

## SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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## Sunflower Village Association Updates

The first quarter of 2023 has been quite busy. The new Board has faced many discoveries, changes, and snow storms.

We are happy to announce our Association Office is fully staffed. If you do stop by, please give our newest employees a warm welcome.

If you are having difficulty paying your dues for the year 2023, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 734-453-2022 to explore payment options. We are here to help and are committed to finding a solution that works for you.

All residents are invited to attend our monthly General Board Meetings where we provide information on association activities and issues to our residents and encourage your questions. Hope to see you there soon.

There are several issues currently **in motion** that impact our Association assets.

**Pool Openings.** Both pools are scheduled to be opened on May 1 to prepare for Summer 2023.

The new board recently discovered that both of our pools had been closed in 2022 with holes in them. We were shocked to learn of this and are determined to take whatever measures are necessary to get the pools open for the summer.

#### Hanford Pool Repairs

Holes have formed on the pool's west end wall. These holes are superficial, requiring a Marcasite patch. After repairs, the pool will be fully filled, and the chemicals will need to be balanced. The cost of these repairs is currently undetermined and will come out of our Capital Reserves.

Board members met with the concrete repair contractor on Sunday, April 2 to discuss necessary repairs. Several cement slabs surrounding the pool have been identified as potential tripping hazards and must be replaced. The cement work repair cost will be approximately \$49.6K and will be paid for out of our Capital Reserves.

When the pool was uncovered it was discovered that one of the coping stones (brilliant shite stone pieces surrounding the pool) had become loose, requiring repair. Our pool company will repair the coping stone when opening the pool.

**THIS NEWSLETTER SERVES AS LEGAL NOTICE. PLEASE READ ALL OF IT.**

## Sunflower Village Association Updates

### **Gainsborough Pool**

There are holes at the bottom of the Gainsborough pool that need repair. To accomplish this, the pool may need to be completely drained to access the repair site. Once the repairs are complete, the pool must be filled and the chemicals balanced. The cost of these repairs is undetermined at this time and will be paid for out of our Capital Reserves.

### **Gainsborough Clubhouse**

We are in the process of determining the best solution to create a 1-hour fire barrier in the Gainsborough equipment/pump room, as requested by the Canton Fire Inspector. Several solutions are under consideration for this task. These include the use of 1-hour fireproof rated paint, a drop ceiling, or drywalling. Each option has its own unique advantages and disadvantages, which we are analyzing to determine the best option. The chosen solution must meet all of the Canton Fire Inspector's requirements and provide adequate protection for Gainsborough's equipment/pump room. Our Capital Reserve Account will cover these repairs. Final costs will be reported to the membership upon completion of this project.

The parking lot light at the Gainsborough Clubhouse is still not functioning. We believe this is due to the underground conduit being severed by a DTE crew in late 2022. We have filed a claim with DTE in this regard and are awaiting their findings regarding who is responsible for repairs. Hopefully, the parking lot light will be operational again soon.

### **Snowstorm/Fallen Tree Removal**

The winter of 2023 brought a devastating snow/ice storm that damaged trees in our commons and SVHA-owned property. A portion of a tree in our commons behind a resident's home was leaning dangerously toward the house. It posed a significant risk to the family's safety and property security. A professional tree removal service was hired to remove the portion of the tree that was being secured by straps to prevent it from falling. The Board approved \$2500 from the Capital Reserves to address the issue.

We are pleased to announce that we have penned an agreement with a tree removal service for the removal of fallen trees and branches from the SVHA property, at the cost of \$7,650. Our agreement also includes the removal of up to 5 additional fallen trees on SVHA Property that may not have been identified at this time. If you notice any trees or fallen branches on SVHA-owned property needing attention, please take a picture and send it to [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com). We thank you for your cooperation. This cost for this damage was neither anticipated nor budgeted for in either our Capital Reserves or Operating Budget for 2023.

