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News for and about Members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

Fireworks

Fireworks are NOT permitted in the commons areas!!

Previous years, firework debris has been found at the Hanford Commons, in the Hanford Pool and on the pool deck proper. In order to prevent damage to the association's property, please follow all township ordinances regarding fireworks.

Fireworks are not permitted in any commons areas per the Canton Police Department.

Sunflower recreation facilities close at 9 p.m. and fireworks are never permitted on association property. We can all agree we do not want damage to the clubhouses, pools, grass, trees, surrounding areas and homes. Please do not plan on coming to the commons areas to set off fireworks.

If you feel like someone is not following the fireworks ordinance, please call the Canton Township Police at (734) 394-5400

SUNFLOWER 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)



GARAGE SALE TIME

MAY 13-15
9:00 a.m. - ?

GOOD LUCK!

Please register your sale with the Sunflower office and pick up your balloons. Cost is \$1. This helps us pay for the cost of advertising.

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



SUNFLOWER SPLASHES



All you need to know about the Sunflower Pools can be found on Pages 7-10.

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION MAY 12 from 6-7 p.m.
Save Pages 7-10 (blue pages) for future reference!



DUES UPDATE

Association dues are now late. See article on Page 5 for an important update.



THANK YOU

A big "THANK YOU" to the more than 50 volunteers who help deliver the Sunflower newsletter to every home in the neighborhood. This newsletter wouldn't be possible without all of you who help the association with delivery!

We still need one area rep for the south side of Warren. If you're interested in delivering the newsletter or can help to count/deliver the newsletter by car, please give us a call! We can always use substitutes as well, if you can't commit for the year.

(734) 453-2022

Fun in the Sunflower Summer

Who's up for some summer fun in the sun? While some events are still on hold, the office staff is hard at work trying to ensure there will still be plenty of activities that Sunflower families can look forward to this summer. The Hanford and Gainsborough swimming pools are scheduled to open on Memorial Day weekend, and swim lessons as well as the children's and preteen pool parties are scheduled for this summer.

Operating with a reduced budget and with COVID-19 still lurking, the Board has decided against holding the picnic this summer, but here are some important dates to note:

Wednesday, May 12 — 6:00 p.m.
Swim Lesson Sign-up (Hanford Clubhouse)

Thursday, May 13 — Saturday, May 15
Subdivision Garage Sale

Saturday, May 29 — 1:00 p.m.
Pools Open

Monday, July 12 — 7-9 p.m.
Children's Pool Party
Gainsborough Pool (ages 6-8)
Rain date — Thursday, July 15

Monday, July 19 — 7-9 p.m.
Preteen's Pool Party
Gainsborough Pool (ages 9-12)
Rain date — Thursday, July 22



Jackson Galaxy from TV's Animal Planet, "My Cat From Hell"
Jan Conner, Owner of Pet Nanny, Inc.

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TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

FYI - As we get ready for spring and summer, homeowners who own boats and campers will be getting them ready to use. Township ordinances allow temporary parking of boats and campers for 72 hours prior to and after use of recreational vehicles. However, homeowners can get a permit twice a year for two weeks to keep the vehicle/boat on their property while they prep it, make repairs or clean it. The permit must be displayed on the vehicle/boat in a visible place.



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

May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18

Board meetings are available for viewing via Zoom. On the Tuesday prior to the meeting, the Zoom address will be posted on the Facebook site Sunflower Events & Information or on the association bulletin board at www.sunflowercanton.com.

Sunflower Board Meetings are open to homeowners. The first 10 minutes are open forum for homeowners to voice concerns or ask questions. If you feel you need more time to address the Board, please call the week before the meeting to be put on the agenda.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Sunflower Social Committee on Facebook

Follow the Social Committee on Facebook and keep apprised of all of the events happening within our subdivision. You'll also find community information from Canton Township and information pertaining to our subdivision. You can find us at:
Sunflower Village Events & Information.

Come check us out and see what's happening!

2021 ASSOCIATION BOARD

Jeff Barszcz, President	734-756-1500
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Sunflower Office	734-453-2022
Sunflower Website	sunflowercanton.com

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

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



**SERVICE
CALLS
\$35**

**START-UPS
\$35**

**AERATIONS
STARTING AT
\$40**

#734-756-5587

**Please support our
advertisers. They
make this newsletter
possible.**

The rate for ads is as follows:

Business Card . . \$42.00
1/4 Page \$70.00
1/2 Page \$140.00

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 at (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):



**Dog walking/
Pet Sitting:**

Lawn Work:



This area has been left blank on purpose. For information regarding these services, please contact the Sunflower office at (723) 453-2022.



