



Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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News for and about Members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

2015 BOARD ELECTION

Are you interested in keeping Sunflower a great place to live? Do you have a strong sense of community? If so, the Association needs you! Please consider a two year term of service on the Board. There are 5 director's positions available for the 2015 Board.

Call the Office today (453-2022) or submit a short biographical sketch to be published in the November Newsletter. The ballot will be in the November issue.

DEADLINE FOR DECLARING YOUR CANDIDACY IS 3:00 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th.

ROAD PETITION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who signed the road repair petition! Thank you to those who went door to door for signatures. We had a great turn out, with 1,253 signatures collected. The petition represents 769 homes (45.7%) in Sunflower. The petition was presented to Canton Township Officials. The Township is still working on a plan to select subdivisions and disperse the funds. We will present any new information to you as we receive it.

SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE

September 18-20
Thursday-Saturday
9:00 - ?



Pay your \$1 fee at the Hanford Clubhouse and pick up your yellow balloons. (the fee helps cover the cost of advertising).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Hanford Clubhouse - 7:00 PM

This is your opportunity to address the Board regarding any questions or concerns you have.

The 2015 budget will be presented
Meet the 2015 Board candidates

It is with much gratitude and appreciation that we say a fond farewell to our Association Manager of over 20 years. Joyce Temple is retiring as of September 30th. Thank you, Joyce for your years of loyal service to our Association.



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
or call for an appointment

453-2022

Office is located at the Hanford Clubhouse - 45800 Hanford Rd.



Have a safe Halloween!

BOARD MEETINGS 3rd Wednesdays 7:00 PM Hanford Clubhouse



September 17 October 15
November 19 December 10

(December's meeting is on the 2nd Wed due to the Holidays)

All Residents are welcome to attend

SOCIAL MEDIA DISCLAIMER

Sunflower Village Homes Association reminds all residents to obtain reliable information from credible sources, such as the Newsletter, the website or the Sunflower Office and never rely on social media sources, including Facebook, blogs and Twitter accounts. The Homeowners Association does not endorse, condone or support the use of social media as a communication tool for official information. Please call the Office for current info.

Welcome to Sunflower

Paul & Amy Haratyk
46400 Hanford

Chris & Veronica Zitterman
Lucas
7422 Admiralty Dr.



Box Tops for Education Coupons



The Association is working in conjunction with Cub Scout Pack 834 to collect Box Tops for Education Coupons. 100% of the money earned goes to Tonda Elementary School to help fund various student activities. Sunflower's Office (Hanford Clubhouse) has a collection box where you can drop off your coupons. It's an easy way to help your local school.

JUST MOVED IN?

Please fill out this coupon and return it to:
Sunflower Office
45800 Hanford Road
Canton, MI 48187

NAME _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

LOT # _____ PHONE # _____

Date we're moving in _____

Return this form by October 10th to be in the next issue.

**The Newsletter serves as legal notice,
please read all of it.**

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*October Winterization Special
\$30 up to 10 zones
additional zones \$2 each

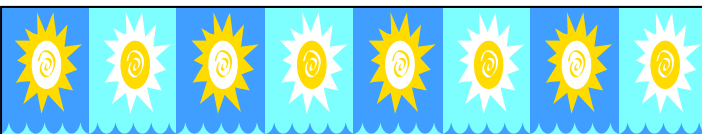
*After Oct 31st \$40 up to 10 zones
additional zones \$2 each

Group Rates
Available

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2014 ASSOCIATION BOARD

Ken Archibald, President	644-0426
Ron LeTourneau, Vice President	459-7407
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Jeff Barszcz, Assistant Treasurer	207-2326
Bob Burger	459-4351
Barbara Carson	451-0154
Beth Myers	248 249-9470
Bob Parker	454-5759
Bob Stewart	451-5516
Perri Waggoner	453-0136
Sunflower Office	453-2022
Sunflower Website	sunflowercanton.com



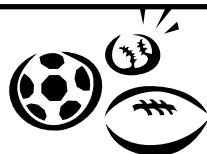
We had a great pool season! We had over 1000 homes use the pools this summer. The pool parties for the kids were a great time - 125 kids attended the 2 different aged parties. 105 kids took swim lessons from our Red Cross Certified lifeguards and we heard great reports of how much the kids had improved in their swimming ability. We're looking forward to another successful pool season in 2015.



