



Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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News for and about Members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

2015 DUES ARE NOW DUE

(Last reminder before 3/1 deadline)

2015 dues are payable from January 1st to March 1st without penalty. Payments can be mailed to the office or delivered in person to the Hanford or Gainsborough drop boxes. Dues must be in the drop boxes at the clubhouse by midnight March 1st or be postmarked no later than March 1st. Late fees will be charged as of March 2nd (see chart on page 2).

If you are experiencing a financial hardship and you will not be able to pay your dues in full by March 1st, please contact the office to set up a payment plan. We have plans for 2 to 5 payments with the first payment due March 1st and subsequent payments due on the 1st of each month (If you will want to use the pool on opening day your dues must be paid in full by Tuesday, May 19, 2015). A \$3 service fee is included in each payment. A \$35 late fee will be applied each time a payment is 30 days in arrears. We have numerous residents who use a payment plan each year and that information is kept confidential. Please take advantage of our payment plan option if you need to.

NOTE: Making a partial payment will be considered as a payment plan and service fees will be assessed at \$3/payment.

Dues notices were mailed to every homeowner of record on December 4th. If you did not receive a notice please call the office and request a copy. Every homeowner receives one notice in December and then the January/February Newsletter as reminders. Please return the 2015 registration form with your dues payment even if there are no changes in the information stated. This helps us to keep our records up-to-date.

A lien may be placed on your property if you fail to pay your dues or if you default on your payment plan. The homeowner will be responsible for all legal fees incurred if a lien is filed. If your dues (including all other fees owed) are not paid in full, you will not be able to use the pools or clubhouses until the entire balance has been paid. Thank you for your timely payments!



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.



9th Annual Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar
Saturday - March 28th
1 PM - Hanford Commons
Preschool thru 5th grade
FREE!!!

Hunt will be held rain or shine so
please dress appropriately

VOLUNTEERS needed prior to
the event to stuff eggs with
candy and toys.
Call 453-2022 to help!!!



MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

January 21
March 18

February 18
April 15

**ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
THE HANFORD CLUBHOUSE**

All Are Invited to Attend

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

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REFLECT ENDORSEMENT BY THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OR THE
ASSOCIATION.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE
By Ken Archibald, 2014 President

Sunflower Village continues to be a safe neighborhood and a great place to raise kids. A walk around our subdivision finds most homes and yards in good repair. Our commons areas are clean cut and free of weeds. Our homes and commons areas reflect the values of the homeowners we want to share the subdivision with. Subdivision dues were held constant for the past four years. The hardships of the economic meltdown drove the board to cut expenses. We entered 2014 on the wings of a polar vortex that did not let up until April. This increased cost of snow removal and minimum wage increase for pool staff led us to recommending an increase of dues.

Some notable changes to our subdivision are:

- Joyce Temple, Association Manager of 20 years, resigned in September. Amy Markos was hired as the new Manager in the spring, and received the benefit of Joyce's knowledge through the summer. Dorothy Pape, also with 20 years of experience, continues as Office Assistant helping us through the transition.
- Rich Downing is our General Maintenance Manager. Rich is often seen performing first echelon maintenance to the pools and clubhouses.
- We have enjoyed a full Board of 11 members in 2014. Each Board Member's unique view is appreciated in making the best decisions for our Homeowners. Three members are retiring (including myself) so if you are inclined to participate, attend the January meeting.

Challenges and accomplishments of 2014:

- The Hanford pool heater, filters, and fence were replaced at a total cost of just over \$22,000.00.
- Dead trees continue to be taken down and live trees are being trimmed in the commons as the budget allows.
- The Sunflower website is incurring a major upgrade. We plan to have it up and responsive in the first quarter of 2015.

I personally am retiring from work to spend more winter time in Florida. I will retire from the Board in December when we vote in a replacement. My thanks to the Board whose members volunteer their time and are devoted to the Homeowners. The office and pool staff continue to make our subdivision a great place to live.

