



Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

734-453-2022

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

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Masks are required.

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

News for and about Members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

Subdivision Updates

It's been a challenging year for everyone but we want to take a minute to commend the Board of Directors for continuing to manage the subdivision business. Even when it was not possible to conduct in-person meetings, the Board still found ways to support the association and keep us on a forward path. Hanford swimming pool was able to open, some roads were repaired, new sneeze guards were purchased for the safety of office and pool staff, the tennis court and basketball court were resurfaced, and three new pickleball courts were added for the enjoyment of residents.

There's still much to be done, and the forced shutdown of contractors during COVID has delayed many scheduled spring maintenance projects, forcing them to be completed this fall, or even next year. What's in the works? The Gainsborough pool is old and has outlived its life expectancy by several years. While Wayne County would not permit us to open the pool this year, there is still major maintenance that needs to be completed. Both sand filters have begun to leak and need to be replaced, a blockage in the drain is causing difficulties with the backflow, and a rear access gate needs to be added to the fencing. Major renovation work is required to the substructure in the shower rooms as well. Hanford pool is in need of new tiling and coping stones, and cement work must be completed on both pool decks. Bids have been accepted for each of these projects, but contractors are well behind in their scheduled work. And don't forget about our commons - the Board is looking to replace some trees that were diseased or dying.

The Board has always extended the courtesy of open meetings to the residents of Sunflower. Not every HOA Board shares in this approach, and many associations hold closed meetings if any meetings at all. Our Bylaws only require one General Meeting per year. But this year, due to COVID-19 and government regulations, the Board was forced to conduct meetings via teleconference and open meetings were not possible. Meeting minutes continue to be available to all residents by contacting the office and now, will now be posted on the website starting in September.

The challenges this year have been plenty. And we understand that Facebook groups are a quick, easy and fun way to converse and gather information, but please be careful when listening to information that has not been verified. If you elect to rely on Facebook groups and other residents for information, please be sure to confirm information with our official communications page at Sunflower Village Events & Information, or with the office staff. We know each resident has personally experienced the hurt and damage caused by rumors and bullying. And we all know how much time and effort it takes to correct one of these stories, and set the record straight. Rumors, idle gossip and innuendos can be harmful to the community as a whole. When it comes the budget, rumors or conflicting/confusing information, **PLEASE** call or e-mail the office to clarify the information, and never share an unconfirmed report you've heard. Together we can keep Sunflower a great place to live.

Bylaw Amendment Ballot Results

Recently, a vote was taken that would limit the number of homeowners serving on the board to only one resident per home. Approximately 30% of eligible homeowners submitted ballots, with 476 ballots being cast. There were 351 votes cast in approval and 125 votes cast in opposition. The proposal has passed with a 73.7% approval. A copy of the revised Bylaws is included with this newsletter. Members of the Board of Directors, both current and future, will agree to follow the Code of Conduct, which is incorporated by reference into these amended Bylaws. Please read the Bylaws and refer to them whenever you have questions.

2021 Board of Directors

There will be five two-year director's positions up for election for the 2021 Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for the Board, please submit a short biographical paragraph to the Office. Your submission will be printed in the November newsletter. The submission should be one paragraph and include why you would like to serve on the Board as well as a summary about yourself.

Plan to join us for a productive year as we plan events and projects for the Association.

Please submit your paragraph and declare your candidacy by 3 p.m. October 6 to be placed on the ballot. If submitted after the deadline, appointment to the Board will be considered at the January Board meeting if there still are openings.

The Association would like to have a full Board of Directors. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the neighborhood. Giving a little time goes a long way in enhancing our community.

Imagine your ad here

Advertising in the Sunflower News makes good business sense. The Office regularly receives calls asking for people who do a variety of services and we always refer our advertisers first.

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An Invitation to Join the Sunflower Board of Directors

Why should I join the Board of Directors? The main purpose of the Board is to maintain and enhance the shared properties of the association members, protect the shared facilities, provide opportunities to safely use these facilities and promote the interests of the residents.

The Sunflower Board consists of 11 individual homeowners with various backgrounds, all of whom share a love and vested interest in our beautiful subdivision and community. Each member serves a two-year term and is required to attend monthly meetings.

Board members bring unique perspectives and talents to contribute. That diversity makes us a stronger, unified group of individuals best able to represent our residents. Some board members also chair committees that address road issues, snow removal, social activities, communications and our common grounds. Others are more comfortable just offering their support in the monthly meetings. Both types of members are welcome.

The common bond among members is strong commitment and desire to maintain our subdivision, follow our Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Covenants and Restrictions and the Code of Conduct; and keep Sunflower a desirable place to live.