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
	Elder Care	

CLASSES TAKEN (for Babysitters)

Deadline for July/August issue is June 8, 2021

Spring Clean-up

As springtime rolls around, residents are reminded that Canton ordinance prohibits the burning of grass, leaves and other yard waste. Grass clippings, leaves and garden waste should be placed in 30-gallon paper yard waste bags or 32-gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles that are labeled "Yard Waste."



Twigs, branches, brush, pruning/wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, branches no thicker than 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Yard waste and recyclables should be placed separately from trash on your regularly scheduled pick-up day.



Mondays
1-3 PM
(Hanford Clubhouse)

May 24
Last meeting before
summer break

Regular meetings start again in the fall!





Welcome to Sunflower



Please Welcome:

Charles and Lois Patterson
45496 Morningside Road

Kari and Nick Corden
Eliara, Olivia, Morgan, Owen and Austin
47295 Bartlett Drive

Patrick and Victoria Stevenson
Patrick, Luke and Logan
45709 Radnor Road

Bandon and Melissa Winningham
7040 Weathersfield Way

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 _____

EMAIL _____

Deadline for July issue is June 8, 2021

Sunflower Directory

Cathedral Directories is currently behind with their printing schedule, and the Sunflower directory will be delayed this year.

Because of this delay, the 2021 Sunflower Directory will be printed in August, and will be distributed with the September newsletter.



2021 DUES UPDATE

As residents of Sunflower, all of us share in the benefits and responsibilities of our Homeowners Association. The Board has tried to work with everyone to settle outstanding balances but there are a number of homes that are delinquent. It is not fair to the majority of owners who pay the annual dues in a timely manner to have a few not pay and the Association not have the benefit of the additional revenues for the operations and improvements of the clubhouses and commons areas.

The Association will file a lien on the property if dues are not paid timely. If the liens are not paid, the Association will file a foreclosure lawsuit. 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, the Association Board is committed to pursuing not only payment of dues and late fees, but also repayment of any and all associated legal fees.

To date, 1,603 homeowners (95.2%) have paid their 2021 dues (21 homeowners are on payment plans). Delinquent homeowners now owe \$375 for 2021 dues and late fees. Please send payment immediately to avoid legal action and expense. The Association still will offer a payment plan to homeowners who request one. **Please call the office immediately** — all details are kept confidential. Use of the pools and rental of the clubhouse is suspended until all dues and charges are paid in full.

Sunflower Office (734) 453-2022

Picnic Update

We're all yearning to get back to life as it was before COVID, but sadly, we're just not there yet. The board of directors is watching the budget very carefully, and with the increase to minimum wages for summer staff, lack of revenue from clubhouse rentals, and a concern for the health and safety of the residents, the decision was made to cancel this year's picnic.

By this time each year the picnic team would be well into planning — activities would be blocked, tents and tables would be reserved, a menu would be planned and work would be underway for a well-coordinated day of fun. And each year, close to 1,000 neighbors and friends would gather to laugh, eat and enjoy a day of fun and games with family and friends, but as of now, only 300 people are permitted at an outdoor gathering.

Unfortunately, with the current state guidelines, and our limited budget, the Board felt it wasn't in Sunflower's best interest to hold the picnic this year. We're all sad, but looking forward to a bigger and better picnic's return next year.



Q&A

This column addresses items of interest that homeowners raise.

Q: Why not open the pools earlier in the morning rather than staying open until 9 p.m.?

A: Swim lessons are offered in the mornings at the Gainsborough Pool. To accommodate them, the pools do not open until 1 p.m. A review of the attendance figures from previous years found that the pools are used more frequently between the hours of 8-9 p.m. than between the hours of noon and 1 p.m.

Q: How do I find out if I can have a fence on my lot?

A: Please review the Covenants & Restrictions, Section 9 (found under Legal Documents at www.sunflowercanton.com). A permit must be obtained through Canton Township.

Q: Will the pools be open through Labor Day?

A: Every year we have to look at this question. The answer always depends on how many staff members we have available at the end of August. Our more experienced college guards will be leaving for school in mid-August. We need a college guard (over age 18) to handle the chemicals and pumps and we cannot leave the pools manned by just first-year guards for safety reasons. Once we see how the staff shapes up, the Board will be able to make decisions regarding the end of the season.

If you have a question that you would like answered in this column, send it to the Office (45800 Hanford Road). Homeowners are invited and encouraged to bring their concerns and questions to the monthly Board meetings.

