

ARBOR HILLS NEWSLETTER

March 2014

Next Open Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 26th

The next open meeting of the Arbor Hills Board will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, at 7pm in the Clague Middle School Library. The open session is scheduled from 7-8pm.

Agenda topics will include:

- Committee Reports
- Financial Update
- Curb Project Update
- Pond Project Update
- Proposed Inspection Policy
- Spring Walk-Through
- Landscape Contract
- Late Fee Policy
- Proposed Stop Sign(s)

We hope to see you there!

New Board Member

At the February meeting, Usha Jindal was appointed to the Board, to fill the remaining term of the seat vacated by Jill Kulhanek. Usha's term will run through the next Annual Meeting in October. She has also been appointed Secretary of the Board - Elena Levin will be filling the role of Vice President.

Many thanks to Usha for volunteering to serve our neighborhood as a member of the Board!

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Board Members:

Collin Ross - President

Elena Levin - Vice President

Usha Jindal - Secretary

Vance Allen - Treasurer

Zhenlin Liu - Member-at-Large

Winter Damage

With winter now (hopefully) behind us, the Board and YPM are checking for damage to our common elements and homeowner properties resulting from snow removal and other winter effects. Our snow removal contractor, Apartment Services, will be responsible for repairing any damage they have caused. So far, we are aware of damage to the common area along the Ashburnam sidewalk, and a few homeowners have also reported landscape damage resulting from the plowing. As the snow melts, if you become aware of damage that is the Association's responsibility, please contact YPM.

Inspection Policy Update

Thank you to all those who provided feedback on the proposed Inspection Policy. The policy was discussed at the February open Board meeting, and a revised document has been drafted based on the feedback received. The revised draft can be found on the Arbor Hills web site (www.arbor-hills.org). Revisions to the previous version include better integration of the Alteration/Modification process into the inspection policy, and explicit mentions of the provisions related to fines and appeals. The Board would very much appreciate any feedback you may have on the revised Inspection Policy, as we seek to clarify and document how the Association should carry out its enforcement responsibilities.

Rental Committee

We are currently looking for a volunteer to chair the Rental Committee for Arbor Hills. For many years, Chuck Daniels has admirably filled this role, but he is ready to step down. The Rental Committee keeps the non-resident homeowners of Arbor Hills informed regarding happenings in the neighborhood, and also works with them to ensure that rental properties in our neighborhood are being leased and managed in accordance with our Bylaws and Neighborhood Policies. In many communities, the management company assumes these functions, but we have been fortunate to have a homeowner volunteer who is willing to help tie together the resident and non-resident homeowners in a spirit of community. If you are interested in helping our neighborhood by taking on this role, or have any questions about it, please contact the Board.

City Relations Committee

The new Arbor Hills City Relations Committee, chaired by Jane Klingsten, has begun working on ways to maximize the value of our relationships with the City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Here are the initial projects the committee is taking on:

- Analyzing the Association's options regarding the vacant, City-owned pump house near the front of our neighborhood, and making a recommendation to the Board.
- Researching the public access easements that exist on some of our neighborhoods streets and sidewalks, and working with the City to see if they will share the maintenance costs of these easements.
- Engaging with City and AAPS officials regarding the need for further pedestrian safety improvements on Green Rd. and Nixon, including the continued need for a bus to transport children to Clague Middle School.

If you are interested in these or other topics related to our neighborhood's interaction with the City and AAPS, please consider joining the committee. Please contact the Board for more information.

Email Contact Updating

The Board and our management company periodically communicate valuable information via email. A new form has been uploaded to our web site (www.arbor-hills.org) to enable you to ensure that we have a current email address on file for you. Please take a moment to fill out and return this form to YPM, to make sure that you will not miss out on any important communications from your Association. If you have any questions about the form or how the data is used, please contact YPM.