

Arbor Hills Newsletter



Welcome Spring 2007!

Blue-Sky Morning
by Adelaide B. Shaw

It's a blue-sky morning
With a wind that blowing
fair.
It's a blossom-blowing
morning.
There are spring buds in the
air.

It's a gold-sky morning
With a sun that's blazing
bright.
It's an eye-blinking
morning.
There's a blaring brilliant
light.

Saturday, April 21st Spring Clean-up!

Please volunteer to join your neighbors to help with subdivision clean up. Come out of winter hibernation to visit with your neighbors and help out by picking up the trash that the blustery winds have blown in. All who show will have a chance at raffle prize drawing with several items to be given away. Meet at Kilburn Park at 10 a.m. with any tools you want to bring. Trash bags will be supplied. Rain date is Sunday, April 22nd.

5th Memorial Day Weekend Parade is on 10 AM Monday, May 18th!

Kids can ride their decorated bikes around the block and have snacks afterwards in our park! Watch for postings!



All Welcome at Open Board Meetings

The AH board meets every other month. Any homeowner is welcome to attend during our upcoming May, June and September meetings. The upcoming meetings will be held in our park weather permitting. Contact Select Community Management for exact dates and times.

Management Company

Please direct all your phone calls and concerns to our management representative, Dave Wilson at Select Community Management and not to previous or current Board Members. Dave's contact information is as follows:

Dave Wilson
Select Community Management, Inc.
2455 South Industrial, Suite A
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
(734) 663-1900 ext 232

This information as well as an interactive on-line report for problems such as burned out street lights can be found at the Arbor Hills web site at: www.arbor-hills.com

Spring Reminders

Let's keep our neighborhood attractive!

- Please refer to page 2 of the newsletter that lists new 2007 guidelines for yard fertilizers in Ann Arbor
- On trash day, please place your paper recyclables on the **BOTTOM** of the container with containers on



- top to prevent paper from blowing around.
- Please store your trash and recycling containers inside unless it is garbage day.
- Be a helpful neighbor and pick up any garbage that has blown about during these windy spring days, especially on trash pick up days.
- Be sure to submit an alt/mod form for construction of decks and fences
- Please be sure to park on the street in the proper direction with traffic
- Dumping is prohibited in our wooded and pond areas, please use proper city composting procedures to dispose of yard waste.
- It will benefit us all if we try to keep up the appearance of our homes to keep our subdivision appealing. Think about how your blinds, siding, trim and curtains look from the outside too. A little TLC will go a long way in keeping our properties desirable.

Thank you!



Contractors Corner- The following list has been recommended by Arbor Hills residents and not necessarily its Advisory Board.

C & O Painting

Licensed & Insured
Interior/Exterior
(734) 483-3667

Ultra-Shine

Licensed & Insured
Interior/Exterior Painting & Power Washing
(810) 632-6220

High Hat Chimney Sweep, Co.

Licensed & Insured
1-800-371-5308

Sean Klein - Heating and Cooling

Licensed & Insured
(248) 755-3620

D & D Carpet Inc

(734) 429-7060

J. Needham & Sons, Inc. - Plumbing

Licensed & Insured
(810) 227-7474

H & H Heating and Cooling

Licensed & Insured
(734) 668-6744

Ann Arbor Drywall

Insured
(734) 973-0833

Crawford Door Sales

Licensed & Insured
Garage door installation & repairs
(734) 483-4563

Gordon Fellows Decks

Licensed & Insured
Custom/Cedar Decks
(734) 426-8633

Rick Owen Plumbing

Licensed & Insured
(734) 475-8213

Arrow Door

Licensed & Insured
Garage door installation & repairs
Evening and Weekend Appointments, great rates
(810) 225-6155

Scholastic Painting

Licensed & Insured
Interior/Exterior Painting & Decks
(734) 306-1129

Vedder Electric

Licensed
(734) 662-6220

Commercial Building Materials, LLC

(734) 434-4600
Supplier of drywall & suspended ceiling supplies

Basement Cracks & Leaks Metro Inc.

Licensed & Insured
1-800-639-1131

If you have a recommendation, please send it to slhddrill@comcast.net and include the contractor's name, number, specialty, and whether they are licensed & insured.