STORM SEWERS IN HOMEOWNER'S EASEMENT

It is the responsibility of each individual homeowner to maintain, repair and/or replace the easement and improvements that 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 located in the commons.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR
RESIDENTS AND IN
ORDER TO PREVENT
PROPERTY DAMAGE**

**NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES
(including battery powered golf carts)
ARE TO BE IN THE COMMONS OR
ON THE PATHWAYS**



*Have you checked out the
Sunflower Village Homes Association
website lately?*

There is a lot of useful information on the site.

You can submit updated contact information, check out the Bulletin Board for news updates, join the email list to receive periodic updates from Sunflower, view past newsletters and contact the office. There is also information about clubhouse rentals and the pool rules.

www.sunflowercanton.com

Important COVID Pool Rules

The board is excited to be opening the Hanford and Gainsborough pools this summer, but there are still some special rules that must be observed this summer due to the ongoing pandemic.

The rising minimum wage and a lack of rental income have made it imperative for the Board to watch the budget closely. In order to control costs, the Board has made the decision to open the pools at 1:00 p.m. instead of noon as in other summers. A review of the attendance from previous years shows the hour between noon and 1:00 is the least used hour of the day with few residents in attendance.

As of this printing, we are permitted to open the pools at 50% capacity. This means each pool will be limited to a maximum bather load of **75 patrons**. We do not anticipate this being a problem and advance pool reservations will not be required at this time.

The lifeguards will remain inside a designated "red" lifeguard zones. Residents are asked to respect these zones and not cross into them.

COVID waivers will not be required at this time. If you are feeling ill, experiencing any symptoms of COVID or have recently been exposed to COVID, please **DO NOT** visit or use the Sunflower facilities. If you are notified that you have been exposed after you have visited one of our facilities, please contact the office immediately.

Masks should not be worn in the water, but we are still requesting masks be worn at the check-in cart and on the deck area.

The pool rules are subject to change as new information, policies and procedures are provided from the Wayne County Department of Health. Thank you to all of our residents for their cooperation and understanding as we navigate this strange time.

SUNFLOWER SPLASHES



IN THE SUNFLOWER POOLS

OPENING DAY
Saturday, May 29

Hanford Pool

45800 Hanford Rd.
(734) 453-2733

Gainsborough Pool

45956 Gainsborough Dr.
(734) 459-0131

Association Office - (734) 453-2022

2021 - Mix-it-up Mondays

Both pools every Monday!! 1-3 PM (may
extend time if enough interest)

Join us for some fun with water toys & noodles in the
pool. Bring your toys with you.

Guest Passes

5 use pass \$10
1 use pass \$3

Available at pools
or office

Maximum of
6 guests per lot

A guest is anyone who does not
live in your home

Only homeowners may purchase guest
passes and they must accompany their
guests to the pool. Please have all guests
check in at the gate.

Make checks payable to
"Sunflower Village Homes"



POOL HOURS

School Day Hours

6/1 - 6/11

Gainsborough Pool

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hanford Pool

1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Summer Hours

1:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Due to budget concerns, the
Board has decided to open the
pools at 1 p.m. this summer.
The Board will continue to
evaluate the situation and
make any necessary
adjustments.

Thank you for your
understanding.

New Residents

If you are a new
homeowner since last
pool season, please
call the office to
update your infor-
mation. Updating
now will avoid delays
at check-in at the
pool gate.

End of Season

The end
of the season
closing times will be
determined according to
staff availability in August.

Since many of our college guards will
leave in mid-August it may be difficult
to remain open on a full schedule
until Labor Day. We will make every
attempt to stay open as long as it's
safe for the patrons. Thank you for
your understanding. Notice will be
posted at the pools once closing
dates are determined.



NOTICE DUES & LATE FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU CAN USE THE POOL

Pool Staff are not able to
accept dues payments at the
pool. Please pay at the office
before the pools open for the
season. Dues paid after the
pool opens are subject to a
five-day processing period.
Dues payments will be
processed only during
normal office hours.

Meet the pool staff

Pool Supervisor - Keegan Kendall

Pool Managers- Logan and Trenton

Returning Staff - Jenna, Joshua,
Andrew, Jalen, Maureen, Emilee,
Grace & Emma

New Guards: Addison, Sara, Alaina,
Curtis, Ryan, Jack, Evan, Brady &
Gabby

CHECK-IN AT THE POOL

Please check in every time you come
to the pool.

