

Arbor Hills Newsletter

November 2014

Annual Meeting

The Arbor Hills Annual Meeting was held on October 23rd. Quorum was achieved with 71 homeowners by presence or proxy. The 2015 Budget was presented, discussed and approved. The budget continues to leave association dues unchanged for the upcoming year. Two board members were nominated and subsequently elected for two year terms. Elected were Carla Charlebois who will serve as Treasure and Elaine Kennedy who will serve as Vice President. Much appreciation is due to outgoing Board Members Vance Allen and Usha Jindal for their time spent serving to our community.

Leaf & Compost Collection

There is no curbside leaf pickup in Arbor Hills. Leaves should never be blown or raked into the streets. You must place your leaves in large paper bags or use the optional compost cart and set out at the curb with your trash and recycle bins. Remember keep three feet of space between each container and any vehicle. Compost pickup will continue through December 5th.

Snow removal

The board has selected Holiday Outdoor Services as the Arbor Hills snow removal contractor for the upcoming season. They will be on site within 2 hours for any snowfall of 2" or greater. Cars must be removed from the streets whenever there is a snowfall of 2" or greater to aide in the snow removal process. Also, homeowners are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall of more than one inch. This is Ann Arbor City Code, an Arbor Hill Policy and a courtesy to your neighbors who use the walkways. Remember that snow should never be shoveled or blown into the streets.

Arbor Hills Communication

Arbor Hills has many methods of communication available for neighbors. There is a neighbor-only Facebook page where you can become a member. Look for Arbor Hills Neighborhood and request to become a member. Many neighbors post available items, lost pets, suggestions for contractors, help needed, etc. The Board will also post reminders and other alerts. There is also a closed Google Group, which you can join. Only neighbors whom 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. Communication between neighbors is a great way to become a part of our community.

Upcoming Pond Maintenance

As many homeowners are aware, Arbor Hills has many ponds that are used to effectively aid in the storm water drainage of our neighborhood. It was presented at the annual meeting that we will need to perform maintenance to these ponds, which has been delayed many times in past years. The quotes to perform this work total approximately sixty thousand dollars. This cost will come out of our reserve account. The board is working with Atwell (Todd Pascoe) to oversee the project and Diversified to perform the actual work to finalize any remaining questions prior to commencing with work. This project will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting on November 12th.

Street Cleaning is scheduled for November 20th.

Watch the Yellow entrance sign for details.

Trash, Recycle & Compost Bins

Please refer to the Neighborhood Policies and Ann Arbor City Code that all bins should be placed in the street no earlier than 6pm on the day prior to pickup. The bins must be removed from the street within 12 hours of pickup and stored inside garages or out of sight from the street.

Home Maintenance

Are you interested in 'group discounted' services needed to maintain our homes such as painting, concrete work, windows, roofs and landscaping? The board is interested in forming a committee to research group discounts that could be negotiated for Arbor Hills neighbors. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. If you are interested and cannot attend, please contact the Board.

Gardening Group

Is there interest in maintaining the existing gardens at the front entrance, Arbor Hills Park and Kilburn Park? A group is forming to perform fall cleanup and plan ahead for spring ideas. If you are interested, please contact the Board.

Tree trimming or removal

All street trees should be trimmed so that there is at least six feet of clearance all around the tree – both the sidewalk and street side. Landscape Solutions (Joshua Gonzalez 248-955-8327) is just one contractor that can provide quotes for tree trimming, as well as tree removal, on your property.

Cement Leveling

Many homeowners have sidewalks that have become tripping hazards. One contractor - American Concrete Leveling can level cement slabs for about \$100 per slab opposed to replacing the entire slab. Call for an individual quote at 734-680-7477.

If you have contractor suggestions or additions, please contact the Board. Thank you!

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 12th** at Clague Middle School Media Center **holding strictly to the timeframe of 7:00 – 8:00pm.** The meetings are open to all neighbors and will not be recorded. There will not be a December board meeting due to the holidays.

CURRENT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Major Pond Maintenance Project
- Crack Sealing potential project
- Discounted home maintenance services

Board Members & Officers

Collin Ross – President
Elaine Kennedy – Vice President
Carla Charlebois – Treasurer
Elena Levin – Secretary
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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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Thanksgiving!*