

# Arbor Hills Newsletter

March 2011

## Watch your Speed

**The Speed Limit on our streets is 15 MPH.** This may seem slow but remember that our streets are narrower than most and, in most parts of Arbor Hills, the sidewalk is only on one side of the street prompting more Arbor Hills residents and their children to walk in the street. Speeding in Arbor Hills combined with the winter weather has caused a number of issues in our community including a damaged street sign on Aldwych & Kilburn Park and a destroyed parkway tree on Strand & Kilburn Park. These incidents are directly the result of driving in excess of the posted speed limit. Fortunately no one was hurt and these items can be replaced but driving above the speed limit also causes a significant danger to children in the neighborhood. There are many children in Arbor Hills who enjoy playing outside and may unexpectedly run out into a street. We owe it to each other to SLOW DOWN.

## Snow Policy

Now that March is here, we are hopefully getting out of the snowy months. However until we do:

- Please do not blow or shovel your driveway snow into the street. This defeats the purpose of having our roads cleared and makes passage difficult for your neighbors.
- Note that parking in the streets is prohibited when there is snowfall over 1 ½". Cars that are parked along the street will be towed so that the snow plow can come through.
- Please clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of snowfall per the City Ordinance.
- Drive at appropriate speeds for the road conditions so that you can stop if needed.

## Website Forum

Arbor Hills has a new website: [www.Arbor-Hills.org](http://www.Arbor-Hills.org)  
By logging into this site, you can find information regarding Arbor Hills Homeowner Association, the Management Company, contact numbers and other helpful information. There is also an **Arbor Hills Forum**. A forum is an online discussion site where people can hold conversations in the form of posted messages. It can be thought of as a "neighborhood bulletin board" where you can post items for sale, sitting or mowing services, list common interests to start a group or find a painter or handyperson. Users have a one-time registration process and then have to log in to post messages. Your email address is not shared with others in this process. You also do not have to log in to read any existing messages. You can join the Arbor Hills Forum by going to the website and clicking on the link "Join Arbor Hills Condominium Forum".

## **Lost and Found** - (Also found on the Forum)

Found 2/18/11 - Man's watch - "London Boy Classic"  
Lost 2/14/11 – Man's Red Schwinn Traveler Bicycle  
See the forum or contact the Board with information.

## **Request for Contact Information**

An Arbor Hills Contact Information Flyer was distributed recently. Please complete and return your form as soon as possible. This information will update the Board and Management Company records. You can choose to share or not share your contact information with your neighbors. Ultimately, the board would like to distribute an updated directory to all Arbor Hill residents.

## **Check your Street Trees**

Some neighborhood trees are growing into the street and over the sidewalks. The postal truck and snow plow can't pass without scratching their vehicles or damaging the trees. Also, low hanging branches present a hazard to individuals walking on the sidewalks. Please trim your trees to avoid these problems. Budd's (our snow and landscape provider) offers a tree trimming service and can assist interested homeowners. Contact Select Management if you would like more information.

## **Alteration Modification Forms**

Any exterior changes or modifications to your home must be approved by the Association. An Alteration/Modification form detailing the proposed work to be done must be completed, signed by your neighbors, submitted to the management company and approved by the Board **before** making the changes or modifications requested. You can get more information, a copy of the form and helpful tips on the website located within the "homeowners" section.

## **Committees**

### **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

If you are interested in joining or leading a committee, please email your interest to [Board@Arbor-Hills.org](mailto:Board@Arbor-Hills.org)

#### **Social/Welcome – \*We still need a Chairperson\***

Plan events, form groups and welcome new neighbors

#### **Communications – Chairperson: John Bennett**

Keep everyone informed of all neighborhood news

#### **Budget/Finance – \*We still need a Chairperson\***

Review of the HOA's finances and policies

#### **Landscape – Chairperson: Ig Justyna**

Advise on operation and maintenance common areas

#### **Architecture – \*We still need a Chairperson\***

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

## **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 – March 16th**

#### **March Board Meeting Agenda Items**

- 7:30 – 8:00pm Open Questions & Answers
  - 8:00 – 8:30pm Various Topics to include:
    - Fidelity Bond Cost,
    - Snow Plowing & Towing Policies,
    - Revised Fee Schedule,
    - Procedure regarding Past Due Balances,
    - Need for more volunteers
  - 8:30 – 8:50pm Association Attorney Use and Fees
  - 8:50 – 9:10pm Road Reserve Study Status
  - 9:10 – 9:20pm Status of Storm Water Study
- Please contact the Board with any requests for agenda additions

#### **Board Members & Officers**

Board: Steve Haddrill – 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](mailto:Board@Arbor-Hills.org)

Phone number: (734) 926-8857

Web site: [www.Arbor-Hills.org](http://www.Arbor-Hills.org)

#### **Management Company Information**

##### **Select Community Management**

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