To become a board member you don't need a college degree, any special skills or prior board experience. You do need to be a homeowner who is in good standing, have an interest in making our neighborhoods more enjoyable and concern for all your fellow residents.

If you've ever thought about running for a position on the Sunflower Board, now is the time to give it some serious consideration.

For more information or questions, contact the Sunflower office at 734-453-2022.

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Canton, MI 48187

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Trunk-or-Treat IS BACK!!
Saturday, October 17 - 3:00 p.m.

Mark those calendars - Trunk-or-Treat is back! It's going to be a little different this year, but hey - what isn't in a COVID year?

This year, we're referring to this as a Backwards Treat-in-the Trunk. Here's how it will work:

There will be a Sign-Up Genius page posted on the Sunflower Village Events & Information Facebook page where those residents who wish to decorate their cars and distribute goodies may sign up.

Then on Saturday afternoon, children, who may be dressed in costume, will arrive safely tucked inside their parent's cars. They will remain in their cars, and parents will drive through the parking lot with their trunks/hatches open. Those who are distributing the candy will place it in the trunks of the passing cars, thus avoiding any contact. All treats must be wrapped, and all little ghosts, goblins, princes and princesses must remain inside their vehicles.

The Canton Police will be on hand to assist us with the traffic flow. Vehicles will enter the Hanford parking lot via the east entrance, drive slowly through the decorated cars, and exit via the west entrance. During this event, you only will be permitted to turn right into the Hanford parking lot and only turn right when exiting the parking lot. There will be no left turns from or onto Hanford Road.

We're more than excited we are able to hold this event, even if it is a little different.

Please note - the Canton Police are asking that NO TREATS be tossed to children from moving vehicles. The risk of a child being seriously injured is too great.

Storm drain reminder

As a reminder, the storm drains in homeowners' backyards need to be maintained by the homeowner/surrounding homeowners who benefit from that drain.

Homeowners have often shared in the cost of any necessary repairs. Tree roots and other debris can cause issues and blockages with drainage. Periodic maintenance checks on the drains are recommended. A local plumber can do these maintenance checks. With the aging trees in the neighborhood, it is a good idea to be sure the drains are free of roots before problems occur. It is also highly recommended that no plantings are put in the easement or near the storm drain/line. Trees may need to be removed if their roots are a recurring problem to the storm drain



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- ✿ References available!
- ✿ Bonded & insured

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✿ Jen Maddock (734) 819-3866

FALL CLEAN-UP

The autumn leaves soon will be falling, and we want to take this time to remind homeowners that Canton Township does not provide bulk leaf pickup from the street. Leaves and lawn waste should be placed in properly marked receptacles and placed curbside on your appropriate trash day. The burning of leaves and lawn waste is not permitted inside Sunflower.

Please keep leaves and lawn waste away from the streets and storm drains. This will keep our streets from flooding and prevent waste from flowing into the Rouge River.



We need a few volunteers to help deliver the Sunflower Newsletter 6 times per year. It only takes about 30 to 45 minutes per issue!

Please call the office 734-453-2022.

**Thank you to the numerous residents who
already volunteer!**

POOL NEWS

We started out the season not knowing whether there even would even be a season, but by July we were able to open the Hanford Pool and enjoy a brief yet active swimming season.

We are extremely proud of our lifeguards and pool staff for all of their hard work and dedication this summer. The pool can be a dangerous place, and our staff did an excellent job in following safety protocol and COVID requirements, ensuring everyone had a safe and enjoyable pool experience. We all know accidents can happen within seconds, but with sharp supervision, those accidents can be avoided.

This was a summer unlike any other summer, and new rules and regulations had to be followed. But everyone, from the lifeguards, to the pool staff, to each family who enjoyed the pool did an outstanding job of following the rules. Everyone was amazing in wearing masks, following appropriate social distancing requirements, and understanding the new registration process that was implemented. We appreciate everyone's willingness to cooperate with our staff.

We will start the hiring process for next year's lifeguards and pool staff in January. If you know of anyone who is interested, contact the office over the winter.



KEEPING SUNFLOWER SAFE

Sunflower has a reputation for being a great place for children and families to live and enjoy the community.

WHAT CAN RESIDENTS DO TO KEEP PROBLEMS AT BAY?

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CLOSE AT 9 PM

PLEASE NO LOITERING IN PARKS OR PARKING

LOTS. Enjoy our parks, walk your dogs (cleaning up after them of course!), run or ride your bike with your friends and family. However, the police will be looking for individuals or groups of people who are just "hanging out" and ticket them for loitering.