Association Dues

The 2015 dues are \$270/home (bills were mailed in early-December). Dues are payable from January 1st—March 1st without a penalty. If dues are paid after March 1st the following late fees will accrue:

	2014 Dues	Total Late Fee	Total Due
Paid by 3/1	\$270		\$270
Paid 3/2-3/31	\$270	\$35	\$305
Paid 4/1-4/30	\$270	\$70	\$340
Paid after 4/30	\$270	\$105	\$375

Please pay your dues on time to avoid additional charges.

After 4/30 Interest may also be charged at 6% per year.

If the Association has to file a lien against your property for non-payment of dues, you will be responsible for all legal fees incurred. You could end up owing nearly 4 times the original \$270 dues amount. Please pay on time!

2015 Dues Vote & Election Results

377 voted to increase dues to \$270
177 voted to maintain dues at \$235



Thank you for taking the time to vote

The following people ran unopposed for the Board and were thus elected:

Barbara Carson, Khalil Kandah, Ron LeTourneau

2015 starts with two open positions on the Board. Please call the Office or attend a Board Meeting for more information about joining the Sunflower Board of Directors.

Thank you to all the
Board Members who serve - many have
served numerous terms.

Street lights out, Call DTE Energy at 1-800-477-4747

Special Announcement

Sunflower Village Homes Association is pleased to introduce a
BRAND NEW LOOK to our website
www.sunflowercanton.com
AND
its **NEW LOGO !!!!!**



We are proud to announce the launch of the **all-new** Sunflower Village Homes Association website and introduction of a new Sunflower Village logo. We've revised the website to better service our residents. Information is organized in a user-friendly format and the design reflects our diverse and wonderful community. Check the website often as we'll update it with the latest news and community happenings. You will also find legal information, the latest on our Sunflower clubs, details on renting the clubhouses, pool hours and rules, interesting photos, and plenty of additional information.

Also, new is a confidential e-mail database that we are developing. The office will use these e-mail addresses to share vital information with our residents. To be included, please visit the new website, fill out the e-mail database form and click to submit. It's that easy. We'll do the rest.

A special thank you to ajac Web Design for its assistance in creating our new website and logo. We also want to thank the members of the Sunflower Communications Committee who gave their time and talent to make this come together for our community, and all the residents who offered their time and talent on the old website.

We couldn't have done it without you!

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Think Safe

If you notice anything suspicious or any type of vandalism in the neighborhood - please contact the Canton Township Police at 734-394-5400. Please don't assume someone else is making the call. Let's keep the neighborhood safe - report any concerns or issues to the Police Department. It is also helpful to notify the Sunflower Office at 734-453-2022. Thank you.

SNOW - Help the Association & and your neighbors with Snow Removal by following a few simple suggestions:

- Parked cars prohibit the plow from being able to plow curb to curb. **Please move your car out of the street if a snow storm is predicted.**
- Shoveling or blowing the snow from your driveway back into the street creates ruts as it freezes & thaws making the road more hazardous. Also, you can be fined for putting the snow back in the street. **Please do not put snow back into the street. Putting snow back into the street prevents our snow removal company from plowing effectively!!**
- Plowing is done if the snowfall is 2" or greater
- Salting the streets is **NOT** part of our contract. We salt select intersections each time the streets are plowed and we will salt the sub if the forecast calls for the temperature to be below 20° overnight. (Wayne County spreads sand on icy roads when they deem it necessary).
- For a "normal" snowfall (2-4") plowing will not begin until the majority of the storm is over and the snow plow company then has 24 hours to complete the plowing. For a large snowfall (over 6") plowing will take place throughout the storm to try to keep up with the snow. The plow company will need additional time to clear the snow (48-60 hours). **Please be patient!**

