

Arbor Hills Newsletter

November 2011

Annual Meeting

The Arbor Hills Annual Meeting was held on October 27th. There was good attendance with 99 homeowners by presence or proxy. The 2012 Budget was presented and approved. Three board members were elected for two year terms each. Elected were Carla Charlebois who will serve as Director; David Finnegan who will serve as Secretary; and Ig Justyna who will serve as Treasurer. Much appreciation is due to outgoing Board Members Steve Hadrill and Winnie Song for their time and dedication to our community.

Arbor Hills Streets & Sidewalks

As we enter into the fall and winter seasons, please keep in mind that we maintain our own streets. We do not have curbside leaf pickup in Arbor Hills. You must place your leaves in large paper bags or use the optional compost cart and set out at the curb before 7am on Wednesday. Remember keep three feet of space between each container and any vehicle. Compost pickup will continue through December 16th. Leaves should never be blown or raked into the streets. Snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall. Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks should simply be looked upon as a combination of courtesy and caring toward all those who need to use the walkways. Likewise snow should never be shoveled or blown into the streets. If you need assistance with snow removal, there are several companies that can provide this. If you are interested in a group rate, please contact the Board and a group discount will be investigated. During the winter the City provides residents with up to one, five-gallon bucket's worth of sand and salt mixture per visit to the maintenance yard at 721 N. Main, (734) 994-1617.

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; thereby eliminating any chance of spam. Neighbors who want to join the email list can send a request to arborhills.neighbors@gmail.com. After you are confirmed, you will automatically receive messages instantly or you can modify this to daily, weekly or upon request. This is a great way to communicate with your neighbors on all topics of concern or receive alerts specifically pertaining to our neighborhood.

Mailboxes

The Arbor Hills mailbox project is now complete. All mailbox stands were scraped, repaired and freshly painted. New mailboxes were numbered and installed to be equally spaced on each stand. Latches have been adjusted to open and close more easily. Volunteers spent many hours working on this project. Thank you: John Bennett, Carla Charlebois, Chuck Daniels, Steve Hadrill, Deb Holmes, Ig Justyna, Elaine Kennedy and George Walcutt.

Electronic Payments

Due to the change in management companies, you **MUST** discontinue any electronic payments that you have set up with your bank. This is not done automatically. All future dues payments must be made by check to Provident Asset Management. Payment information and dues invoices will be mailed out in December. The dues have stayed the same for 2012 with payment on January 1st and July 1st. Recall that you have 30 days to make your payment after which time fines will be applied to your account. If you have any concerns or issues, please contact the Board.

Group Discount on Roofing

Abdul Nimer, owner of Discount Roofing has offered residents of Arbor Hills a group discount on new roof installation. If you are interested in a free, no-obligation quote please contact Abdul at 800-971-4005 and mention that you live in Arbor Hills. Several residents have already taken advantage of this service and are very pleased with the work.

Speed issues in Arbor Hills

Our speed limit within the neighborhood is **15 mph**. Some residents have expressed concern over the continued speeding they have witnessed with regard to the safety of children and others that may walk in the roads. This issue will be discussed during the November Board Meeting and options presented on the best method to address this problem. The **2003 Traffic Calming Study by the City of Ann Arbor** will be presented and discussed as one possible solution.



*Have a Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Committees –

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
Advise on the maintenance of the common areas
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.

Board Meeting

Regular Board Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of the Month at Clague Middle School Media Center from **7:30 – 9:00pm**. The meetings are open to all neighbors.

NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday – November 16th

AGENDA –

- Access Road chain installation
- Speeding – how to address
- Landscape issues to Provident
- Maintenance of signs, road cracks, storm drains, dead trees, light poles
- Alt/Mod Form streamlining
- LED Street Lighting – what's next

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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