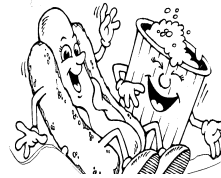
**STOP FOR BUSES
WHEN FLASHERS
ARE ON - IT'S
THE LAW**

Failing to stop could put a child's life in danger and it could cost you up to \$1,000 in fines and 3 points on your driver's license.

**NOTICE TO ALL
COACHES**



The Sunflower Commons are not available for organized sports teams. Please do not schedule your practices, scrimmages, and/or games on Sunflower Property. Please use your designated field for these events. Sunflower is not compensated for the upkeep of our Commons by any Sports Organization.



33rd ANNUAL PICNIC

What a great day it was - we had beautiful weather!

Thank you to Beth Myers, Picnic Coordinator, for her work behind the scenes and to the 50+ volunteers, the pool staff, the Sunflower office and maintenance staff, and the Boy Scouts for all of their help.

Thank you to the businesses that donated prizes:

- Canton Cinema 6
- Canton City Car Wash
- Canton Super Bowl
- Crow's Nest
- Family Video
- Fantastic Sam's
- Hickory Creek Golf Course
- Jimmy John's
- Kroger—Canton
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- Leo's Coney Island
- Mango's Fruit Market
- Mexican Fiesta Restaurant
- Palermo Pizzeria & Restaurant
- Pepperoni Express
- Showroom of Elegance
- TGI Friday's Restaurant
- Thai Bistro
- Westbrook Salon



Happy Birthday, Tonda Elementary!

Tonda Elementary will be celebrating its 20th birthday this year. There will be a small "birthday party" during the Fall Fest on October 24th and additional activities throughout the year. We would love for current and former students and families to share any special Tonda memories. These will be used in a display in the hall of the school. Please e-mail these to Becky Leiting at Rebecca.leiting@pccsk12.com. Type **Tonda Memories** in the subject line. If you do not want your name to be used, please include this in your e-mail.

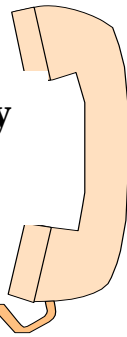


**SCHOOL'S IN SESSION
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

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Small Business Directory

If you need these services please
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Please include my business in the Small Business Directory
 Business Name: _____
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 _____ Mar/Apr _____ July/Aug _____ Nov/Dec

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 771-2313

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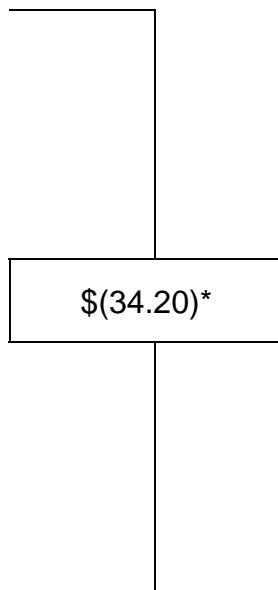
WHAT YOUR "DUES" DO FOR YOU

Where do my dues go?

Annual dues received per household in 2014 \$ 235

Annual expenses per household in 2014

Newsletter (nearly pays for itself with advertising)	0.12
Special events (picnic, egg hunt, garage sale)	2.91
Routine maintenance/supplies	15.83
Utilities	17.23
Snow Plowing	16.64
Insurance	13.67
Commons Areas Maintenance	29.11
SVHA Operations	74.12
Pools	53.76
Capital Reserve contribution	45.81
Total expenses per household	\$269.20



* Sunflower expenses exceed homeowner dues by \$34.20 per home. Income from clubhouse rentals, bank interest, late fees & misc. income help to offset this shortfall by \$23.35 a home. However, there will still be a \$10.85 shortfall this year.

