



Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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News for and about members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

Come Zoom with us!

The monthly board meetings are now on Zoom for your participation, and the board couldn't be more excited to have you join us. The Zoom login and passcode information will be posted the Tuesday before the meeting on the Sunflower website (sunflowercanton.com) and also on the Sunflower Events & Information Facebook page. We invite you to join us up to 15 minutes early as the meetings will start promptly at 7 p.m.

When you join the meeting we ask that you mute yourself and update your screen name with your first and last name. The moderator will be able to help you before the meeting should you require assistance. To update your screen name click on the *Participants* icon located on the bottom of your screen. Select "Rename" and enter your first and last name.

Accurate attendance records must be maintained at each board meeting, so we thank you for your assistance with providing your first and last name. Failure to do so will cause you to be removed from the meeting. And while it's nice to see all of our neighbors, video is not required.

We are still learning how to best use this format, and ask for your patience as we learn together.

Attending a board meeting via Zoom is an easy way to learn what is going on in Sunflower and a great way to find opportunities for involvement in your community.



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 located at
Hanford Clubhouse

sunflowercanton.com

The newsletter
serves as legal
notice.

Please read all of it.

 Are there any crafty little leprechauns in our Village?

In the spirit of **St. Patrick's Day** we are asking our young Sunflower residents to submit a photo of their crafted paper shamrocks to the SVHA office via e-mail by **March 16, 2021**

SVHAevents@gmail.com

One submission will be randomly selected to be shared on the **Sunflower Village Events and Information** Facebook page

May the luck of the Irish be with you!



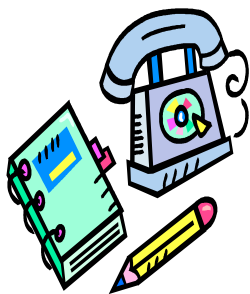
2021 DUES ARE PAST DUE

If you haven't paid the 2021 annual dues yet, a \$35 late fee has been added to your account as of March 2, and you now owe \$305.

Please see Page 3 for more information.

If you owe for multiple years, please make a payment immediately to avoid further late fees and legal fees.

PAST DUE



The 2021 directory will go to print on March 15. Any changes that we receive after that date will be included in next year's directory, which will be published March 2022. To be included or to change your listing, call the office.

ATVs in the Commons

ATVs, dune buggies, dirt bikes and other wheeled, motorized vehicles are not permitted in the Sunflower Commons or on our walking paths per Canton Ordinance. Additionally, the wheels cause costly damage to our landscaping.

Residents who see unauthorized vehicles in the Commons are asked to notify the Canton Police, even if the vehicles have departed.



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1-3 P.M.

March 22
April 26
May 24

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**Help
Wanted**

We need two zone reps and one area rep to help deliver the Sunflower newsletter six times a year. There are specific routes that need a rep, so if you see a notice stapled to the top of your newsletter, please consider helping. It only takes about 30-45 minutes each time!

Please call the office at 734-453-2022.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LIFEGUARD POSITIONS

The Sunflower Pools are looking for qualified candidates for lifeguards. Candidates must be 16 or older and be a certified Red Cross lifeguard. Contact the office (734-453-2022) for an application.



STORM SEWERS IN HOMEOWNER'S EASEMENT

It is the responsibility of each individual homeowner to maintain, repair and/or replace the easement and improvements which service each lot (i.e. storm sewer), since this is the portion of the system that is for the sole benefit of each particular homeowner. The responsibility for maintaining and repairing same 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 are responsible for their upkeep. The association is responsible for storm sewers in the commons property.



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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! 2021 dues were due March 1. A \$35 late fee has been assessed to delinquent accounts. If you have not paid your 2021 dues, please send payment of \$305 by March 31st or additional late charges will accrue.

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.

Sunflower 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 a clubhouse is 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 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

Watch for the Sunflower Splashes in the May Newsletter

All the information you need about the pools will be in the Splashes!



We are hoping that our lifeguard staff will be teaching swim lessons this summer, provided COVID conditions allow. If offered, lessons will be taught Monday-Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 at the Gainsborough pool.

Lesson sign-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 (6:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Hanford Clubhouse

Watch for more information as it becomes available.



Session 1 - June 14-24

Session 2 - July 5-15

Session 3 - July 19-29

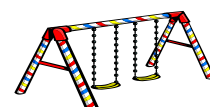
Fridays are reserved for make-up days due to weather cancellations

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Sunflower Office	734-453-2022
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**Homeowners please advise Realtors/Title Companies to contact the Sunflower Office for closing information. Do not contact Board members regarding this type of request.	

Dear Neighbor,

Please do not place personal items in the Commons. No structures, tree houses, sheds, swing sets, pools, etc. are to remain on the Sunflower Commons property. Please remove and restore the Commons to its original condition.



