



Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

(734)453-2022

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

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

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE
SUNFLOWER NEWS DO NOT
REFLECT ENDORSEMENT
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OR THE ASSOCIATION.

News for and about members of the Sunflower Village Homes Association

2022 ASSOCIATION DUES ARE NOW DUE \$325

(Last reminder before 3/1 deadline)

The association has voted to increase the 2022 dues to \$325. Dues are payable from January 1 to March 1 without penalty. It is recommended residents deliver payments to the office in person or drop in the mail slot to the right of the front door of the Hanford Clubhouse. We ask you return the original green registration form with your dues payment and make checks payable to **Sunflower Village Homes**. Dues must be in the drop box at the clubhouse by midnight March 1 or be postmarked no later than March 1. *Note: we do not recommend mailing dues as the association will not assume any responsibility for mail not delivered. Late fees will be charged as of March 2* (see chart on Page 2). There are 15 lots out of 1,683 that still owe money for the 2021 dues.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and you cannot pay your dues in full by March 1, please contact the office to set up a payment plan. We have plans for 2 to 5 payments with the first payment due March 1 and subsequent payments due on the first of each month. (If you will want to use the pool on opening day your dues must be paid in full by Tuesday, May 24, 2022.) A \$3 service fee is included in each payment. A \$35 late fee will be applied each time a payment is 30 days in arrears.

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

Dues invoices were mailed to every homeowner of record on December 10. If you did not receive an invoice please call the office and request a copy. Every homeowner receives one invoice in December and then the January/February Newsletter serves as a reminder. Please return the 2022 registration form with your dues payment even if there are no changes in the information stated. This helps us to keep our records up-to-date.

A lien will be placed on your property if you fail to pay your dues or if you default on your payment plan. The homeowner will be responsible for all legal fees incurred if a lien is filed. If your dues (including all other fees owed) are not paid in full, you will not be able to use the pools or clubhouses until the entire balance has been paid.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

LIFEGUARDS



Sunflower is looking for Red Cross certified Lifeguards to work the pools this summer. Applicants must be 16 or older before May 26. Full and part-time positions available from early May to Labor Day. Pick up an application at the Sunflower Office. Please apply by February 1.

A work permit is required if applicant is under the age of 18.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SUNFLOWER OFFICE STAFF

See page 4 for details.

NOTE : Homeowners' Association dues are not tax deductible because they are imposed by the Homeowners Association, rather than the state or local government

**From IRS Publication 17,
Your Federal Income Tax**

Association Dues

The 2022 dues will increase to \$325 a home (bills were mailed in early December). Dues are payable from January 1- March 1 without a penalty. If dues are paid after March 1, the following late fees will accrue:

	2022 Dues	Total Late Fee	Total Due
Paid by 3/1	\$325		\$325
Paid 3/2-4/1	\$325	\$35	\$360
Paid 4/2-5/1	\$325	\$70	\$395
Paid after 5/1	\$325	\$105	\$430

Please pay your dues on time to avoid additional charges.

After May 1, interest will be charged at 6% per year.

If the Association has to file a lien against your property for non-payment of dues, you will be responsible for all legal fees incurred.

GARAGE SALE
MAY 12-14, 9:00 AM till ?

To participate, stop by the office during open hours to register, pay the \$1 registration fee and pick up your yellow balloons.

2022 Dues Vote & Election Results

129 voted to maintain dues at \$270
229 voted to raise dues to \$325



Thank you for taking the time to vote

The following people were elected to the 2022 Board:

Jeff Barszcz, Robert Parker and Pam Turek

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

Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to:
Gretchen Harrington, Chuck Lang and Bill Meeks

There are three open seats on the 2022 board. Interested residents should attend the January 19 board meeting and petition the board to fill one of the open seats.

LEGAL REMINDERS



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

Please do not put snow in the street!!



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

STORM SEWERS IN HOMEOWNER'S EASEMENT

It is the responsibility of each individual homeowner to maintain, repair and/or replace the storm sewer in the easement that services each individual lot, since this is the portion of the system that is for the sole benefit of each particular homeowner.

The responsibility for maintaining and repairing storm sewers is set forth in the Covenants and Restrictions of Sunflower Village Homes Association. The storm sewers are in "private" easements and therefore neither Canton Township nor Sunflower Village Homes Association is responsible for their upkeep. The Association is responsible for storm sewers in the commons property of the Association.



Let's all build a snowman ...

