

Arbor Hills Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Arbor Hills's annual association meeting has been changed to Monday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Clague Middle School Library. There are two open positions on the Board of Directors: if you would like to be a candidate, or would like to nominate someone to be a candidate, call the management company (254-1990).

Children's Halloween Parade

Join us in Kilburn Park on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. for the Fourth Annual Arbor Hills Children's Halloween Parade! Kids, here's your chance to decorate your bikes and show off your costumes before trick-or-treating on Halloween! As a bonus, the Ann Arbor Police have promised to send patrol cars and officers to help us celebrate. Refreshments will be served.

Neighborhood News

Bayswater Tree Deaths Solved?

Southeast Michigan Counties have issued a quarantine notice to nurseries about infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer, a boring insect that kills ash trees. Many of the street trees in our neighborhood are ash, and several of these are showing symptoms that can be attributed to the borer. Should your street tree show signs of damage, contact a local tree service for information on treatment and proper disposal of dead trees or trees too diseased to save. You may also consult these websites:

http://www.msue.msu.edu/ipm/CAT02_land/L07-26-02.htm#3

http://www.msue.msu.edu/reg_se/roberts/ash/index.html

The Board of Directors is pleading for help from City Council, but alas--replacement of diseased street trees is currently the responsibility of the homeowner.

CD Case Found

A Caselogic car visor CD storage unit was found in the middle of Dunwoodie Road, close to the intersection of Dunwoodie and Earlmoore. It contains nine music CD's (Christmas, Gospel, Pop, and Children's). Call Kami Meader (994-7882).

Committee Notes

70 Households Needed!!!

In order to conduct business at our annual meeting, bylaws require attendance or proxy vote by a quorum (35%) of homeowners. This means that 70 of our 200 households need to be represented. Last year's meeting was delayed for more than an hour while zealous homeowners knocked on doors and used cell phones to gather the quorum we needed to continue the meeting. State law requires that we hold an annual meeting every October. If there is no quorum, the meeting must be postpone and scheduled monthly until a

quorum is obtained. The “bottom line” of this is unnecessary expenses for room rental, mailings and copying charges (about \$200) for every meeting called...whether it’s held or not. Sooo, if you can *not* attend October’s meeting this year, ***please, please, please*** fill out a proxy statement for another neighbor to vote in your behalf. Proxy statements are available from Independent Management Company (254-1990), and were included in the meeting notice you received this past weekend.

Traffic Calming Update

The first public meeting for the Traffic Calming Study was held September 4. Despite low attendance, the meeting was a valuable first step. The City presented an overview of the "traffic calming" program and procedures, including the various calming devices available, and allowed residents to voice opinions about our neighborhood streets and the problem areas. The City’s next step is to conduct traffic monitoring studies, which will be followed by a second neighborhood meeting. Details regarding this meeting will be distributed via mail, email, and newsletter. The Board will also distribute (via email) minutes of the first meeting as soon as they are available.

Association Dues to Increase

The Board is currently reviewing next year’s budget and finding new expenses that were previously covered by the Guenther Building Company. Our street light electricity, higher insurance premiums, and future street repairs are examples of items that now need our financial attention. Please expect an increase in dues for January 2003.

Notices & Reminders

Parking Woes

Our skinny streets were not designed for long-term parking—please remember that the more cars there are lining the curb, the less space there is for traffic! Street parking also hampers visibility of people backing out of driveways. Also, remember to ask visitors not to park in front of mailboxes or fire hydrants. And, homeowners on Dunwoodie and Ashburnam Courts need to be careful that visitors’ parking doesn’t block driveway or street access. And then, of course, there’s the not-so-far-in-the-future reality of clearing the streets for snow removal....

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 approves single-day, temporary signs, as long as they are in common areas. Any questions? Call 254-1990.

New Directories

Neighborhood directories for 2002-2003 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).

Classifieds

E-Mail Call!

Want to get your newsletter and up-to-date neighborhood plans over the Internet? Send your email address to Kami Meader at AeroKam@aol.com.

