

Arbor Hills Newsletter

October 2003

Upcoming Events

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| Saturday, Oct. 18 | - First Street Tree Replanting |
| Wednesday, Oct. 22 | - Arbor Hills Annual Meeting @ 6:30pm at Clague Middle School Library |
| Friday, Oct. 24 | - Thurston Elementary Fall Social |
| Saturday, Oct. 25 | - Second Street Tree Replanting |
| Sunday, Oct. 26 | - Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| Sunday, Oct. 26 | - Arbor Hills Halloween Parade @ 4:00 pm |
| Saturday, Nov. 1 | - Third Street Tree Replanting |

Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Due to a conflict with school activities, the annual neighborhood meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** at Clague Middle School. Candidates and/or nominations are being sought to fill 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running, or wish to nominate someone else, call the management company (254-1990). If you are unable to attend, you must send your vote with another neighbor. Please download a proxy statement from the website at www.arbor-hills.com.

Annual Halloween Parade

Join us in Kilburn Park on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00p m for the Fifth Annual Arbor Hills Children's Halloween Parade. Kids--come dressed up, and decorate your bikes, wagons, and strollers for a walk around the block. This is your chance to "show-off" your costumes before trick or treating on Friday night, October 31st. Refreshments will be served.

Arbor Hill's Ash Tree Replacement Plan

The voluntary Ash Tree replanting program has concluded. Thanks to everyone who signed up. About 61 residents signed up and so did the City of Ann Arbor Parks Department. All the dead Ash trees in Kilburn Park will be replaced this Fall. As for those trees in Arbor Hills Park, the City is working on replacing those trees next year. In addition, the Association is replacing common element trees throughout the sub as well. The trees will be planted over 3 Saturdays. The first planting wave will be the Pear Trees and is scheduled this Saturday, October 18th. All maples will be planted the following Saturday, Oct. 25th, and the rest to follow on the Saturday after that.

All residents who are participating in the replanting program are asked to remove all edging, flowers, rocks, bricks, etc. from the area around their street tree. Judd Road Tree Farm is not responsible for the removal or re-installation of landscaping around your street trees. Failure to remove the landscaping may result in your tree order being postponed or cancelled. In addition, please don't park next to a street tree that is marked for replacement on these upcoming Saturdays.

Good News is that everyone received their first choice tree. Watch for a spray paint mark on your current tree to indicate to the planters that your tree is part of the replanting program.

If you missed the sign up program and still want to get a tree this fall, then contact Judd Road Tree Farm directly at (734) 944-5833. Pricing and timing can be confirmed directly with Judd Road Tree Farm.

Board of Directors' Notes

New Management Company

Our current contract with IMI expires October 31, 2003. We have signed a new management company to take over on **November 1**. Please direct all your phone calls and concerns after November 1 to

Dave Wilson
Select Community Management, Inc.
2455 South Industrial, Suite A
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
(734) 663-1900, ext. 30

Street Lights

Due to high maintenance costs, Board policy allows for street light replacement every 4 months or when 3 or more lights are out. Because the 4-month time frame begins at the point the management company is notified of the problem, the sooner a resident contacts the management company, the sooner the light will be repaired. When you call, be prepared to tell the exact location of the light pole and the number printed on it.

The two street lights currently out, poles #23 and #27, will be repaired by the end of October in time for Halloween.

2004 Association Dues

Good News! Association dues will NOT increase next year! Notification to that effect in the annual meeting notification was a misprint--the Board has worked out the budget for next year, and a dues increase is not necessary.

Notices & Reminders

School Buses

It is Federal Law that all vehicle operators stop for school buses loading and unloading school children when the flashing red lights are on. There have been several reports of residents driving pass these school buses when their flashing red lights were on. Please note and be forewarned, Bus Drivers will record your license plate number and a hefty ticket will be sent to vehicle's owner.

Newsletters

To save time for our hard-working volunteers, and to cut overhead costs, the newsletter will become a bi-monthly or as needed publication. Currently, we are planning the next issue for December.

New Directories

Neighborhood directories for 2003-2004 will be distributed the week following the annual meeting. If you are a new resident, or if you need to update or correct last year's entry, please call Kami Meader (994-7882). We are also seeking volunteers to help distribute.

Dog Leashes & Invisible Fencing

Ann Arbor City Ordinance requires dogs to be leashed whenever they are not on their owner's property. For Arbor Hills, this includes neighborhood common areas, as well as the two City parks. Additionally, we ask that dog owners pay extra attention to their surroundings when walking dogs near young children.

Several neighbors have installed invisible fencing in their yard, to allow dogs to run unleashed within their property line. This is legal as long as the dog remains on the owner's property. Unleashed dogs in public areas should be reported to the Ann Arbor Animal Control Office (994-2911 or 997-1497).

Post No Handbills

...or real estate signs, "for rent" signs, garage sale signs, or any other signs at the front entrance without Board approval (see Bylaws: Article 6, Section 6.9). Such signs may, however, be placed in individual yards as long as they are less than 30 inches high and 5 sq. ft. in size. Also, remember that the areas to the right and left of the main entrance are private property; only the median boulevard is common area. The Board will approve placing single-day, temporary signs, as long as they are in common areas. Any questions? Call 254-1990.

Home Corners

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Here are some tips to help you get ready:

- Replace your furnace filter.
- Replace your humidifier filter, wick pad, if you have one on your furnace.
- Inspect and repair any caulking around windows and doors that is missing or cracked.
- If you cover your air conditioner unit outside, remember to leave gaps at the bottom for air to pass through so any rain, snow, or ice that gets in doesn't get trapped.
- You may wish to have your furnace checked and cleaned, please contact a licensed and insured professional.

Have a tip? Send it to haddrill@aol.com.

New Website

Are you ready for new technology? Our official website, www.arbor-hills.com, is complete. A calendar of events, history, bylaws, Board policies, and other news will be posted for your convenience. Please send any suggestions for our new website to aerokam@aol.com.