



# 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.

The newsletter serves as  
legal notice.  
Please read all of it.

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BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OR THE ASSOCIATION.

## News for and about members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

### 2021 ASSOCIATION DUES ARE NOW DUE \$270

(Last reminder before 3/1 deadline)

2021 annual dues (\$270) have remained the same as 2020, and are payable from January 1 to March 1 without penalty. Payments can be mailed to the office or delivered in person to the Hanford Clubhouse drop box. We ask you return the original yellow registration form with your dues payment and make checks payable to **Sunflower Village Homes**. Dues must be in the drop box at the clubhouse by midnight March 1 or be postmarked no later than March 1. **Late fees will be charged as of March 2** (see chart on Page 2). There are 15 lots out of 1,683 that still owe money for the 2020 dues.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and you cannot pay your dues in full by March 1, please contact the office to set up a payment plan. We have plans for 2 to 5 payments with the first payment due March 1 and subsequent payments due on the first of each month. (If you will want to use the pool on opening day your dues must be paid in full by Tuesday, May 25, 2021.) 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.

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

Dues invoices were mailed to every homeowner of record on December 11. If you did not receive an invoice please call the office and request a copy. Every homeowner receives one invoice in December and then the January/February Newsletter serves as a reminder. Please return the 2021 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 will 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!

**BYLAWS INSERT -  
SEE PAGE 3**

**SNOW REMOVAL TIPS -  
SEE PAGE 4**

**SUBDIVISION  
VANDALISM -  
SEE PAGE 5**

**Important notice: Sunflower Village Homes  
Association has a new e-mail address.**

**You can reach us at:**

**SVHA@sunflowercanton.com**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**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. Please apply by February 1.

A work permit is required if under 18.

### Association Dues

The 2021 dues will remain at \$270 a home (bills were mailed in early December). Dues are payable from January 1- March 1 without a penalty. If dues are paid after March 1, the following late fees will accrue:

	2021 Dues	Total Late Fee	Total Due
Paid by 3/1	\$270		\$270
Paid 3/2-4/1	\$270	\$35	\$305
Paid 4/2-5/1	\$270	\$70	\$340
Paid after 5/1	\$270	\$105	\$375

Please pay your dues on time to avoid additional charges.

After May 1, interest will 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.

### GARAGE SALE MAY 13-15 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.

*Note: This event is subject to COVID restrictions.*

### 2021 Dues Vote & Election Results

266 voted to maintain dues at \$270  
21 voted to increase dues to \$275



Thank you for taking the time to vote

*The following people were elected to the 2021 Board:*

**Barbara Carson, Khalil Kandah, Melissa Lichtman, Pat Mulcahy and Mary Waxer-Leto**

A very special thanks to those board members who have left the board this year. They have devoted their time and efforts to making Sunflower a better place to live, and their dedication is appreciated.

Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to:

**Andy Kramer, George Kruczek, Sandy Latack, Ron LeTourneau, Beth Myers and Nate Rebeck.**

### LEGAL REMINDERS



Shoveling or blowing snow from your driveway into the street creates ruts as it freezes and thaws, making the road more hazardous and preventing the plows from effectively doing their job. You can be fined for putting the snow in the street.

**Please do not put snow in the street!!**



If a snow emergency has been declared in Canton you must move your vehicle(s) out of the street per Canton Township ordinance. Residents may call the non-emergency police number to report cars parked in the street during a snow emergency and the vehicles will be ticketed.

### STORM SEWERS IN HOMEOWNER'S EASEMENT

It is the responsibility of each individual homeowner to maintain, repair and/or replace the storm sewer in the easement that services each individual lot, since this is the portion of the system that is for the sole benefit of each particular homeowner. The responsibility for maintaining and repairing storm sewers is set forth in the Covenants and Restrictions of Sunflower Village Homes Association. The storm sewers are in "private" easements and therefore neither Canton Township nor Sunflower Village Homes Association is responsible for their upkeep. The Association is responsible for storm sewers in the commons property of the Association.