- ◆ Indicate on the clip board at the
check-in cart your lot number,
number of residents and number of
guests coming in.
- ◆ Have the lifeguard on duty punch
your guest pass for each guest (or
purchase a guest pass if needed).
- ◆ Ask a lifeguard if you don't know
your lot number.
- ◆ Fill out a registration form if the
lifeguard asks you to do so (it
means we're missing some in-
formation that we need).
- ◆ Complete a COVID waiver if you
are asked to do so.
- ◆ If no one is at the cart, please
check-in anyway — it helps us
keep an accurate count of pool
usage.
- ◆ If you have any questions about
the pools, ask a lifeguard.

Adult Swim - The last 15 minutes of every hour.
During adult swim all swimmers under age 18 are
to be at least six feet back from the edge of the pool.
The Hanford Kiddy Pool will be closed during
adult swim.

Once the pool is open for the full summer hours, an
additional adult swim will be from 8-9 p.m.,
Monday thru Friday at the Gainsborough Pool.
During the evening adult swim the pool may be
divided in half for adult-only lap swim on one side
and open swim for all ages on the other side.

The Hanford Pool will remain open for all ages.

Stay cool in the pool



SUNFLOWER SWIM LESSONS 2021

There is a limited amount of space in each session.



REGISTRATION:

Session 1	Class A - 10:00-10:30 AM	Levels 5 & 6
June 14-June 24	Class B - 10:30-11:00 AM	Levels 3 & 4
	Class C - 11:00-11:30 AM	Levels 1 & 2
Session 2	Class D - 10:00-10:30 AM	Levels 5 & 6
July 5-July 15	Class E - 10:30-11:00 AM	Levels 3 & 4
	Class F - 11:00-11:30 AM	Levels 1 & 2
Session 3	Class G - 10:00-10:30 AM	Levels 5 & 6
July 19-July 29	Class H - 10:30-11:00 AM	Levels 3 & 4
	Class I - 11:00-11:30 AM	Levels 1 & 2

- Wednesday, May 12, 6-7 p.m. - Hanford Clubhouse. **NO advance registration!**
- Residents whose dues are current may register their children on a first come, first serve basis. **Children must be at least five years old to be registered.**
- The registration form will require a parent's signature.
- Cost for a two week session - Monday - Thursday are: \$60 if pre-registered May 12-June 10 OR if you are registering the same child for a second session. (You must register for the second session before Thursday prior to the first day of the lessons.) Registrations after June 10 are \$65.
- All fees are due at the time of registration.
- Lessons will be at the Gainsborough Pool.
- Fridays are reserved for make-up sessions if class is canceled due to bad weather. **If the temperature is below 65 degrees at 9:30 a.m., lessons may be canceled for the day.** No refunds will be issued for missed classes.

- Pre-testing will take place the week before each session. Sign-up for pre-testing will occur at the time of sign-up.
- Any registrations after May 12 will be handled through the office during normal business hours on a first come, first serve basis.
- Private lessons are not available.
- **NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL. The cut-off for registration is noon Thursday prior to the start of Monday's session.**
- Non-residents (nieces, nephews, friends, etc) who register will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified by 3 p.m. the Thursday prior to class if openings are available. Cost for non-residents is \$65.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN UNLESS THE SESSION IS CANCELLED DUE TO LOW ENROLLMENT

CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

A childcare provider is someone who is authorized to bring the children to the pool in the parent's absence.

Parents, your childcare provider must be registered with the association office.

Childcare Providers Policy:

- 15 years or older for children age 6 and older
- 18 years or older for children under the age of 6
- Guest pass is required if they are NOT a Sunflower resident

Registration MUST be done at the office each pool season. Lifeguards are not able to complete registrations at the pool.



Please wear proper swim attire when using the pools.



THE POOLS ARE SMOKE FREE



Smoking is not allowed inside the pool fence
Thank you for your cooperation.

Discipline Policy

To ensure a safe environment for all swimmers, the lifeguards will enforce our rules. If a child is asked to leave the pool due to a discipline problem, the parents will be notified by phone and also in writing. The child may not return to the pool without the notification signed by a parent. A copy of this policy is available in the Association office.

No disposable diapers in the pool!

Swim diapers are highly recommended (or use a cloth diaper and snug fitting rubber pants). **Swim diapers will NOT be available for purchase.**



Private Swim Lessons

Sunflower pools may not be used for private swim lessons by any party. Please do not approach our guards about private lessons using our facilities.

POOL FUN

What can we bring to the pool?

Small plastic pool toys (that fit in the palm of your hand) with no removable parts or sharp edges. Please no balls, noodles, dolls with hair, or flotation devices. (Water wings are acceptable.) The type of toy and the use of the toy will be up to the lifeguard's discretion. Please respect the authority of the lifeguards who are here to ensure your safety and enjoyment of our facility.