As we get ready for lawn mowing season, keep in mind that those of you who live on a court are responsible for mowing the center island. Taking turns around the court helps to share the work and cost.

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 (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 has been left blank. If you are interested in any of these services, please contact the Sunflower office for more information.



**Dog walking/
Pet Sitting:**



Snow Removal:

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 College-Age or Older Babysitter
Dog Walking Pet Sitting Lawn Work Snow Shoveling

CLASSES TAKEN (for Babysitters)

Deadline for May/June issue is April 8, 2021

TENNIS and PICKLEBALL COURTS



The Gainsborough Pickleball Court and the Hanford Tennis Court will open mid-April (weather permitting)

Please follow these simple rules:

- * The tennis courts and pickleball courts operate on a first-come first-served basis with no reserving of the courts.
- * Limit your time to one hour if someone else is waiting to use the court.
- * Be considerate of homes bordering the courts. You may enjoy a rousing game of tennis at 6 a.m. on Saturday but some of the surrounding neighbors may not!
- * Rollerblading, skateboarding and bike riding are not permitted on any of our courts. The surface is a special composite and anything other than the intended use will damage the surface.

LEARN TO PLAY PICKLEBALL

Pickleball - it's known as the most popular sport you've never heard of. Want to know more?

Beginning in May, the association will offer a free pickleball clinic on Tuesday evenings for any resident interested in learning the game. Our volunteer coaches will be happy to share a basic understanding of the game, including rules of play; proper service techniques; how to keep score; rotate players; volley the ball; and other tips on enjoying the game.

Advance registration is not required, and balls as well as some racquets will be provided for those who do not have their own.

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.



Welcome to Sunflower

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 4/5/21 to be included in our next issue

POTHOLE PROBLEMS

To report a pothole problem
or a road in need of repair,
please call **Wayne County** at
1-888-762-3273.



SOCIAL MEDIA DISCLAIMER

The association is only affiliated with the social media Facebook page Sunflower Events & Information. Other sites, even those that use the Sunflower name, are not endorsed by the association, and the association will not respond to any comments or questions. If you have a question, need to report an incident or make the association aware of something that is happening in Sunflower, please understand posting it to a social media site will not get you a response or accurate information. If you need assistance, or wish to speak with a representative, please call the office (734-453-2022).

Sunflower Website

Have you visited the Sunflower Village Homes Association website lately? If not, go to www.sunflowercanton.com and take a look! The website is your resource for general information, bylaws, C&R's, information about the pools, clubs, renting the clubhouses and more. Plus you'll find a "bulletin board" that is updated frequently with the latest news and events, so please visit often!

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Most homeowners do this on a regular basis, and we thank them for it. Please take a look and make sure the drains around your home are clear year round.

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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).

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 open 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 requests for deposits as soon as the clubhouses are able to open.

Office Hours. The office has remained open during this time. While the front door is locked, knock and we will allow you to enter (masks required). You may still call the office or send an email with your requests.

Special Events. No one is more eager for our special events to start again than we are. The trivia night, picnic and other special events have been tentatively blocked on the calendar, but remain on hold. Once restrictions have been lifted and budget permits, our special events team is ready!

DUES - TAX DEDUCTIBLE??

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

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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.

Canton Post Office: 734-844-0590

BOARD MEETINGS Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse

March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16



Sunflower Board Meetings are open to homeowners via Zoom. Please visit the Sunflower website on the Tuesday prior to the meeting for the Zoom address. The first 10 minutes are an open forum for homeowners to voice concerns. If you feel you need more time to address the board, please call the week before the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES - LEGAL REMINDERS

Since Sunflower has a substantial turnover rate of homeowners each year, we feel it's necessary to repeat certain information on a regular basis. If you've read this information before then please bear with us as we try to inform new homeowners who might not be aware of the information. The association receives numerous calls regarding ordinance violations. These complaints may be called directly to the Canton Township Ordinance Department. They will handle the call in an expedient manner. The following summarized list are good reminders for spring:

- Trees are to be pruned so public sidewalks have clear head-room of 7 feet (this includes trees that Wayne County planted between your sidewalk and the street).
- Grass is not to be taller than 5 inches.
- No junk or unlicensed vehicles except in a completely enclosed garage.
- Temporary parking of boats and campers is permitted for 48 hours prior to and after use of the recreational vehicle - unless a special permit is obtained from Canton Township (permit is to be displayed on the boat or camper).
- Dogs must be leashed and homeowners must clean up after their dogs. Fecal matter must be disposed on the owners property (please do not use the trash cans in the Commons to dispose of fecal matter - it's unsanitary and unpleasant).
- Cars may not be parked at the end of a driveway so as to block the sidewalk.

For more information or to file an ordinance complaint, call 734-394-5335 (M-F 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

SLOW DOWN PLEASE!!