DUES INCREASE NEEDED

Due to a \$10.85/home shortfall in the budget this year, an increase in minimum wage for 2015 (Due to Michigan's Opportunity Wage Act) and other unforeseen expenses it is evident that a dues increase will be necessary for 2015 just to maintain what we currently have. Without a dues increase in 2015, the Board will need to make cuts to the budget which will effect events and/or services. Your "Yes" vote is needed this November.

What is our Capital Reserve Account and Why do we need one?

The Capital Reserve Account is, in essence, the Association's savings account. Gordon Advisors, the Association's accountant, urged the Board to have a Capital Reserve Study done. The Board at the time recognized the need for proper reserve planning and setting aside money in anticipation of needed repairs and/or replacements. So the first study was done in 1992 and updates have been done every 3-4 years. The purpose of the Reserve Study is to establish a reasonable yearly reserve contribution necessary to meet future expenditures for major replacements or repairs of the common area elements (i.e. roofs, pools, walking paths, furnaces, painting, lighting, etc.). The Reserve Study looks at 54 common elements that will require repair or replacement during the next 20-30 years.

The ongoing reserve funding preserves the infrastructure and marketability of our community by putting aside funds to offset the anticipated expenditures that will come up in the next 10-30 years - either near term or long term. Periodic updates confirm that the recommended reserve contributions are appropriate or in need of modification due to changes in the property and/or marketplace. Adjustments to future reserve contributions may be necessary as a result of funding untimely or unexpected replacements from reserves. The Reserve Study takes into account that ongoing normal maintenance of common elements will be funded through the operating budget unless specifically identified in the Reserve Study.

What if the Association did not have the Capital Reserve Fund? The Board could choose one of the following options: (1) Secure a loan and incur interest costs (2) Charge a special assessment to each homeowner (3) Not make the necessary repairs and allow the property to fall into disrepair (4) Close a clubhouse and pool to save money for other repairs. None of these options are ideal. Maintaining the Reserve Fund is the best way to be able to make repairs in a timely manner and keep our property values high.

The next update of the Reserve Study will be done in 2015 and due to rising costs, the Board anticipates that additional funds will be required to be deposited to the Reserve Account. In order to keep our Clubhouses, pools and common areas maintained and safe, this account needs to be maintained as indicated in the Reserve Study.

YOUR "YES" VOTE THIS NOVEMBER TO A DUES INCREASE IS A VOTE TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD STRONG!



PLEASE remember that **stop signs are not garbage dumps**. Please deposit your trash in a receptacle meant for such a purpose.

BE KIND TO MOTHER EARTH!



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Sunflower Board & Staff work hard to ensure that the Clubhouses, pools and common areas are well maintained and are in-keeping with the surrounding neighborhood. To this end, various projects have been completed and others are being scheduled for the future. The following list itemizes what has been done over the past 5 years and what is planned for this fall.