The Board is always concerned about reports of suspicious activity at the clubhouses. **PLEASE CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT (734) 394-5400.** If you see suspicious activity, get as much detail as you can get while maintaining your own safety. A license plate or a good description of the car and people in question is always beneficial. Additionally, please call the Sunflower Office so that we are aware of any activity and can take the appropriate action.

Clubhouse Rentals and Covid-19

As part of our ethical obligation to the health and safety of our community, Sunflower Village Homes Association is following Governor Whitmer's executive orders. At this time, gatherings are not permitted at the clubhouses.

As restrictions are lifted, we will be addressing how to safely reopen the clubhouses. Residents are welcome to call to place a hold on the clubhouse in anticipation that restrictions will be eased, and their event still can take place. However, sadly, at this time, we are prohibited from permitting gatherings inside the clubhouses.

SLOW DOWN PLEASE

Please be mindful of your speeds in our neighborhoods.
25 miles per hour is the speed limit.

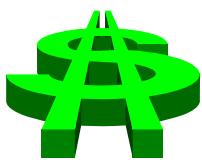


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DUES – PAY A SMALL AMOUNT NOW OR A LARGE AMOUNT LATER



Thank you to all the residents who have paid their dues on time! 2020 Dues were due March 1st.

The board voted that, due to the impact of COVID-19 and as a one-time exception, additional late fees would not be assessed as long as payment was received in full by June 1. The current dues balance is \$375. Dues can be mailed to the office or placed in the drop box at the Hanford or Gainsborough clubhouse, or in person during normal business hours.

When a delinquency goes into its second year, the Association files a lien on the subject property. If the liens are not paid, the Association will file a foreclosure lawsuit or a money judgment. Any of these actions will cost the homeowner a significant amount of money.

The Association still offers **payment plans** to homeowners who request one. **Please call the office immediately** - all details are kept confidential.

Use of the pools and rental of the clubhouses are suspended until all dues and charges are paid in full.

If you are a homeowner who has paid his/her dues or are participating in a payment plan, we appreciate your efforts and we are doing everything we can to hold all homeowners to the same accountability.

If you are an owner who is delinquent on your dues, we highly recommend that you contact the Association and establish a payment plan for past dues and late fees. If the Association is forced to file a lien and foreclosure or a money judgment, the Association Board is committed to pursuing not only payment of dues and late fees, but also reimbursement of any and all associated legal fees.

Sunflower Office 734-453-2022

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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.*



GOOD NEIGHBOR TIP

Please do not park your car so that it blocks a neighbor's mailbox. Your neighbors won't get mail if the mailbox is blocked.

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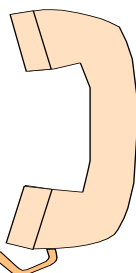


Please note - no structures, sheds, swing sets, trampolines, pools, etc. are to remain on Sunflower commons property.

Please remove and restore commons to original condition.

Small Business Directory

If you need these services please
call one of our residents



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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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 five issues and get sixth free).

BASKETBALL COURT TENNIS COURT PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Gainsborough and
Hanford Courts

Please follow these simple rules:

- * The courts operate on a first come first serve basis with no reserving of the courts. Drop in rules will apply to the pickleball courts.
- * Limit your time to one hour if someone else is waiting to use the court
- * The courts should NOT be used for bike riding or rollerblading as the surfaces are of a special composition and any other use besides basketball, tennis or pickleball damages the court.

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ON THE PATHWAYS**

HELPING HANDS

A list of people willing to help

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.

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With that in mind, the Canton Township engineers walked the subdivision and selected 28 panels that were in urgent need of repair. The Board and Canton Township are aware of areas that still require repair work; however, at this time, the funding is not available for every project that needs to be addressed. The Board hopes this program will be available again in 2022 and plans to take advantage of this opportunity to get more of our road issues addressed.

Community Mailboxes

If you lose your mailbox key or have any issue with the community mailboxes - please contact the Canton Post Office for a replacement key or help with your issue.

Office Staff

Our general manager, Laura Fowler, has resigned in order to pursue other opportunities. The Board is pleased to announce it unanimously voted to hire Beth Myers as our new general manager.

Beth will be training with long-time employee Dorothy Pape, who will fill the position on an interim basis until Beth is ready to take the reins.

Please join us in wishing Laura well in her future endeavors, congratulating Beth on her new position, and thanking Dorothy for her outstanding long-term service to our community.

Board Meeting Minutes

It's even easier than ever to see what happens at the Board meetings. You've always been able to see the minutes by contacting the office, but now you can view board minutes on the Sunflower website at www.sunflowercanton.com.

Starting with the August 2020 meeting, Board minutes will be posted on the website. Minutes must be approved by the board at the next month's meeting before being accessible but should be posted within a few days following the board meeting.

Expect to see the August minutes posted on our website following the September board meeting.

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