



# Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

Wednesday  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

734-453-2022

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

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Sunflower Village Events &  
Information  
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please read all of it.**

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

### Dues Increase

Sunflower has not needed a dues increase since 2015, due to the responsible management of the budget by the current and previous board of directors. Many improvements have been realized during this time while maintaining the dues at \$270.

For the past two sessions, Sunflower Village Homes has been able to pay the deposit to participate in the Canton Township Road Repair project. Once again we met the 20% match required by Canton Township in order to participate in the next program scheduled for 2022 without having to ask residents to approve a special assessment. However, in order to continue to meet these contributions, a dedicated road fund may be necessary.

Due to significantly increasing costs, the board is evaluating whether it is time to request a modest increase in our dues. This year we saw a remarkable increase in the cost of pool chemicals, cleaning supplies and other services necessary to maintain our subdivision interests. Additionally, the minimum wage is increasing, and that impacts our seasonal staff.

The board of directors is reviewing every option to manage the operating budget on the existing dues, but without an increase, significant cuts to the pool hours, picnic, facility access and other events might be needed.

## NEW THIS YEAR

### Sunflower Bike Rally - fun for the entire family!



New this year will be a Sunflower Family Bike Rally  
scheduled for **Sunday, September 26, 3-4:30 p.m.**

departing from the Hanford Clubhouse. Registration will open at 2:45 p.m.  
(Pre-registration is required!!)

Form a team from your family, or gather a group of six friends to compete. A link to register and the complete set of rules will be posted on the Sunflower Events & Information page on Facebook. Each team will need to have bicycles (no golf carts!), a camera/smart phone, watch, and a pen. When you register on Sunday, you'll be given a list of tasks to complete in a 90-minute window. Each task will be assigned a point value, and the winner will be the team that returns to Hanford first with the most points. (Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers.)

Please remain alert, and obey all traffic laws - especially when crossing Warren Road. And always respect private property. For more information, please refer to the association's Facebook page at Sunflower Events & Information.

## 2022 Board of Directors

There will be six two-year director's positions up for election for the 2022 Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for the Board, and are a resident in good standing, please submit a short biographical paragraph to the office. Your submission will be printed in the November newsletter. The submission should be one paragraph, not exceed 100 words, and include why you would like to serve on the Board as well as a brief summary about yourself. Bios that exceed space limitations will be edited for length.

It is highly recommended that any candidate plan on attending the next board meeting to experience what the Board of Directors responsibilities include.

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

To declare your candidacy, submit your intention and bio no later than **October 5 at 3 p.m.** to be placed on the ballot. Intentions submitted after the 3 p.m. deadline may be considered at the January board meeting provided there are still openings.

The Association would like to have a full 11-member Board of Directors. Please consider sharing your time and talent with your neighborhood. Giving a little time goes a long way in enhancing our community.



**Welcome to Sunflower**  
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## An Invitation to Join the Sunflower Board of Directors

Why should I join the Board of Directors? The main purpose of the Board is to maintain and enhance the shared properties of the association members, protect the shared facilities, provide opportunities to safely use these facilities and promote the interests of the residents, all while enforcing and protecting the Bylaws, Covenants and Restrictions, Policies and Procedures, Articles of Incorporation and Rules and Regulations.

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

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

Board members must be residents in good standing, are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct as stated in our Bylaws, and closely follow and enforce the Bylaws, Covenants and Restrictions, Rules and Regulations, Articles of Incorporation and association policies and procedures.

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

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



### October Winterization Special

\$35 up to 10 zones ( additional Zones - \$2 Ea)  
After Oct 31 \$40 up to 10 zones ( additional Zones - \$2 Ea)

**#734-756-5587**

**Trunk or Treat**  
Saturday October 16  
Handford Clubhouse Parking Lot  
Starts at 3pm

Families are encouraged to dress in costume as they trick or treat from the trunks of neighbors cars.

In order for this event to be successful we need volunteers to provide and distribute candy. We have seen some really Fa-BOO-lous decorated trunks in years past.

Please look for a Sign Up Genius link to reserve your parking spot on the following:  
Facebook: Sunflower Village Events and Information  
or  
[sunflowercanton.com](http://sunflowercanton.com)

Have A FANG-tastic Halloween!  
We hope to see you there.

### 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.

### **Fall Garage Sale September 16-18**

Pay \$1 at the Hanford Clubhouse to help cover the cost of advertising and receive your yellow balloons.

Happy Selling!

### 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.



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This year we all learned what a sand filter is, and how important they are to the operation of a pool. But we also learned what a great neighborhood we live in, and how everyone came together and supported our pool staff as they worked to correct the issue.

The summer pool season was a huge success. Swim lessons returned this year and were well-received. Many parents said the swim lessons made their children's summers, and we thank all of the guards who participated and made this possible.

The staff remains busy over the winter - and this year we'll be looking into some concrete work on the decks to make them safer for next year, restrapping some of the deck chairs, and other repairs and routine maintenance.