Non-alcoholic beverages in cans or plastic bottles (juice boxes are OK). Since food is not allowed on the pool deck, please enjoy your snacks outside the fenced area.

REMINDER

Children under the age of 6 MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult or qualified helper (see pool rules for helper qualifications on Page 10).

Children under the age of 12 MUST be supervised by an adult at all times. (Note: Children ages 9-11 who pass the RED DOT TEST may use the pool Unsupervised. See Red Dot Test information Below.)

Our lifeguard staff is there to ensure the safety of all the patrons at the pool — not to baby-sit individual children.



MAKE A SPLASH

Come to the POOL PARTIES

Each child may bring one guest

\$5 PER PERSON

(Payment will be taken at the gate).

Children's Party — 6-8-year-olds

Monday, July 12 7-9 p.m. (Rain date - Thursday, July 15)

Preteen's Party - 9-12-year-olds

Monday, July 19 7-9 p.m. (Rain date - Thursday, July 22)

Due to safety concerns, only children of the appropriate age will be allowed in for the party (younger or older siblings will not be able to attend).

Sunflower will provide ice cream and goodie bags.

All parties will be held at the Gainsborough Pool. (The pool will close at 6 p.m. the day of the parties so guards can prepare for the evening events.)

The pool will be closed to the public during the parties. The Hanford pool will remain open for residents to enjoy.



Red Dot Testing

required for all qualified helpers and for ages 9-11 swimming without adult supervision

- Testing will be done M-W-F from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the GAINSBOROUGH POOL (once full summer hours start).
- Parents must sign up their children before 7:00 p.m. the day they want them tested.
- Parents must be on deck during the testing and will be asked to sit in a designated area while the child takes the test. Parents may not coach their child during the test.
- There is a one-week waiting period if a child needs retesting
- Parents must complete a "Red Dot Test" form before their child is tested.
- Parents must provide an emergency phone number before their 9-11-year-old may come to the pool without their supervision.

SKILLS TO BE TESTED:

25 yards freestyle	25 yards backstroke
25 yards breaststroke	25 yards elementary backstroke
Dive from edge of pool	Retrieve ring from bottom of deep end
Tread water for two minutes	Knowledge of safety rules
Knowledge of what to do in a pool emergency	

The above skills must be demonstrated to the acceptance of the tester.

Pool Closings

Our pools will close early if the weather dictates or if there are problems that create a health concern. If any of these problems occur, **please be understanding.** We are working with the local health department to minimize the amount of time the pools will be closed due to a biohazard (the minimal amount of time is 30 minutes but it could be extended depending on the pool chemical readings or the type of biohazard that occurred). Please keep biohazard accidents to a minimum by following a few simple guidelines:

1. Don't let children use the pool if they are not feeling well.
2. Wait an hour after eating before swimming.
3. Have your child take regular bathroom breaks.
4. Follow the diaper rule.
5. Have your child sit out to rest for a while if he/she has swallowed a lot of water and has come up gagging.

Did you know that lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the eye of the storm? That's why the pool staff closes the pool when there is lightning. If the staff calls lightning, please leave the pool area immediately. The pool will remain closed for one hour after the last streak of lightning.

Your cooperation is essential for a smooth running pool season!

POOL RULES

ONLY RESIDENTS WHOSE DUES ARE PAID IN FULL, INCLUDING ALL PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE FACILITIES.