The weatherfolks are calling for lots of that fluffy white stuff this winter, and with lots of snow, who doesn't want to just run and play? Well, here's your chance to build the biggest and best snowman the world ever has seen. Then take a picture and e-mail it to the Social Committee at svhaevents@gmail.com. We'll post some of the pictures on the Facebook Page at Sunflower Events and Information. Be sure to follow along to see what's happening around the neighborhood. We can't wait to see what you're going to create!



STATE OF THE VILLAGE By Jeff Barszcz, 2021 President

2021 has been a difficult year and all of us have been impacted by the COVID pandemic in some way. Sunflower is no different. We have had to cancel some of the annual activities and operate under a slightly limited budget due to restrictions. However, I would like to focus on the accomplishments and positive changes that occurred in Sunflower throughout 2021.

The Board of Directors and management team continued to have regular monthly meetings throughout the year when restrictions did not enable us to have in person meetings. We used Zoom to allow homeowners to participate and listen to the general meetings. When restrictions were modified mid-year, we were again able to have open Board meetings at the clubhouse.

The following are some of the Board and the office's accomplishments this year:


- Replaced a Hanford pool filter.
- Replaced the sand in both filters at the Gainsborough pool, which fixed a water clarity issue that temporarily closed the pool this summer.
- Replaced the caulking around the Gainsborough pool.
- A large backwash drain was cleared at the Gainsborough clubhouse. The persistency and follow up with several contractors by the Maintenance Manager saved the association from tearing up the parking lot and replacing this drain.
- The fire suppression system controller was replaced at the Gainsborough clubhouse and both of the clubhouse systems were serviced
- A leaking hot water holding tank will be replaced at the Hanford clubhouse.
- The lawn sprinkler controller was replaced at Hanford, and approximately 60 sprinkler heads were replaced between both clubhouses.
- Major structural improvements at the Gainsborough clubhouse were completed earlier this year which allowed us to open the clubhouse for rentals and open the pool bathrooms for pool season.
- Both pools were open for a successful pool season which saw the return of swim lessons.
- The Social Committee organized several events such as Game Night, the Bike Rally, Trunk or Treat, and the 4th of July Bike Parade.

The association made a \$40,000 contribution this year to participate in the Canton Township local road improvement program for 2022. This is an 80/20 match program in conjunction with Canton Township. Our \$40,000 contributions gains us an additional \$160,000 in roadwork. We look forward to seeing road improvements in 2022.


2021 proved to be a challenging year with increases seen in Sunflower's expenses due to wage spending increases, increased spending on professional fees, maintenance contract changes, and unforeseen repairs. The Board and Office have worked hard to keep the budget balanced for the year but will not be able to make the recommended capital reserve account contribution for 2021. As this challenging year comes to an end, Sunflower's finances and reserves remain strong.

I would like to encourage homeowners to communicate with the board by attending our monthly association meetings, calling the office, or by using the association website. I encourage homeowners to volunteer to help with our annual activities. Without volunteers these great events would not be possible.

In closing I must say we all can be very proud to live in Sunflower Village. We continue to provide an environment that is desirable to live in as well as good home values. Thank you,



If you bought your home in 2021 you may not have received a 2022 dues invoice. We depend on the title companies to notify us of a change of ownership. If that does not happen, then we don't know that a property changed hands and the dues notice was probably mailed to the previous owner. Please call the Sunflower Office today so that we can correct our records (734-453-2022).



MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday of the month
7:00 PM

January 19
February 16
March 16

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

Board meetings are no longer being held via Zoom.

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

- **Please move your car out of the street if a snowstorm is predicted.** Parked cars prohibit the plow from being able to plow curb to curb. *Police will ticket cars parked on streets during snow emergencies.*
- **Please do not put snow in the street. Putting snow into the street prevents the snow plow from plowing effectively!!**
- Shoveling or blowing the snow from your driveway into the street creates ruts as it freezes and thaws, making the road more hazardous. Also, you can be fined for putting the snow back in the street.. Plowing is done if the snowfall is two inches or greater.
- Salting the entire subdivision is **NOT** part of our contract. We salt select intersections each time the streets are plowed. (Wayne County spreads sand on icy roads when it deems it necessary.)
- For a "normal" snowfall (2-4"), plowing will not begin until the majority of the storm is over. The plow company then has 24 hours to complete the plowing. For a large snowfall (over 6"), plowing will take place throughout the storm to try to keep up with the snow. The plow company will need additional time to clear the snow (48-60 hours).

Please be patient!