### *Let's all build a snowman ...*

The weatherfolks are calling for lots of that fluffy white stuff this winter, and with lots of snow, who doesn't want to just run and play? Well, here's your chance to build the biggest and

best snowman the world ever has seen. Then take a picture and e-mail it to the Social Committee at [svhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:svhaevents@gmail.com). Title your e-mail with the month your photo was taken (i.e. January Snowman or February Snowman) and in your e-mail include your name and street. We'll pick the best and send a gift card to the family with the best snowman on the North and South side in January and February (four prizes total). And we'll post some of the pictures on the Facebook Page at Sunflower Events and Information. Be sure to follow along to see what's happening around the neighborhood. We can't wait to see what you're going to create!



**STATE OF THE VILLAGE**  
By Ron LeTourneau, 2020 President

It goes without saying that 2020 has been a difficult year and all of us have been impacted by COVID-1, both personally and professionally. Sunflower is no different. We are all acutely aware of the necessary limitations on our activities since early in the year. However, I would like to focus on the accomplishments and positive changes that occurred in Sunflower, notwithstanding the pandemic.

The Board of Directors and management team continued to conduct regular monthly meetings throughout the year and continues to manage the subdivision business. When restrictions were modified, we were able to open the Hanford swimming pool for residents to enjoy while still maintaining safety protocols. We are grateful for the work of the Pool Task Force and lifeguards for making this possible. From our capital reserve budget, the board was able to complete several projects, including resurfacing and striping the tennis and basketball courts, creating three new pickleball courts, tuck pointing all of the Hanford Clubhouse, installing new carpeting at the Hanford Clubhouse, completing a major renovation of the Hanford pool, installing new solar lighting for the Warren and Beck monument signs and installing new sand filters and pumps at the Gainsborough pool.

Several dozen sections of subdivision roads were repaired through the 80/20 match program in conjunction with Canton Township. A large tree planting project in the Hanford Commons was completed, and renovations to the Children's Memorial Garden are planned for the spring of 2021. Major structural improvements at the Gainsborough Clubhouse are scheduled to begin during the forth quarter of 2020, continuing into the first quarter of 2021.

Sunflower's finances have remained strong with a COVID-era budget being approved for 2021. The board contributed \$92,700 to the capital reserve account this year for projects in the future, our largest contribution to date.

Changes during 2020 saw us adding two new staff members to our management team - Ken Zakalowski as maintenance manager and Beth Myers as our general manager.

Sunflower is a great place to live and I would encourage all of our residents to share their thoughts and ideas to make Sunflower even better in the future. The board of directors and the office staff would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you!

**New  
homeowners in  
2020**

If you bought your home in 2020 you may not have received a 2021 dues invoice. 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 the dues notice was probably mailed to the previous owner. Please call the Sunflower Office today so that we can correct our records (734-453-2022).

**Newsletter Insert**

You will notice an insert has been included with this newsletter that refers to the Amended and Restated Code of Conduct.

The original Page 1 included a clerical error that has since been corrected. This page is being forwarded to all homeowners as an informational document only.

No other changes have been made to the original document and the Code of Conduct remains unchanged. A signed and dated version of the Code of Conduct is on file in the Sunflower Office.

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

3rd Wednesday of the month  
**7:00 PM**

January 20  
February 17  
March 17

**BOARD MEETINGS ARE  
HELD AT THE  
HANFORD CLUBHOUSE  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**



During COVID restrictions, monthly board meetings will be available for residents over Zoom. The Zoom address will be posted on the website at [www.sunflowercanton.com](http://www.sunflowercanton.com). Once restrictions have been lifted and in-person meetings resume, all residents are invited to attend at the clubhouse.

**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).**

**SNOW** - Help the Association and your neighbors with snow removal by following a few simple suggestions:

- **Please move your car out of the street if a snowstorm is predicted.** Parked cars prohibit the plow from being able to plow curb to curb. *Police will ticket cars parked on streets during snow emergencies.*
- **Please do not put snow in the street. Putting snow into the street prevents the snow plow from plowing effectively!!**
- Shoveling or blowing the snow from your driveway into the street creates ruts as it freezes and thaws, making the road more hazardous. Also, you can be fined for putting the snow back in the street.. Plowing is done if the snowfall is two inches or greater.
- Salting the entire subdivision is **NOT** part of our contract. We salt select intersections each time the streets are plowed. (Wayne County spreads sand on icy roads when it deems it necessary.)
- For a "normal" snowfall (2-4"), plowing will not begin until the majority of the storm is over. The 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!**

- **The snow removal company is not responsible for damage to sprinkler heads or lawns that are not clearly marked.**

- 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 it can to the curb but staking your property will let drivers 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.
- 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 that 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.**
- It is your responsibility to shovel out fire hydrants near your home for easy access. You may save someone's life by doing so. Plus, it's also a township ordinance that all fire hydrants must be shoveled out.