- 1) NO swimming unless a lifeguard is on duty.
- 2) WALK (no running, rough play, splashing or dunking is allowed in the pool area).
- 3) Showers must be taken before entering the pool area (state health code).
- 4) NO gum or food is allowed in the pool area. NO glass containers (or ceramic coffee mugs) or alcoholic beverages (state health code). Use of the pool prohibited after consuming alcoholic beverages.
- 5) **ABSOLUTELY NO DISPOSABLE DIAPERS.** All children not toilet trained must wear a regulation swim diaper or cloth diaper and rubber pants that fit snugly at the waist and legs.
- 6) Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied in the water by an adult or qualified helper.
HELPER QUALIFICATIONS (must meet them all):
 - At least 14 years old (18 years old if watching a child under 6).
 - Be on record as passing the RED DOT TEST.
 - May only watch one child at a time.
 - Must be present on the pool deck at all times.
 - Guest pass required if helper is not a Sunflower resident.
- 7) Children under age 12 must be supervised by an adult, guardian or helper at all times.
Note: Children ages 9-11 who pass the RED DOT TEST may use the pool unsupervised.
- 8) Childcare providers, ages 15-17, may accompany children ages 6-12. For children under the age of 6 the childcare provider must be 18 years of age or older. All childcare providers must be registered with the association office.
Guest pass required if childcare provider is not a Sunflower resident.
- 9) Small plastic pool toys (that fit in the palm of a hand) with no sharp edges or removable parts are allowed in the pool area.
NO balls, noodles, dolls with hair, flotation toys, SCUBA gear, or masks.
- 10) BAND-AIDS must be removed before entering the pool area (state health code).
- 11) NO hanging on the rope, ladders or rails.
- 12) Diving permitted in designated areas ONLY. NO jumping in backwards, spinning, flips or jumping from ladders or stairs.
- 13) Proper swim attire is required — NO cutoffs or shorts allowed (state health code).
- 14) NO shoes or aqua footwear are allowed in the pool.
- 15) The lifeguards reserve the right to limit the number of patrons in the pool facility.
- 16) NO UNNECESSARY CONVERSATION WITH THE LIFEGUARDS.
- 17) The Guard Room, stands and other equipment are for lifeguard use ONLY. Please refrain from entering the designated red lifeguard zone around the stands.
- 18) The Kiddy pool is for children age 5 and under (10 people maximum). Adult must accompany child at all times.
Kiddy pool will be closed during adult swim.
- 19) NO playing in restrooms or lengthy showers. Showers are to be taken ONLY when coming into or leaving the pool area. CHILDREN ARE NOT TO TAKE SHOWERS DURING ADULT SWIM UNLESS THEY ARE LEAVING TO GO HOME!
- 20) Only audio devices with headphones are permitted in the pool area.
- 21) The chaise lounges and any other outdoor furniture are reserved for adult use.
- 22) ALL non-residents must be accompanied by a resident and a guest pass must be presented at the gate. Each lot number is allowed no more than six guests at one time.
- 23) NO ONE is allowed in the clubhouse while using the pool facilities.
- 24) This facility is a smoke-free environment. NO smoking allowed inside the fenced pool area or restrooms.

SUNFLOWER EMPLOYEES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ANY WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN RULE THAT WILL HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY OR ENJOYMENT OF OUR PATRONS AND STAFF. ANY PATRON NOT COOPERATING AND/OR NOT OBSERVING ALL RULES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY.

THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THESE RULES AT ANY TIME.

Small Business Directory

If you need these services please
call one of our residents



Please include my business in the Small Business Directory

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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 per issue or \$10 per year (pay for five issues and get sixth free).



POTHOLE PROBLEMS

To report a pothole problem or a road in need of repair, please call **Wayne County** at **1-888-762-3273** or report the problem on-line at **<https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/report-a-road-hazard.aspx>**



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Ahem, we need to talk.

Folks, I don't think you're picking up what I'm putting down here, if you get my drift. We four-footed members of Sunflower love our walking track and grassy areas, and we really love to go for our walks to meet our neighbors, but come on, folks — a little help here, please! We're only dogs after all, and it stinks down here! It's up to you to do your duty and use those doody duffels to pick up what we're putting down. So how about we all do our part to keep it clean, huh? It'll be a whole lot nicer for all of us.

Woof.



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Common Grounds Committee

It's springtime in Michigan and that means it's time to spruce up our commons and clubhouse landscaping. The Common Grounds Committee works hard each year to focus on improvements to the Sunflower public areas and both of our clubhouses.

The committee walks through the commons areas and identifies dead or dying trees that need to be replaced. They also look around the clubhouses — both the interiors and exteriors — and identify any other areas where improvements are needed.

This year they are hoping to focus on the Children's Memorial Garden, and plant some native plants that will add a touch of beauty to that corner of Sunflower.

We are thankful to have these committee members volunteer their time and work for the benefit of all of us!

Please slow down!

As the warmer weather approaches, children will be outside playing, and tend to roam closer to the streets. No one wants to be involved in an accident, and slower speeds throughout the subdivision can prevent accidents.

Sunflower is also home to lots of animals that wander into the streets. Please be alert and give our furry and feathered friends a chance.

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COMMONS SENSE

Please use — don't abuse

Homeowners are not allowed to cut down any trees in Sunflower's Commons. The Commons are protected by the forestry laws of the State of Michigan. Therefore, the association must go through the appropriate channels to get approval to cut down trees - and only dead trees can be cut down.

Our commons areas are not to be used as dumping grounds. If you see someone dumping any refuse — grass clippings, shrubs, tree limbs, furniture, etc. — please call the Canton Police at (734) 394-5400 and file a complaint. There is a dumping ordinance that the police can enforce: the offender will either receive an appearance ticket on the spot or a misdemeanor warrant will be issued. The fines for dumping are up to \$500. There is weekly, curbside pick-up service for this refuse.