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

- Tree branches that overhang the street create a problem for the plow and they are not able to get close to the curb. The plow will go around the area and leave it unplowed if there isn't clearance.
- The plow tries to get as close as it can to the curb but staking your property will let drivers know where the curb is, especially if you live on a curve or a cul-de-sac.
- When the plow comes through there will be snow plowed back into your driveway or piled up at the end of your driveway. It happens to all of us - we all have to shovel back out.
- Group Mailbox Members, it is your responsibility to clear out your group mailbox and keep it free from ice. Maybe those who share the box could take turns with that responsibility so that everyone can get their mail in a timely manner. **If the area around the box is not safe for the mail carrier, he/she will not leave the mail.**
- It is your responsibility to shovel out fire hydrants near your home for easy access. You may save someone's life by doing so. Plus, it's also a township ordinance that all fire hydrants must be shoveled out.

Help the neighborhood have a smooth-running snow removal season by following the tips mentioned above. A little cooperation goes a long way. And please be patient! It takes time to plow the entire subdivision.

Commons Areas

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

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

SUNFLOWER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

OFFICE STAFF POSITION



Sunflower Village Homes is seeking a positive, self-motivated, detailed-oriented individual who has an exceptional ability to organize, prioritize and multi-task.

Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Access, Excel, Publisher and QuickBooks. Candidate must have exceptional oral and written communications skills, people skills and be able to positively interact with homeowners, the Board of Directors and other staff members.

Schedule requires flexibility with some evening and weekend hours, especially during the summer months. Minimum of two years in an office setting. Job is temporary/part-time. No benefits.

Interested applicants should contact the association office at 734-453-2022.



HELPING HANDS

A list of those willing to help others in the Subdivision

We try to keep this list as current as possible.
For changes or additions throughout the year, call the Office (734-453-2022). If you contact someone on this list who is no longer providing the service, please let the office know.



Babysitters

(Year listed is year of their birth):

Dog walking/ Pet Sitting:



Lawn Work:



This area has intentionally been left blank. For information on these services, please contact the office.



Snow Removal:



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

Thank you for helping out!

The Sunflower Newsletter is available online at www.sunflowercanton.com

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

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

NAME _____

YEAR OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____

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

Babysitting	Dog Walking	Pet Sitting
Adult Babysitter	Lawn Work	Snow Shoveling

CLASSES TAKEN (for Babysitters) _____

Deadline for Mar/Apr issue is Feb. 1, 2022

2022 Operating Budget

In the November newsletter, there was an error on the Total Expenses for the 2021 Operating Budget. The correct amount for the 2021 total expenses should have read \$457,730.00.

All other figures for both the 2021 and 2022 Operating Budgets were correct.

The Association apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused. The entire operating budget for 2022 can be found on Sunflower's website at www.sunflowercanton.com.



SUBDIVISION VANDALISM

Lately incidents of vandalism within Sunflower have been increasing. We encourage residents to report any suspicious activity to the Canton Police at 734-394-5400 and also notify the Sunflower office.

Some tips to prevent vandalism include:

- Do not leave valuables in unlocked cars or in plain sight.
- Keep vehicles locked and secured at night.
- Keep outdoor lighting on overnight.
- Trim overgrown shrubs and hedges.

Together we can keep Sunflower a great place to live.

Small Business Directory

If you need these services please
call one of our residents



Please include my business in the Small Business Directory

Business Name: _____

Resident's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ *Lot #* _____

Check which issues:

_____ *Jan/Feb* _____ *May/June* _____ *Sept/Oct*

_____ *Mar/Apr* _____ *July/Aug* _____ *Nov/Dec*

The cost is \$2.00 per issue or \$10.00 per year (pay for 5 issues and get 6th issue free). Please include payment with this form.

BUSINESS NAME

Allegro Piano Service
AMI Leather & Upholstery Repair
Amway - Nutrilite XS Energy & Sports Nutrition
Brides & Tailor LLC (Custom Wedding Dresses)
Buttons—Political, Sports or Custom Made
Clubhouse Cleaning
Color Street (FB Group: Sierra's Sweet Manis)
Creative Memories—Scrapbooking and Card Making
Global CPA - Tax & Accounting
H.S. and College Math Tutoring
Home Staging & Interior Design
Mary Kay
Mary Kay
Pan's Financial Inc.
Pond's Painting
R. Richard Landscape Design
Specialized Reading Tutoring
Tastefully Simple
Thirty One
Tutoring for Nursing Students

