment with DTE for the LED lights in Arbor Hills, DTE is requesting invoices for those LED street lights showing installation date, wattage, and for whom installed them. Casa Bella is working to get the requested information together from Vedder for all replaced streetlights switched to LED and send it to DTE. The process is taking longer than expected to track down old records. Moving forward the new policy will be to replace High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlight with LED. The cost for replacement is about \$80 a pole and LED will use less electricity. To address the miss match of lights in Arbor Hills, the Board will be grouping areas for replacement. This Fall, we will have all of Ashburnham with LED streetlight by Halloween. The remaining streetlights will eventually all be the same color and wattage as budget planning allows. We hope to have all streetlights switched over to LED within the next year or two.

Street Light Poles

The painting of the poles is a significant cost not in the budget for this year. The Board is confirming costs to get a contractor going on painting the poles. The investigation to have DTE take over was just too costly. In the meantime, we need all vegetation within 2-3 feet of the streetlight poles trimmed back please. This will allow the streetlight poles to be properly painted.

Street Signs

The Board is replacing all stop signs, speed limit signs, and the children at play sign for replacement. The plan was to have them replaced in August, but the new signs haven't been received yet.

Trees in the Center Islands

The Bradford pears and junipers are being affected by European pear rust. The trees are not dead, but infected. A volunteer has come forward to help the Board research and determine next steps. More to follow as decisions are made. Currently, the trees seemed to have recovered some as green leaves are all over them.

Mosquito Dunks

The second batch of mosquito dunk were installed on August 6th. Hope everyone has noticed some improvements.

Calling on Volunteers

The Board is asking for help on the following items/projects. Please let the Board know if you can support.

- Planning a Fall picnic/event in the park
- Street sign pole priming and painting
- Cross walk painting
- Mulch spreading, Sunday September 9th, 1:00 pm at the front entrance
- Front Entrance Improvements – seeking ideas and improvements
- Kilburn Park Improvement - looks (curb appeal), work with adapt a park group
- Committee on speeding issue

Contractors Corner

The following contractors have been recommended by your fellow neighbors. These contractors are not endorsed by the board.

Cement - Sidewalks Driveways: Project Green Solutions, 734-358-8910

Concrete Leveling: CLI, 866-538-3546

Electrical: A.J. Leo, 734-368-6945

Electrician: Vedder Electric, 734-662-6220

Furnace / AC: Quality Heating & Cooling, 734-591-3310; Pat Walters and Sons, 734-483-5811

Garage Door & Opener Repair: Crawford Door Sales, 734-483-4563

Handyman: Martin Jeppesen, 734-845-7242, DJJepp6000@yahoo.com

Heating & Plumbing: Hutzell, 734-665-9111

Home Repair Projects Alex Rojanski, 248-909-4520

Landscaper: Robmar Gardening, Mark Robenek, 313-310-4148 mrobenek@hotmail.com

Lawn Care: Back to Nature, 734-973-5800; Lawn Care Green Planet Lawn Care, Joe, 734-649-5366

Lawn/Garden Care/Snow: Turon Lawn Care Claudio Turon, 734-730-3162, turonlawncare@yahoo.com

Lawn Care/Snow Removal: Superior Lawn Care Mo, 734-913-5296

Mechanical & Carpentry: Wil Simmons, 734-709-0721

Painting – Exterior: Certa Pro Painters, Ernie Star, 734-222-9932; Jerry Mack, jmack@terraplanes.net; Tom, 734-878-3991

Painting, Caulking, Power Washing, Light Carpentry: UltraShine, Mark Hobson, Hobson09@comcast.net, (810) 632-6220

Plumbing: Mr. Rooter, 734-665-5550; Doug Miller, 248-863-8744; Great Provider Plumbing, Spence Bay, 248-978-2988

Plumbing & Heating: Booth Plumbing & Heating, Jeff Booth, 734-663-6643

Repairs & Installations: Handyman with Tools, Jeff Turk, 734-998-1107

Roofing: Hansen Roofing Mark Hansen, 734-761-7314

Roofing & Windows: George Meyer, Co., 734-769-7330

Stump Grinding: C&C Stump Grinding, Clyde Newton, 734-434-0029

Home Repair

Our neighborhood is over 23 years old since the first houses were sold in Arbor Hills in 1995. Like everything we own, our belongings wear out or break over time. Our houses are no different from the roofs, trim, windows, siding, and concrete that define them. With age, they need to be cleaned up, repaired, or replaced. The trim and siding on our houses are no different. Most if not all the homes in Arbor Hills have had their roofs replaced and several have installed new windows. However, the trim and siding may have been missed. Trim needs painting every so many years to maintain them. As with the siding, it should be cleaned every so many years to remove the mold, dirt, crime, and buildup that make them look dirty. Mold on the siding if not addressed soon enough, may not be removable and the siding may have to be replaced. Washing the siding and keeping it clean adds value to your home.

Sidewalks

It is neighborhood policy, city law, and federal law that sidewalks must be maintained in good order with no offsets of sections of greater than 1/2 inch. This creates a trip hazard. If you have sidewalk running through your yard, it is your responsibility for repair. If you notice any offset in a common area, please let the management company know so it can be taken care of to assist in mobility and avoid City fines. Notices to homeowners with sidewalks greater than 1/2 inch offset were mailed out a while ago. Please address the concern if you received a notification. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Casa Bella.

Arbor Hills Website

Visit our official website, www.arbor-hills.org for a calendar of events, history, Bylaws, Board policies, and other news are posted for your convenience. Please use the website's online form for any suggestions you may have.

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