January 2007 Phosphorus Fertilizer Lawn Ordinance Begins

To comply with a federal mandate to reduce phosphorus levels by 50 percent in the Huron River, a ban on the application of phosphorus lawn fertilizers will go into effect on January 1, 2007. Since phosphorus is naturally abundant in southeastern Michigan soils, surplus applications of this nutrient simply wash out of the soil and into the Huron River via storm drains and retention ponds. The extra boost of phosphorus in the river then increases the growth of algae, which degrades the quality of water for plants, fish, wildlife, recreation, and drinking water processing. Too much phosphorus is an easily preventable problem!

Here's how to comply with Ann Arbor's phosphorus ordinance :

- Do not apply any lawn fertilizer between November 15 and April 1 to prevent fertilizer runoff from frozen ground.
- Do not use lawn fertilizer with phosphorus in Ann Arbor, unless a recent soil test within the last three years indicates that phosphorus is low or when starting new grass. Phosphorus is permitted in garden and tree fertilizers.

Q: Where do I find phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer?

A: Area gardening stores have been notified of this ordinance and will be stocking non-phosphorus lawn fertilizer products in Ann Arbor. If you choose to use lawn fertilizers, look for phosphorus-free products at area garden centers.

Q: How can I tell if there is phosphorus in a lawn fertilizer?

A: Fertilizer packages generally display three prominent numbers for "Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potash." The middle number should be a zero for phosphorus.

Q: What do I need to tell my lawn care company about this ordinance?

A: Commercial applicators have been notified by the city and know that they are required to report annually on their phosphorus lawn applications within Ann Arbor. Most already have dropped the nutrient from their applications because their soil tests do not support the extra expense of adding phosphorus to lawn treatments.

Q: How do I dispose of leftover lawn fertilizer with phosphorus?

A: Leftover bags of phosphorus fertilizer may be taken to the Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction and Collection Center, open Saturday mornings, April through the first Saturday in December (excluding holiday weekends), from 9 a.m. to noon, 705 N. Zeeb Road, <http://recycle.eWashtenaw.org>, or by scheduling an appointment (734) 222-3950.

A Big Congratulations to the Thurston Players!

Last month many of you supported the Thurston Players. Many of our children and adult neighbors were fantastic in our annual production. "Champions of the West" was a great success, lots of fun and a super fundraiser for the Thurston Elementary PTO. Thank you for your support!

Try It! Recipe Corner

Rainbow Potato Salad

- 2 1/2 lbs red potatoes
 - 1 tablespoon [coarse sea salt](#), to taste
 - [water](#), to cover
 - 1 cup [mayonnaise](#), must be full fat (Duke's brand)
 - 1 tablespoon [apple cider vinegar](#), to taste
 - 1 tablespoon [prepared yellow mustard](#), to taste
 - [coarse salt](#), to taste
 - [coarse black pepper](#), to taste
 - 1-2 [carrot](#), peeled, very finely chopped
 - 1/2 [green bell pepper](#), very finely chopped
 - 1/4 cup [sweet onions](#), minced, to taste
1. Place rinsed potatoes into a large stockpot and cover with enough cold water to cover them about an inch.
 2. Add about 1 Tbsp coarse sea salt and bring to a boil, then lower heat and cook until fork tender, maybe 10-15 minutes.
 3. Drain and rinse and let cool to room temperature, then cover and chill.
 4. Once potatoes are nice and cool, peel skins if desired (the Rainbow removes the skins, I like them on), dice them into small chunks and place in a large bowl.
 5. Add very, very finely chopped carrots, onions, and green peppers.
 6. Add a few grinds of salt and pepper to your liking, as much or as little as you prefer.
 7. Squirt in about 1 Tbsp of mustard, about 1 cup or so mayo (start with a cup, add more if it needs more), and a splash of vinegar.
 8. If you like lots of mayo, you will likely need more of all the seasonings too, so please adjust this the way you like it.
 9. Stir gently to coat and chill overnight or at least several hours.
 10. Taste again before serving, adding more dressing ingredients if needed

Enjoy!

