



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

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serves as
legal notice,
please read all of it.**

News for and about Members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

Dues Increase

The value of homes in Sunflower has been steadily increasing, thanks partly to our many facilities and amenities. We would like to thank the members of our Board of Directors (both past and present) for their outstanding job in managing our budget so these facilities could be maintained. Sunflower has not needed a dues increase since 2015, and many goals and improvements have been achieved. Sunflower residents enjoy three swimming pools, two clubhouses, three pickleball courts, a basketball court and a tennis court plus 70 acres of open common space for \$270 a year.

Twice, Sunflower has been able to pay the deposit to participate in the Canton Township Road Repair project, and has been able to meet the deposit requirements in order to participate in the 2022 program without having to ask residents to approve a special assessment. A tennis court was converted to three popular pickleball courts, and the basketball and tennis courts have been completely resurfaced. A new gate was installed at the Gainsborough Clubhouse pool deck, allowing for an additional exit during an emergency, and the overgrown landscaping at both clubhouses has been replaced. A major structural repair was completed at the Gainsborough Clubhouse, sign toppers have been installed at every entrance, and two monument signs welcoming visitors into Sunflower have been erected. Wow – that's a lot!

But in order to continue to participate in the Road Repair project every two years, to maintain and enhance our facilities, and to make our annual contribution to our reserve account, the budget is stretched. The cost of everything from chlorine to utilities has increased. Sunflower prides itself on having the best lifeguard staff around, but the state minimum wage will increase next year, and Sunflower must raise salaries in order to ensure we keep our high-quality staff.

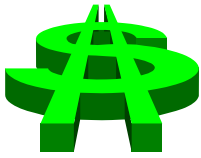
The Board of Directors is reviewing every option to maintain the operating budget on the existing dues, but a modest increase in our dues next year may be necessary. Without an increase, significant cuts to our current programs may be needed.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT is back!
Mark your calendars for October 16.
The fun starts at 3 p.m.



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



Thank you to all the residents who have paid their dues on time!

When a homeowner is delinquent for two years, 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. Call the office **immediately** if your dues are not paid. All details are kept confidential.

Use of the pools and rental of the clubhouses are suspended until all accounts are brought up to date.

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.

If you are a homeowner who has paid his or 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.

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Fireworks Ordinance

Firework debris was found all over the Hanford Commons, in the Hanford pool and on the pool deck last summer. Please follow the township ordinance so that we can prevent damage to the Association's property.

Fireworks are not permitted in any common areas per Canton Ordinance.

The Sunflower recreation facilities are closed at 9 p.m. and fireworks are not permitted on the property at any time. We can all agree that we do not want any damage to the clubhouses, pools, grass, trees, surrounding areas and homes. Please do not plan on coming to the common areas to set off fireworks in the future.

Fireworks are NOT permitted in the common areas!!

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

Hanford Swimming Pool and The Pool Parties

Fortunately, there were no injuries when one of our main filters at the Hanford pool decided to blow its top. This has forced us to close the pool until a replacement filter can be located. The severe winter cold spell in Texas caused pool supply companies to ship all their spare parts south; we have been unable to locate a spare filter in the northern United States.

While every effort is being made to locate a replacement filter and install it as soon as possible, the process may take several weeks. During this process, the Gainsborough pool will remain open from 1-9 p.m.

However, in order to be fair to all patrons, we do not believe it would be right to close the pool for two evenings to host the pool parties. So the tough decision has been made to cancel the children's pool party and the pre-teen pool party for this summer. It's unfortunate, but this way everyone can continue to enjoy the pool. Please watch the website for updates on the Hanford pool.

The pool parties are scheduled to return next summer.

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 system.

Community Mailboxes

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CLOSE AT 9 P.M. This means no basketball, pickleball or tennis after that time.

PLEASE NO LOITERING IN PARKS OR PARKING LOTS. Please enjoy our parks, walk your dogs (cleaning up after them of course!), run, ride your bikes with your friends or 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. **CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT 734-394-5400.** Please 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 crucial for police action. Also, please call the Sunflower office to make the office aware AFTER you have called the police.

JUST MOVED IN?