COMPLETED PROJECTS		
HANFORD POOLS	COST	DATE
Pool Heater - replace 22 year old heater	\$9,620	4/14
Pool Fence - replace fence around the pool	\$18,000	10/13
Kiddy Pool - replace sand filter	\$1,219	7/14
Pool Cover - replace cover with mesh security cover	\$6,249	9/13
Pool solar heat system	\$24,102	5/12
Shower Rooms - replace cracked tile & regrout	\$3,600	4/12
Pool Deck - repair broken drain pipe	\$1,050	5/10
Pool Pump - replace pool pump	\$6,926	10/10
HANFORD CLUBHOUSE		
Interior Renovations - painted and replaced chairs in foyer	\$6,749	2/13
Furnace & AC units - replace 4 units	\$14,223	4/11
Back-up Generator - for emergency power outages	\$5,531	3/11
Fence for utility area - replace fence	\$1,712	5/11
Hot water heater - repair heater for better circulation of hot water	\$1,392	10/10
Flooring in basement - replace flooring in hallways & storage areas	\$2,850	12/10
GAINSBOROUGH POOL		
Pool Pump - replace 38 year old pump	\$8,085	5/13
Pool Cover - replace cover with mesh security cover	\$6,249	9/13
Remaracite Pool - resurface pool, replace tile & coping stones; caulk pool edge	\$22,365	5/12
Pool deck drain - add new drain & replace broken concrete slabs	\$2,550	5/12
GAINSBOROUGH CLUBHOUSE		
Back-up Generator - for emergency power outages	\$5,031	3/11
Fence for utility area - replace fence	\$985	4/11
Dehumidifier - for control of mildew/mold in basement	\$4,274	8/11
Roof - replace roof	\$12,688	3/10
Tennis Court - paint & stripe court (finished work started in Fall 2009)	\$6,147	6/10
COMMONS AREAS		
Benches - removed broken benches & reset benches that had heaved	\$4,100	9/12
Bike racks - put in concrete pads	\$5,220	11/10
Catch Basin & drain - added new catch basin & drains behind Hanford pool deck	\$6,160	11/10
PROPOSED PROJECTS		
Hanford Parking Lot & Walking path - repair drains & walkways, crack-fill and restripe parking lot	\$22,750	Fall/14
Hanford Windows - replace windows on front of Clubhouse	\$6,631	Fall/14
Hanford Pool Sand Filters - replace main pool filters	\$4,995	Fall/14

The total for the above projects is \$221,454 for the years 2010-2014. **MOST OF THESE PROJECTS WERE FUNDED FROM OUR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.** In addition to these expenditures we have a yearly operating budget of \$446,000, of which approximately 17% is deposited to the Capital Reserve Fund for future repairs and replacements. The Board is continually looking for ways to save money and to keep expenses as low as possible. To achieve a balanced budget for 2015 the Board will be making some necessary cuts. Funding for the ongoing operating expenses and the proposed projects mandate a dues increase for 2015. The Board is committed to keep Sunflower Village Homes financially sound and capable of meeting the needs of the community. **Your "YES" vote for a dues increase this November will enable the Association to achieve this commitment.**

HOW DOES SUNFLOWER COMPARE WITH OTHER SUBS?

Subdivision	Dues per year	# of Homes	Snow Removal	Common Areas	Fertilizing	Entrance Signs	Activities	Clubhouse	Pool	Recreational Equipment
Sunflower	\$235	1683	YES	70 acres Walking path	YES	NO	Picnic Egg Hunt Kid's Pool Parties 2 Garage Sales Swim Lessons Christmas Light Contest Playgroup Craft Club Book Club Bike Parade	2 available to rent for residents use (rented 84 times in 2013)	2 pools with Life-guards 1 Kiddy Pool	2 Tennis Courts 1 Basketball Court
Cobblestone Ridge	\$300	153	YES	~15 acres	YES	YES	Egg Hunt Garage Sale Ice Cream Social Movie Night	NO	NO	Playscape
Glengarry Village (section 2)	\$250	84	YES	~10 acres	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Fairways West	\$450	307	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Central Park 2	\$545	288	YES	YES	YES	YES	??	NO	YES	Tennis Court

SUNFLOWER EVENTS TO NOTE

September 18-20 (Thurs-Sat)

Fall Garage Sale
9:00 AM-?? - Cost - \$1

September 17 - Wednesday

Association Board Meeting
7:00 PM Hanford Clubhouse

October 15 - Wednesday

Association Board Meeting
7:00 PM Hanford Clubhouse

November 1-18

2015 Board Election & Dues Vote

November 19 - Wednesday

General Meeting
7:00 PM Hanford Clubhouse

December 10 - Wednesday (2nd week due to Holidays)