Utilize our commons for your leisure and recreational needs but remember, **these are private parks, not public parks.** If you are involved with an "organized" community activity, it is the responsibility of your group to find the appropriate, not just most convenient, place to gather.

The Commons in Sunflower are not an extension of homeowners' backyards. Residents are not allowed to install or leave personal property in the commons areas. This includes, but is not limited to, play structures, barbecue grills, lawn furniture, fences and/or invisible fences and any type of recreational equipment. All personal property belongs in the homeowner's yard. All trees planted in the commons areas must have site approval by the Board. No more than two trees behind or beside a lot will be approved.

Tree houses may be built on **your** property, but please do not build them in the commons. Please do not build bike ramps in the Commons, which destroys the natural undergrowth in the wooded areas. When playing ball in the Commons, please be courteous toward the homes bordering the Commons. Please don't hit the ball toward the homes or run into the fences or climb the fences to retrieve your ball.

Enjoy the natural state of our woods and commons!

COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

If you want to know what can and cannot be done on your property be sure to check the Covenants and Restrictions for your lot. The C&Rs are available through the Sunflower Website (sunflowercanton.com).

SVHA office staff cannot interpret or offer assistance about C&Rs. Have the C&Rs reviewed by personal legal counsel to ensure that what you wish to do is not in conflict with the Covenants & Restrictions and then come to the SVHA Board with your questions.

Tips from Canton Public Safety

Take a few common-sense steps to make your home safer while you enjoy your summer vacation:

- ° Have timers go on/off at different times in different rooms, i.e. dining room around meal time, family room in the evening, bedroom around bedtime.
- ° Ask a neighbor to watch your house and take in your mail, paper and/or packages. If the neighbor is going inside your home have them change the blinds every so often so it looks like you're home.
- ° Hire a neighborhood teenager to mow your lawn.
- ° Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway. If the car is moved every-so-often, it appears that someone is home.

A few simple steps might give you added peace of mind so you'll enjoy your vacation more.

Securing your home

- ° Meet your neighbors and ask that they look out for anything suspicious.
- ° Make sure your home address is visible.
- ° Make sure trees/shrubs are trimmed (dense landscaping can conceal front door entrance).
- ° Install motion detection lighting, and leave porch lights on overnight.
- ° Keep interior garage doors locked.
- ° Keep garage door closed when not in use.
- ° Lock all vehicles.

Canton Township Police - (734) 394-5400

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.



PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE 25 m.p.h. SPEED LIMIT ON ALL SUBDIVISION STREETS

Be aware of children at play and entering the street between parked cars.

SUNFLOWER ROADS - UPDATE

With spring and summer come road construction season. The Board participated in the Canton Township road match program (also known as the Township Initiative Funding Program) and saw more than 20 sections of subdivision roads repaired during the summer of 2020. Because Sunflower roads were repaired last summer, our subdivision is ineligible for major repair work during the summer of 2021. The Board and the Roads Committee continue to monitor the road match program, and while the details for the next program are yet to be released, the Board has expressed Sunflower's desire to participate once again.

In previous years, subdivisions were asked to contribute 20% of the amount of work to be completed, and the township made a contribution of the remaining 80%, up to a maximum allocation of \$200,000. In order to participate in the 2020-21 program, Sunflower's contribution was \$40,000 and Canton Township's contribution was \$160,000. No specific details have been released for the next program, but the Roads Committee is anticipating that it will be similar. The Board is prepared to once again apply for the maximum allocation and contribute the appropriate funds necessary to receive these benefits.

The Board is aware of several areas of Sunflower that require not only major road repair, but actually need to be completely reconstructed. Some of these roads include Swanmere Drive, Lambeth Way, South Lambeth Court, North Lambeth Court, Oak Manor Court East and Oak Manor Court West, to name a few. Members of the Board have been reaching out to Wayne County for assistance. However, road repair work is expensive. The cost to replace a section of road such as Swanmere Drive would easily exceed one million dollars. The road match program is designed to assist with road repair work, not the rebuilding of roads, and would not cover these costs. Recently, our County Commissioner, Melissa Daub, contacted the Wayne County Department of Public Services for assistance on behalf of Sunflower residents. The Wayne County Deputy Director of Roads issued the following response to her inquiry:

Pursuant to your inquiry regarding the above captioned location an assessment of the area was made and it appears that extensive concrete removal and replacement or a partial reconstruct is needed which is beyond routine road maintenance. We do not do this extensive work in subdivisions because they were not built by the County. However we do provide routine road maintenance which includes pothole patching, catch basin repairs etc and we will continue to monitor and do so until a more permanent solution is facilitated. Additionally, historically when subdivision roads have needed capital improvements, it was handled through the Association, a Special Assessment District (SAD) or in recent years through the Township Initiative Funding.