**Help the neighborhood 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 subdivision.**

### **Commons Areas**

Our open areas are one of the most desirable aspects of Sunflower. And we invite all our residents to take advantage of these areas and enjoy them. But we also ask residents to follow a few established guidelines.

- Remember that when enjoying the commons areas, the use of motorized vehicles is prohibited. This includes four-wheel vehicles, dune buggies, go-carts, dirt bikes, snowmobiles and ATVs.
- Personal property, including playscapes, trampolines and lawn furniture, may not be built or placed in the commons areas.
- No personal property of any type may be left in the wooded areas. Treehouses, pathways and gathering areas are not permitted. Wooded areas are to remain natural.
- The commons are a great area to walk your dog, but remember to clean up after your pet. The other residents (and dogs) will appreciate it.
- Finally, please be conscious of the noise you make. An early morning stroll is lovely, but remember there are houses around the commons and those residents may not appreciate being woken at an early hour.

### **Zoom Meeting Etiquette**

Zoom meetings appear to be the wave of the future. But as we all become more attuned to using Zoom, there are a few rules of etiquette that need to be followed for board meetings:

- **Time is of the essence.** Please don't be late. Board meetings start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- **Turn on the camera and identify yourself.** Board meetings are professional meetings, and attendees must identify themselves with their full names or they may be asked to leave the session. Additionally, please turn on your camera but remain mute unless you are addressing the board or being addressed.
- **Sit still.** No pacing or annoying movements. It's distracting.
- **No eating.** This includes chewing gum.
- **Learn how to raise your hand.** If you wish to make a comment, ask a question or be recognized, learn how to use the "raise your hand" feature. Do not just interrupt the speaker or inject your opinion.
- **Close your office door.** This is a professional meeting and family interruptions, phone calls, chiming clocks and pets can become bothersome interruptions.
- **Don't multitask.** Please turn off your phone, TV or computer - any electronic devices you are not using to view the meeting.

## 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 (734-453-2022). 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):

This area intentionally left blank. For information on Babysitters, please call the Sunflower office at 734-453-2022.



**Dog walking/  
Pet Sitting:**

*Want to make some extra money? Why not sign up for Helping Hands. We need folks to pet sit and babysit. If you wish to be included in the Helping Hands, please complete the form below and drop it off at the Sunflower Office.*



If you live near a fire hydrant, please take the time to shovel the snow around it and keep the hydrant clear and accessible. Canton ordinance requires a three-foot clearance around all hydrants. This is a major time-saver should the fire department need access to the hydrant.

Thanks for helping out!

## 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. 1, 2021**

## COVID and SUNFLOWER

Many residents have contacted the office with questions regarding COVID-19 and Sunflower. Here are some answers;

**Clubhouse Rentals.** As of the printing of this newsletter, the clubhouses are not able to be rented for private events. The board of directors continues to monitor the situation very closely and will be opening the clubhouses to rentals as soon as it is safe and possible to do so. In the meantime, the office staff will continue to take holds/reservations for future rentals and will send out contracts and requests for deposits as soon as the clubhouses are able to open.

**Office Hours.** The office has remained open during this time. While the office is closed to walk-in traffic, you may still contact the office via e-mail or call with your requests. Office staff is still working during normal business hours.

**Special Events.** No one is more eager for our special events to start again than we are. The Egg Hunt, Trivia Night, Picnic and other special events have been tentatively blocked on the calendar, but remain on hold. Once restrictions have been lifted, our special events will be ready for residents to enjoy.

## SUBDIVISION VANDALISM

Sadly the office has been notified of several instances inside of Sunflower where vehicles have been stolen from driveways or vandalized.