RESIDENT

Dan Sullivan
Dave Farmer
Lori Levi
Manal Chamseddine
Lori Levi
Tammy Sivic
Sierra Gillis
Kimberlyn Benjamin
Owen Ekechukwu, CPA
Michael Defranceshi
Joyce Sullivan
Joan Trainor
Kristina Wittner
Chuanbing Rong
Jeffrey Pond
Randy Kuznicki
Patricia Greene
Kelli Becker
Kelly Reed
Shereen Patten

PHONE

734-451-0769
313-304-0700
734-323-0886
313-265-9947
734-323-0886
734-748-4398
734-626-2925
734-776-9004
734-228-2221
734-776-2735
734-748-9068
734-812-9690
734-787-9954
682-433-6055
734-771-0339
734-756-0758
734-455-2569
248-420-5564
734-765-9993
313-610-0209

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).

WAYNE COUNTY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Drains 734-326-4500
Drains (obstructions/blockage) 734-285-7233

Forestry Division 734-522-7370
or 734-955-2286
Dead/damaged/removal/trimming 734-522-7240

Speed Limit Signs/Traffic Control 734-955-9920

Street Signs / Stop Signs 734-955-2135

Stop Signs / Canton Public Safety 734-394-5400

Traffic Division 734-955-2158

Traffic Lights (Roads Division) 734-955-2163

Traffic and Safety 734-955-2161

Soil Erosion 734-326-5565

MDOT 313-375-2400

Wayne County—Complaint Notification System
(Ditch complaints, grading, mast arms/street signs,
plowing, pot holes, road hotline and salting.)

888-ROAD-CREW

Wayne County Road Hotline 888-762-3273

Wayne County Claims Division 313 224-7766

Detroit Edison/Power Outage/downed power line
800-477-4747

DTE gas leaks 800-947-5000

2022 ASSOCIATION BOARD

Bob Parker, President	734-787-8179
Khalil Kandah, Vice Pres	734-968-8842
Melissa Lichtman, Treas	734-660-9710
Pam Turek, Secretary	734-459-5348
Jeff Barszcz	734-756-1500
Barbara Carson	
Pat Mulcahy	734-335-7784
Mary Waxer-Leto	248-982-9728

Sunflower Office 734-453-2022
Sunflower Website sunflowercanton.com

There are three open seats on the 2022 and 2023 Association Boards. Residents who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors should attend the next board meeting and advise the board of their desire to serve.

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

Thank you.

Holiday Decorating Contest



1st Place (North of Warren)

Corden Family - 47295 Bartlett

1st Place (South of Warren)

Brasseur Family - 6573 Marshall

2nd Place (North of Warren)

Brydges Family - 7526 Embassy

2nd Place (South of Warren)

Wendt Family - 6682 Edgewood

Honorable Mention

Basel Family - 6424 Lambeth

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

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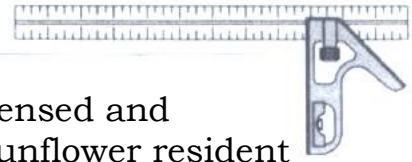
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- ◆ Roofing
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- ◆ Siding
- ◆ Painting
- ◆ Windows
- ◆ Kitchens
- ◆ Gutters
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ Concrete

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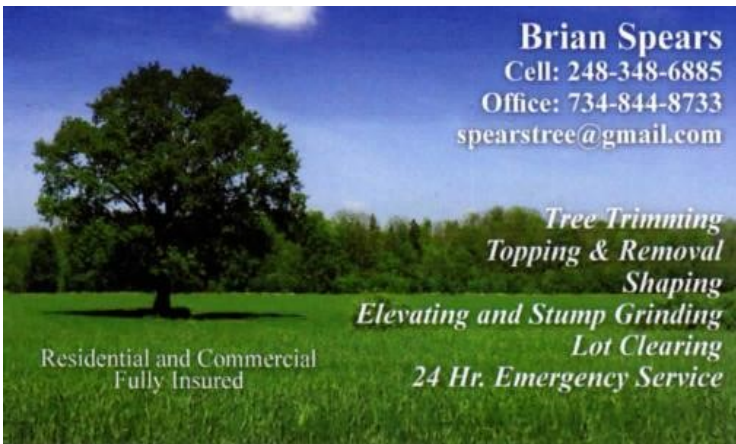
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Canton, MI 48187

NAME _____
CHILDREN'S NAMES _____
ADDRESS _____
LOT # _____ PHONE # _____
Date we're moving in _____

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



Street lights out?

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