Please fill out this coupon and return it to:
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CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

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LOT # _____ PHONE # _____

Date we're moving in _____

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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.**



SLOW DOWN PLEASE

Please be mindful of your speeds in our neighborhoods.
The speed limit is 25 m.p.h.



GOOD NEIGHBOR TIP

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



The 2021 directory has been delayed by our printer due to COVID staffing issues. We expect it to be ready in August, and we will be delivering it with the September newsletter.



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BASKETBALL COURT TENNIS COURT PICKELBALL COURTS

The Gainsborough and Hanford sports courts are open!

Please follow these simple rules:

- * The 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.
- * The courts may 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.
- * 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!

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

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End of Pool 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 around August 14, it may not be possible 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.

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TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

FYI - Township ordinances allow temporary parking of boats and campers for 72 hours prior to and after use of the recreational vehicle. However, the homeowner 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.



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

We need one area rep for the South Side, a zone rep for Weathersfield Way and a zone rep for Registry. If you can help, please call the office at 734-453-2022.

Thank you to the numerous residents who already volunteer!

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 are no longer providing the service, please let the office know.

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HELPING HANDS UPDATE

(Your name will remain on the list for one year. If you want to renew your ad, or sign up for a new ad, return this registration form)

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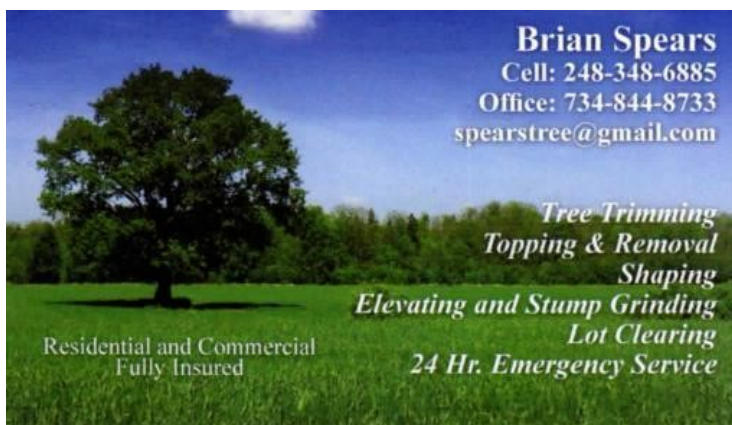
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CATEGORY (circle all that you want to be listed under)

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Golf Carts

Some residents are choosing to drive golf carts on the streets of Sunflower.

We remind residents that Michigan State law requires golf carts that are driven on streets to be licensed, street legal and driven by a licensed 16-year-old or older.

Street legal golf carts are those that have been upgraded to have all of the equipment listed on the TR-54 Vehicle Inspection form for 4-wheel vehicles, including low beam headlights, high-beam headlights, tail lights, brake lights, turn signals, windshield, windshield wipers, bumpers, seat belts, horn and mirrors.



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

Please remove and restore commons to their original condition.



POOL UPDATE

We hope you have an opportunity to enjoy the pools this summer. Our staff has been working hard to ensure a safe, clean and friendly environment.

Just a few pool reminders:

- The pool is not available for private parties - we do not rent out the pool. Therefore when you rent the clubhouse you and your guests do not have access to the pools.
- Please enjoy your snacks outside the pool area. We do not allow food on the deck or in the shower rooms.
- Guest passes are required for all guests (a guest is anyone who does not live at your home). A five-use Guest pass costs \$10 and a one-use guest pass is \$3. A resident may bring up to six guests at one time.
- Parents must register childcare providers with the Office (the pool personnel are not able to handle registration at the pool).
(YOU MUST REGISTER CHILDCARE PROVIDERS EVERY YEAR)
- Red Dot Test for children ages 9-11 will be given on M-W-F from 8-9 PM at the Gainsborough Pool. Please preregister your child before 7 PM. A limited number of tests are done each evening.
- Disposable diapers are not allowed in the pool.
- Small plastic pool toys (fits in the palm of your hand) with no sharp edges or removable parts are allowed in the pool. Please no dolls with hair, sharp edges or large balls.
- Children under the age of 6 MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult or qualified helper.

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