Please be aware of the speed you're driving on our subdivision roads and do not exceed the speed limit of 25 m.p.h. Do not put others in danger by speeding in the neighborhood.

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Spring - we've waited a long time for spring this year! Time to be outside again!! The Commons Areas will become more active as we jog, walk our dogs, play ball, fly kites, etc.

PLEASE USE A LITTLE "COMMONS SENSE" WHEN USING COMMONS AREAS.

Please **DO NOT BUILD TREE HOUSES** in the Commons.

Please **NO DUMPING** in the Commons and/or storm sewers. That includes grass clippings, shrub trimmings, tree limbs, old couches, motor oil, chairs or mattresses (you wouldn't believe the amount of stuff we find in our wooded areas). Please help us keep our Commons and sewers clean.

Please be respectful of others property. When playing ball in the Commons, please hit the balls away from the houses. If the ball goes over someone's fence, ring their doorbell to retrieve your ball rather than climb their fence. Wiffle balls are a good choice for the Commons, both for baseball and golf.

Remember the **DOGGIE DOO-DOOS** and **DON'TS**:



DO clean up after your dog ("it is unlawful for any person to permit their dog to deposit fecal matter in any place other

than the premises where the dog is kept, unless such dog waste is removed immediately and disposed of on the premises where the dog is kept." Canton Township ordinance). Please **DO NOT DEPOSIT BAGS OF DOG WASTE IN THE TRASH CANS AROUND THE CLUBHOUSES**. It's your responsibility to dispose of it at your home.

DON'T allow your dog to run free in the neighborhood; there is a leash law in Canton.

DO remember your neighbors when your dog is outside and barking for a length of time. Please be mindful of how long your dog is barking as it can be a disturbance to neighbors!

DON'T let your dog run around inside the tennis courts.



CATS that are left free to roam have caused damage to neighbors property by scratching patio furniture.

Their meows throughout the night are disturbing. Please take care that your cat does not bother others.

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Q&A

This column addresses items of interest that you, as homeowners, raise.

Q: Should we pay our dues since we are moving in April?

A: Please pay your dues now to avoid additional charges. When you sell your home, the Title Company that handles the closing needs to contact the association for a status letter (this will tell them that your dues are paid in full through 12/31/21). The Title Company will then pro-rate the dues as of your closing date. Your closing statement will show a credit for the portion of the year that you do not own the home and the buyers statement will show a charge for their portion. The association does not refund any portion of the dues.

If you are planning to sell your home it would be helpful if you would let your Title Company know they need to contact the association for a status letter.

"COMMONS SENSE"

Paint guns and BB guns are not to be used in the Sunflower Commons areas. Canton Ordinances 70.115 and 70.116 state that it is unlawful to discharge any air gun, bow and arrow, and slingshot except at an approved target range. The ordinance also states that a police officer can confiscate these items and legally dispose of them when a violation occurs. Please respect the safety of our community by only using these items where approved.



Sunflower 2021 Calendar

Watch the Sunflower News & Website for Details and/or changes



March 17 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	July 19 (Monday)	Preteen Pool Party* (ages 9-12) 7-9 p.m. Gainsborough Pool Raindate – July 22	Oct. 20 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Hanford Clubhouse
April 21 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	July 19-29 (Mon-Thur)	Swim Lessons* – session 3 Gainsborough Pool 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Nov. 1-17	Dues Vote and Board Election
May 12 (Wednesday)	Swim Lesson Sign-up 6:00 P.M. Hanford Clubhouse	July 21 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	Nov. 17 (3 rd Wednesday)	General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse
May 19 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	Aug. 7 (Saturday)	Picnic* 12-3 p.m. Hanford Commons	Dec. 10 (Friday)	Cookie Exchange* Hanford Clubhouse
May 29 (Saturday)	Pools Open at Noon	Aug. 18 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	Dec. 15 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse
June 14-24 (Mon-Thur)	Swim Lessons* – session 1 Gainsborough Pool 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Aug. 27 (Friday)	Movie Night* Hanford Commons 8:30 p.m.	Dec. 18 (Saturday)	Holiday Light Contest Judging 6-9 p.m.
June 16 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	Sept. 15 (3 rd Wednesday)	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse	For up-to-date information, please visit our website at: www.sunflowercanton.com *These events are tentative and are subject to COVID restrictions.	
July 5-15 (Mon-Thur)	Swim Lessons* – session 2 Gainsborough Pool 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Sept. 17-19 (Thur-Sat)	Garage Sale* 9 a.m.-??? Register at the Office - \$1.00		
July 12 (Monday)	Children's Pool Party* (ages 6-8) 7-9 p.m. Gainsborough Pool Raindate - July 15	Oct. 16 (Saturday)	Trunk-or-Treat* 3:00 p.m. Hanford Parking Lot		



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