So here's to a great summer! It's time to anticipate all the splashes, thrills and fun that next summer will provide.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD OR THE ASSOCIATION.**

## KEEPING SUNFLOWER SAFE

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

### WHAT CAN RESIDENTS DO TO KEEP PROBLEMS AT BAY?

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CLOSE AT 9 p.m.**

**PLEASE NO LOITERING IN PARKS OR PARKING LOTS.** Enjoy our parks, walk your dogs (cleaning up after them of course!), run or ride your bike with your friends and family. However, the police will be looking for individuals or groups of people who are just "hanging out" and ticket them for loitering.

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

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Thank you to all the residents who have paid their dues on time! 2021 Dues were due March 1.

If you have not paid your 2021 dues, you now owe \$375. This payment may be made at the Sunflower Clubhouse on Hanford. If you still own a balance, please pay it off before the end of the year.

**If you are delinquent for two years, the Association will file a lien on the subject property.** If the lien is 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 is committed to recovering all legal fees associated with dues recovery efforts.

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

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

**Sunflower Office (734) 453-2022**

## FALL CLEAN-UP

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

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



The Sunflower Book Club returns this fall. Monthly meetings are the fourth Monday of the month from 1-3 at the Hanford Clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend. Call the Sunflower office for more information.

*Next meeting: Monday, September 27*



## GOOD NEIGHBOR TIP

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

## BASKETBALL COURT TENNIS COURT PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Gainsborough and  
Hanford Courts

Please follow these simple rules:

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

## 2021 ASSOCIATION BOARD

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Thank You.*

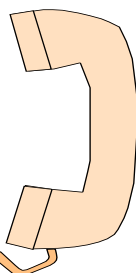


Please note that no structures, sheds, swing sets, trampolines, pools, etc. are to remain on Sunflower commons property.

**Please remove and restore commons to original condition.**

## Small Business Directory

If you need these services please  
call one of our residents



Please include my business in the Small Business Directory

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR FOR THE  
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021  
Hanford Clubhouse - 7:00 p.m.**



**2021 Board Meetings**

September 15  
October 20  
November 17  
December 15

**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR  
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**NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES  
ARE TO BE IN THE COMMONS,  
ON THE SPORTS COURTS OR  
ON THE PATHWAYS**

## HELPING HANDS

A list of people willing to help

**The names remain on this list for one year.**

For changes or additions throughout the year, call the Office (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 intentionally been left blank. For information on these helpers, please contact the Sunflower office.



*Everyone needs a helping hand! And if you're able to lend a hand, this is a great way to let your neighbors know you are available. There is no cost to list in Helping Hands, and your listing is valid for one year. Many residents call the office seeking assistance and the office staff always refers to this list first. With winter quickly approaching, this would be the perfect opportunity to line up some winter jobs.*

### SLOW DOWN PLEASE

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

### Reliable Babysitting & Family Services



Ever feel like you need a helping hand? I'm here to lend that assistance. A Sunflower resident for over 17 years, I'm available and affordable to be that help.

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- \* Babysitting (day, evenings, errands) - experienced with infants and CPR certified
- \* Pet sitting (day and overnight)
- \* Transport children
- \* Various errands
- \* Companion care for the elderly/injured
- \* Transportation to doctor's appointments
- \* Occasional housecleaning
- \* Various household chores including weeding
- \* Clubhouse cleaning following rentals and assistance with parties at the clubhouse or at home.



Need something else? - JUST ASK!

**References Available \* Fully Vaccinated**

**Contact Tammy Sivic \* (734) 748-4398**

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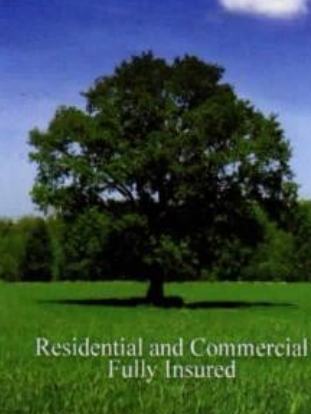
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### *New Event - Family Game Night*

Do you need something to get you out of the house this winter? Are you looking for a way to meet your neighbors, make new friends or just mingle with some other residents? Here's an event that is perfect for families, singles and seniors alike.



The second Tuesday of each month will be Hobby Board Game Night in Sunflower! Dust off your favorite game, or just come and learn something new- from Chutes and Ladders to Catan, from Euchre to Ticket to Ride and more!

Hobby Board Game Night will be Tuesdays from 7-9 at the Hanford Clubhouse. All residents are welcome - from the youngest to the oldest! We'll have some games for you to try, but you are welcome to bring your own games as well.



Bring a sense of adventure, a desire to meet new people and an urge to have some fun! The first game nights are:

Tuesday, Oct 12  
Tuesday, Nov 9  
Tuesday, Jan 11

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