- Driving too fast for the road conditions is the cause of many of the winter accidents. Please slow down!
- Tree branches that overhang the street create a problem for the plow and they are not able to get close to the curb. The plow will go around the area and leave it unplowed if there isn't clearance.
- The plow tries to get as close as they can to the curb but staking your property will let them know where the curb is, especially if you live on a curve or a cul-de-sac.
- When the plow comes through there will be snow plowed back into your driveway or piled up at the end of your driveway. It happens to all of us - we all have to shovel back out. If you are unable to do so, please consider calling one of our snow removal "helping hands" to help you.
- **Group Mailbox Members, it is your responsibility to clear out your group mailbox and keep it free from ice.** Maybe those who share the box could take turns with that responsibility so everyone can get their mail in a timely manner. **If the area around the box is not safe for the mail carrier, he/she will not leave the mail.**

Help us to have a smooth running snow removal season by following the tips mentioned above. A little cooperation goes a long way. And please be patient! It takes time to plow the entire sub.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sunflower Village Homes is looking for qualified people for the following positions:

LIFEGUARDS - Red Cross certified lifeguards. Must be 16 or older. Full and part time positions available from early May to Labor Day. Pick up an application at the Sunflower Office.

POOL MAINTENANCE - Early mornings, 2-4 hours daily, vacuum pool, routine maintenance, adding chemicals to pool. Does require some physical labor. Positions available from early May to Labor Day. Pick up an application at the Sunflower Office.

Intergovernmental Road Initiative Update

Wayne County gave Canton Township \$1.5 million for subdivision road repair. Canton Township announced subdivisions may apply to submit one road repair project \$50K-\$200K per subdivision at a 80% Township to 20% HOA match. In January there will be a lottery to determine which subdivisions are selected for the road repair projects. At that time, we will let you know if Sunflower was selected in the lottery.

**New
homeowners
in 2014**

If you bought your home in 2014 you may not have received a 2015 dues notice. We depend on the Title Companies to notify us of a change of ownership. If that does not happen, then we don't know that a property changed hands and we more than likely mailed the dues notice to the previous owner. Please call the Sunflower Office today so we can correct our records (453-2022).



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Sunflower Office 453-2022
Sunflower Website sunflowercanton.com

****Homeowners please advise Realtors/Title Companies to contact the Sunflower Office for closing information. Please do not contact Board Members regarding this type of request. Thank you.**

NOTE : Homeowners' Association dues are not tax deductible because they are imposed by the Homeowners' Association, rather than the state or local government. (from IRS Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax)

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE

Although Sunflower Village Homes Neighborhood Facebook page has members who are members of Sunflower Village Homes Association or tenants within the Sunflower Village Homes subdivision and may have Sunflower Village Homes Association employees associated or engaged in its activities and affairs, the Sunflower Village Homes Neighborhood Facebook page is not a part of or an agency of the Sunflower Village Homes Association. It is a separate and independent organization, which is responsible for and manages its own activities and affairs. The Sunflower Village Homes Association does not direct, supervise or control the Sunflower Village Homes Neighborhood Facebook page and is not responsible for the Sunflower Village Homes Neighborhood Facebook page's contracts, acts, omissions, events or activities.

The use of the Sunflower Village Homes Neighborhood Facebook page is provided solely for the use of current and future residents of Sunflower Village Homes. Sunflower Village Homes Neighborhood makes no representation about the suitability of the information, events and/or activities found on this page. 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 Sunflower Office for current information.

Welcome to Sunflower

Jason & Dolly Cassar
Mario, Leila, Mateo
47023 Glenhurst Dr.

Dan Moen & Delores Klomprens
47247 Bartlett Dr.

Dennis & Viviane Wiedbusch
Timothy & Benjamin
45716 Morningside Ct.



JUST MOVED IN?

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

NAME _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

LOT # _____ PHONE # _____

Date we're moving in _____

To be included in our next issue, please return this form by February 10th.

If you notice anything in the Commons Areas that needs attention - please contact the Sunflower Office (453-2022) as soon as possible to report the issue.

