

WOODLANDS SOUTH Homeowners Association Newsletter

April 2014 • AROUND THE CORNER AND DOWN THE STREET...... NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS THAT MATTERS TO YOU.

HELP CONTROL HOA DUES AND COSTS.... DO YOUR SHARE BY VOLUNTEERING SOME TIME

Spring Clean Up

The 2014 Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday May 17, 2014. Volunteer efforts like this save the HOA a lot of money. We hope that you will commit some of your time to help protect our investments and minimize future homeowner dues. If our volunteer turnout is good, we will split up into three groups; one to trim overgrowth by the walking path bridge, one to address the mailboxes that took a beating this winter and one to pick up trash. Homeowners are encouraged to bring a trash bag, pruners, chain saw, etc.

We'll meet at the Oak Forest Drive walking path entrance at 9:00am Hope you'll join us!



2013 Spring Clean Up Crew

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With summer fast approaching, now is a good time to remind all homeowners about lawn care responsibilities. It's more than just the mowing!!!!

You have to weed, trim and edge. Many homeowners have neglected edging and as a result, their sidewalk is disappearing!!!!!

Also, guy wires and stakes should be removed from trees after one growing season. If left on longer, you risk damage to the tree.

Cement drain splashguards are obsolete and should therefore not be stacked or stored against your house. Please dispose of them properly.

Time to make sure any remaining outdoor Christmas decorations (wreaths, garland, etc.) are taken down.

Northville Township Non Emergency Police 248/349-9400

Officer Mike Burrough, Community Liaison 248/349-9400

Bridge

There is a portion of bridge railing that was knocked out this past fall. Luckily, Cathy Webb found it and put it away for safekeeping. It will be re-installed this spring.

Poplar Road Entrance Decorations

Many thanks to Carmen Hamilton for the holiday decorations on the Poplar road trees. Her thoughtful gesture has made our entrance festive on Fourth of July, Halloween and Christmas.

Island Mulch

New mulch will be installed in the court islands this summer. The landscapers will clean out the islands and prep the beds so that the mulch doesn't wash away in the rain. The shrubbery in some islands is severely over-planted and over-grown. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to trim before the mulch is installed.

2014 Resident Directory

The 2014 Resident Directory will be printed this summer by Cathedral Directories. Because the directory contains advertisements, there is no cost to the HOA. By now, you should have turned in resident directory form if you had any changes to your contact information. The directory will be distributed to only homes in our neighborhood and will not be shared with anyone other than members of the subdivision. In the interest of safety, children's names and birthdates will not be published so please do not include this information on the listing form. Special thanks to Cathy Webb for championing this project again this year.

Fireworks

With summer just around the corner, we want to remind everyone that fireworks are not permitted in the subdivision common areas per Architectural Controls (October 2012; Section 22.0).

Security

Although we've said it before, it bears repeating

Neighbors working together and staying alert can greatly improve the safety of a neighborhood. Know your neighbors and exchange home and work phone numbers. Watch each other's residences; inform each other when you'll be away and leave contact information. Be aware of activity on your street and throughout the subdivision.

Watch for patterns and report any suspicious activity to the Northville Police by calling the non-emergency number 248/349-9400. Northville police informed us they welcome calls to report ANYTHING unusual in nature. Don't regret not making this call if something does not look right.

The mornings are still dark so watch out for early morning dog walkers and joggers as they may not be easy to see. For added security, consider leaving an outside light on overnight. It reduces the atmosphere for crime. If everyone participates, the illumination provided by all the additional lights will really make a difference.

Homeowners Annual Meeting

The 2014 annual meeting was held in the Northville Library on March 15, 2014. The meeting presentation has been posted on the Woodlands South website (www.thewoodlandssouth.com).

A Note from the President

I requested a small space in this year's newsletter, to commend and thank Cindy Harbin, who for close to a decade now, works selflessly on our subdivision's behalf. Cindy oversees and manages the many, many factors that demand attention in order to maintain and sustain our neighborhood. This takes a tremendous amount of her personal time and expertise. If you get a chance to thank her, please do so. Woodlands HOA would not be what it is today without her!

Cathy Webb