In order to prevent this, please be sure to lock your vehicles and keep your outdoor lights on overnight. Report any suspicious behavior to the Canton Police at 734-394-5400.

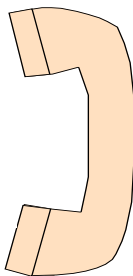
Together we can keep Sunflower a great place to live.

**The Sunflower Newsletter is available online at [www.sunflowercanton.com](http://www.sunflowercanton.com)**



## 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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Mary Kay  
Norwex Ecofriendly Cleaning Supplies  
Pond's Painting  
Tastefully Simple  
Thirty-one  
Travel Agent - [dmriemma@gmail.com](mailto:dmriemma@gmail.com)

### RESIDENT

Dan Sullivan  
Dave Farmer  
Lori Levi  
Manal Chamseddine  
Lori Levi  
Patrick Casey  
Jennifer Troyer  
Jennifer Troyer  
Kimberlyn Benjamin  
Owen Ekechukwu, CPA  
Joyce Sullivan  
Randy Kuznicki  
Steve Dickelman  
Joan Trainor  
Kristina Wittner  
Janine Deckov  
Jeff Pond  
Carol Theard / Kelly Becker  
Kelly Reed  
Dawn Riemma

### PHONE

451-0769  
313 304-0700  
323-0886  
313-265-9947  
323-0886  
756-4016  
709-0998  
709-0998  
776-9004  
313 903-3366  
748-9068  
756-0758  
578-5107  
812-9690  
787-9954  
658-6449  
771-0339  
248 420-5564  
765-9993  
846-9336

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).



**Brian Spears**  
Cell: 248-348-6885  
Office: 734-844-8733  
[spearstree@gmail.com](mailto:spearstree@gmail.com)

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### Street lights out?

Call DTE Energy at  
1-800-477-4747  
Any resident may call.

## Little Free Library



Have you noticed the our new Little Free Library that is located across from the Hanford Clubhouse?

We want to thank Brandon Makins for making this a part of his Eagle Scout project. The Library is free for all Sunflower Residents to use, and contains books for all ages and interests.

How do you use it? It's simple. All you need to do is stop by and take the book that appeals to you. You are free to leave a book in its place, or return that book when you are finished reading it.

Many residents have already been using the Library, and we hope more stop by to enjoy it as well.

Thank you Brandon, and thank you to all of our Boy Scouts for everything you do for Sunflower.

## 2021 ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jeff Barszcz	734-756-1500
Barbara Carson	
Gretchen Harrington	734-233-5176
Khalil Kandah	734-968-8842
Charles Lang	313-804-5513
Melissa Lichtman	734-660-9710
Bill Meeks	248-345-2977
Pat Mulcahy	734-335-7784
Bob Parker	734-454-5759
Pam Turek	734-459-5348
Mary Waxer-Leto	
Sunflower Office	734-453-2022
Sunflower Website	<a href="http://sunflowercanton.com">sunflowercanton.com</a>

**\*\*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.

## Holiday Decorating Contest



### 1st Place (North of Warren)

Louder Family - 46713 Camilia Dr.

### 1st Place (South of Warren)

Peklala Family - 6671 Chadwick

### 2nd Place (North of Warren)

Sepulveda Family - 7220 Parkway Ct.

### 2nd Place (South of Warren)

Lowe Family - 6699 Weathersfield Way

### Honorable Mention

Rys Family - 47167 Hanford Rd.

Corden Family - 47295 Bartlett Dr.

Chavez Family - 46210 Spinning Wheel Dr.

**Thanks for sharing the holiday spirit  
with all of us!**

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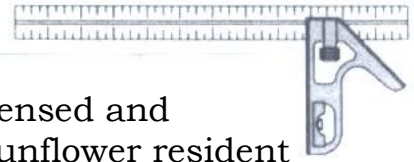
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**FREE ESTIMATES**

## Welcome New Residents

Please welcome the following neighbors to  
Sunflower Village:

Sean & Sierra Gillis  
45773 Bryn Mawr

Adam & Jessica Klug  
45685 Bryn Mawr

Randy & Kristina Wittner  
45801 Drexel

Ryan & Elizabeth Boros  
Ben  
7773 Embassy Drive

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Return form by 2/1/21 to be included in our next issue