Association Board Meeting
7:00 PM Hanford Clubhouse



2014 DUES UPDATE
98.5% Paid

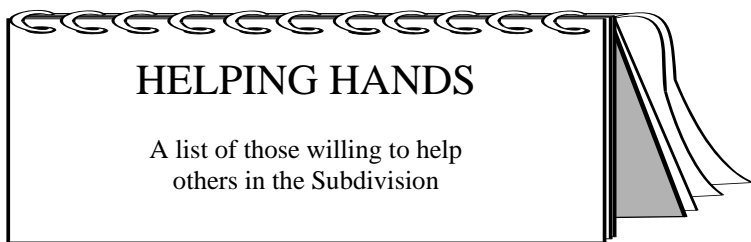
If you have not paid your dues yet,
call the Office (453-2022).

**2015 DUES NOTICES WILL BE MAILED
THE 2ND WEEK OF DECEMBER**



TREE PLANTING IN COMMONS

**SUNFLOWER BOARD APPROVAL
IS REQUIRED BEFORE PLANTING ANY
TREES IN THE SUNFLOWER COMMONS.**



HELPING HANDS

A list of those willing to help others in the Subdivision

The names remain on this list for one year.

For changes or additions throughout the year, call the Office (453-2022). If you contact someone on this list who are no longer providing the service, please let the office know.



Babysitters (Year listed is year of their birth):



Dog walking:

Contact the Sunflower Office for a list of those who are available for Helping Hands Service.



Pet sitting:



Lawn Work:

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

(Your name will remain on the list for one year. If you want to renew your ad, or sign up for a new ad, return this registration form)

NAME _____

YEAR OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____

CATEGORY (circle all that you want to be listed under)

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Babysitting | Dog Walking | Pet Sitting |
| Adult Babysitter | Lawn Work | Snow Shoveling |
| | Senior's Assistant | |

CLASSES TAKEN (for Babysitters) _____

Deadline for Nov/Dec issue is October 10, 2014

Please support our advertisers. They make this newsletter possible.

Rates for ads (per issue):
 Business Card . . . \$42.00
 1/4 Page \$70.00
 1/2 Page \$140.00

Dogs at Large

Sunflower Village reminds residents that it is unlawful for unleashed animals to be in any place open to the public (Commons Areas). In addition, leashed animals in a public place need to be under reasonable control of their owner/handler at all times (keep dogs on retractable leashes close at hand).



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September 26 - October 17 - November 21
Bring your own snacks & drinks
Contact Dawn Montagano (354-6547) for more details.



Mondays
1-3 PM
(Hanford Clubhouse)

Book Club will meet again starting in September

Fall Meeting Dates - 9/22, 10/27 & 12/1

Contact Pat Greene (455-2569) for more information

TEMPTING DELICACIES


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Sunflower Book Club Takes a Field Trip

Four members of the Sunflower Book Club discovered a little gem of a small town on July 12, 2014. CiCi Tricoli, Carol Spencer, Regina Adams and Pat Greene headed west on I-94 to the charming town of Marshall (MI) to attend the Marshall Garden Club Annual Garden Walk. We were treated to visits to six different and beautiful gardens in and around Marshall. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed visiting with the garden owners and seeing what time and work can accomplish in any garden setting. We enjoyed lunch at one of the downtown Marshall cafes, vowing to come back and explore the shops and antique stores, and meet more of the friendly folks who live in Marshall. It was a great day!



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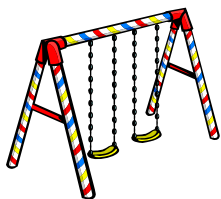


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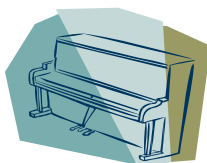
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The Sunflower Board

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The Association rents the Clubhouses to residents for special events and parties. We do not rent to non-residents. If you, as a Sunflower resident, rent the Clubhouse for a friend who is not a resident, you bear all responsibility for the care and cleaning of the Clubhouse. The rental contract clearly states that you will be attending the event and will be acting as host or hostess. Please use caution if you decide to rent for someone else.



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