Thank you for the help.



GARAGE SALE MAY 14-16 9:00 AM - ?

The Association will put up signs and run the ad in the Observer Newspaper. To participate stop by the Office during open hours to register, pay the \$1 registration fee and pick up your balloons.

What a Bargain!

**Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday - 9 AM to 3 PM
Wednesday - 5-7 PM**



ATTENTION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Egg Hunt, March 28th - We need lots of help filling the eggs beforehand and also for the day of the event.

Newsletter Delivery, Subs needed occasionally

These events can't happen without your help. Call the Sunflower Office (453-2022) if interested.

HELPING HANDS

A list of those willing to help
others in the Subdivision

We try to keep this list as current as possible.
For changes or additions throughout the year, call the
Office (453-2022). If you contact someone on this list
who is no longer providing the service, please let the
office know.



Babysitters (Year listed is year of their birth):



Dog walking:

Pet sitting:



Snow Shoveling



Sunflower Clubs - Hanford Clubhouse

Craft Club - Fridays - 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24 and other
dates TBD (6 pm-12 am) Contact Dawn Montagano
(354-6547)

Book Club - Mondays (1-3 pm) - 1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27
& 5/18. Contact Pat Greene (455-2569)

Sunflower Playgroup

A fun place to meet new friends! Great way to meet
others parents in the neighborhood too. The Sunflower
playgroup is meeting on Friday's 10am-12pm at
different member's homes. Please contact Kayla at
734-751-2643 if interested in joining.

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www.sunflowercanton.com

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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

CLASSES TAKEN (for Babysitters)

Deadline for Mar/Apr issue is Feb 10, 2015

Small Business Directory

If you need these services please
call one of our residents



BUSINESS NAME

AMI Services - Repairing leather, cloth & vinyl
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Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors
Creations By Danielle - cakes for all occasions
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Life, Business and Retreat Coach
Mary Kay
Nutrilite & XS Energy & Sports Nutrition
Pampered Chef
Pet Nanny, Inc.
Pond's Painting
Scentsy - Wickless Candles
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If you run a business out of your home and would like to be included in the Small Business Directory, please fill in and mail the coupon above along with your payment to the Hanford Office. The cost is \$2.00 per issue or \$10.00 per year (pay for 5 issues and get 6th free).

Please include my business in the Small Business Directory

Business Name: _____

Resident's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Lot # _____

Check which issues:

_____ Jan/Feb _____ May/June _____ Sept/Oct

_____ Mar/Apr _____ July/Aug _____ Nov/Dec

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RESIDENT

PHONE

Dave Farmer	313 304-0700
Catherine Cogo	454-6506
Sahar Qaqish	223-1575
Danielle Thibodeau	459-1391
Perri Waggoner	453-0136
Ronda Violi	259-8157
Joan Trainor	812-9690
Lori Levi	323-0886
Michelle Jasewicz	459-2809
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Thank you! Thank you to all the volunteers that deliver the Sunflower Newsletter!

It is greatly appreciated and without your help, it couldn't be done.



If you're interested in volunteering call the Sunflower Office or check the box on your Registration form. Delivery is 6 times per year and takes approximately 30-45 minutes.



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Christmas Decorating Contest

Sunflower was glowing with holiday spirit!

1st Place (North of Warren)

Stewart Family - 46160 Gainsborough Dr.

1st Place (South of Warren)

LaBoda Family - 6466 Marshall Rd.

2nd Place (North of Warren)

Barkoot Family - 7475 Embassy Dr.

2nd Place (South of Warren)

Foess Family - 45643 Morningside Dr.

Honorable Mention

Manor Family - 45908 Bartlett Dr..

Jucha Family - 7669 Burgundy St.

Thanks for sharing the Holiday Spirit
with all of us!



Love, Cheer & Happy New Year 2015!

More than Just a New Years Resolution... It's a promise this holiday season, to help you find the home of your dreams!

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