As frustrating as this is, the Board of Directors and the members of the Roads Committee remain committed to working through the system and seeking an option that will work best for Sunflower.

Clubhouse Rentals

As of this printing, the clubhouses remain closed to rentals. After discussing this situation with Canton Township and other nearby venues, the Board of Directors has decided to follow state recommendations that limit the number of attendees for indoor meetings, and has made the decision not to open the clubhouses for rentals at this time.

If you have any questions about rentals or would like to place a tentative hold on space for a future rental, please call the office at (734) 453-2022.

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 sanctioned sites and the association will not respond to any comments or take responsibility for comments made on these sites. If you have a question, need to report an incident or make the association aware of something that is happening in Sunflower, please understand that posting it to a social media site is not the way to advise the association. If you need to make the association aware of something, need assistance, have a question or need specific information, please call the office at (734) 453-2022. You also may send an email through the Sunflower website at www.sunflowercanton.com.

NO Skateboarding on the Sports Courts

The weather is turning warmer, and the tennis court, pickleball courts and basketball court are calling our names. The nets have been put up and the gates are unlocked — the courts are open for use, but we ask that you use the courts appropriately.

DO NOT use the athletic courts for bike riding, skateboarding, inline skating or dog training. The surface of these courts is a special compound that is easily damaged by improper usage. Even the rubber wheels found on inline skates or bicycle tires can cause cracking and permanent damage to the surface, making the courts unsuitable for sports play.

Replacing the court surface is extremely expensive. All the surfaces were replaced last summer, and should last for several years if we all work together.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Golf Carts in Sunflower

Recently several golf carts have been spotted zipping around Sunflower. According to the Michigan Public Act of 2014, golf carts are required to obey the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. Golf carts that travel on streets must be registered and insured, and be street legal, possessing horns, windshields, headlights, taillights and working turn signals.

Golf carts may **not** be operated on sidewalks, commons areas, walking paths or on private property. They may not exceed 15 m.p.h., and are not legal 30 minutes before sunset until 30 minutes after sunrise. Operators must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license.

If you are planning on driving your golf cart through the subdivision, please be sure you are acting responsibly.

Sunflower Fun Facts

We know how much you miss trivia nights, so to keep your minds sharp, and get you ready for the next trivia night some point down the road, we're going to include some Sunflower Fun Facts.

Q: How many courts are located in Sunflower?

A: Sunflower is home to 24 courts. There are also 24 drives, 2 ways, 15 roads, 3 streets and 1 street with no designation. Which one is that? Plum Hollow.

Q: How many cul-de-sacs are located in Sunflower?

A: Sunflower is home to 34 cul-de-sacs.

Q: By volume, which pool is larger?

A: The Gainsborough Pool, with 100,000 gallons of water is the larger pool. The Hanford Pool only holds 85,000 gallons of water.

Q: How many miles of roads are in Sunflower?

A: Sunflower has approximately 16.7 miles of roads.

How many did you know? Keep looking for more interesting Sunflower fun facts in future editions of the Sunflower News.



Sunflower Summer Events

May - August 2021

May 12 - Wednesday

Swim Lesson Sign-up

6-7 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse

May 13-15 - Thurs - Sat

Garage Sale - 9 AM - ??

May 19 - Wednesday

Association Board Meeting

7 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse

May 29 - Saturday

Pools Open at 1 p.m.

June 14 - June 24 - Mon-Thurs

Swim Lessons - Session 1

Gainsborough Pool

10-11:30 a.m.

June 16 - Wednesday

Association Board Meeting

7 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse

July 5-15 - Mon-Thurs

Swim Lessons - Session 2

Gainsborough Pool

10-11:30 a.m.

July 12 - Monday

Children's Pool Party

7-9 p.m. Gainsborough Pool

Rain date - July 15

July 19 - Monday

Preteen's Pool Party

7-9 p.m. Gainsborough Pool

Rain date - July 22

July 19 - July 29 - Mon-Thurs

Swim Lessons - Session 3

Gainsborough Pool

10-11:30 a.m.

July 21 - Wednesday

Association Board Meeting

7 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse

August 18 - Wednesday

Association Board Meeting

7 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse

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