### **Swanmere and Lambeth Court Road Updates**

At the March Board meeting, Ann McGowan initiated a renewed effort to address the deteriorating road conditions of Swanmere and Lambeth Court. These two roads have become a source of concern among the Board and the community. The type of concrete used on both roads cannot withstand Michigan's harsh weather conditions, leading to the rapid degradation of the roads.

The Board met with Canton Township Supervisor Marie Graham-Hudek and other township representatives to discuss the estimated cost of road repair, which was reported to be around \$2.5 million. During the meeting, Canton Township representatives stated they had no money available to help with the repairs. They also stated Wayne County would need to address the matter. Canton Township representatives have agreed to participate in further communication with Wayne County and provide any necessary support to ensure road repair is properly addressed. The Board is now scheduling a meeting with Wayne County representatives to discuss the matter further.

## Sunflower Village Association Updates

### The Procurement Committee

The Procurement Committee is currently reviewing existing contracts for accuracy and potential cost savings for the association. Our goal is to identify areas not in line with current regulations, policies, or best practices while also seeking opportunities to reduce expenses. To this end, we are conducting an in-depth review of all existing contracts, including those related to vendors, suppliers, and other third-party services.

For example, we switched our WiFi Carrier and phone service provider at the Hanford Clubhouse to Wow. This resulted in higher internet speeds and annual savings of about \$1900.

### Calling all volunteers!

We are always looking for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to join our various committees. We welcome all residents to participate. To learn more information about our committees and their activities, please visit our website at [sunflowercanton.com](http://sunflowercanton.com). If you are interested in joining a committee and contributing to our community, please reach out to the office at 734-453-2022 or [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com). We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the team.

We are still in search of **Volunteer Gardeners** for our Clubhouses and Subdivision Signs located on Canton Center and the Corner of Warren and Beck. If interested in lending an hour or two this summer, please email [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com) or call 734-453-2022.

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# SUNFLOWER SPLASHES

## Opening Day

### Saturday, May 27 at 1 p.m.

#### Red Dot Testing

*\* Required for all qualified helpers or for children ages 9-11 to swim unsupervised*

- Testing will be done M-W-F from 8-9 p.m. at the GAINSBOROUGH POOL (once summertime hours begin)
- Parents must be on deck during testing and will be asked to sit in the designated area while their 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 and must sign up before 7 p.m. on the day of testing
- Parent's must provide an emergency phone number before their 9-11 year old may use 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 what to do in a pool emergency
- Knowledge of pool safety rules

#### Pool Hours

- School Day Hours (5/30-6/14)
  - Gainsborough Pool
  - Hanford Pool
- Summer Hours
  - 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

#### Guest Passes

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

Can be purchased poolside or at the Sunflower Office

- \$10.00 for 5 passes
- \$3.00 for Individual Passes

You can host a maximum of 6 guests per lot  
A guest is anyone who does not live in your home.

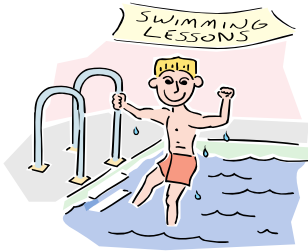
#### Pool Closings

Our Pools will close early if the weather dictates or if there are problems that create a health concern. If problems occur, please be understanding. Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the eye of a storm. This is why the pool staff closes the pool when there is lightning or thunder. The pool will remain closed for 1 hour following the last streak of lightning or rumble of thunder.

We work with the local health department to minimize the amount of time pools will be closed due to a biohazard. The minimal amount of time is 30 minutes but could be extended depending the the pool chemical readings or the type of biohazard that occurred.

Please help keep biohazard accidents to a minimum by following a few simple guidelines:

- Don't let children use the pool if they are not feeling well
- Wait an hour after eating before swimming
- Have your child take regular bathroom breaks
- Follow diaper rules
- Have your child take a break if they have swallowed a lot of water and have come up gagging



# SUNFLOWER SPLASHES

## SUNFLOWER SWIM LESSONS 2023

Spaces are limited

### REGISTRATION

Lesson sign-up is scheduled for

Wednesday, May 10 (6:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Hanford Clubhouse

Swim lessons will be taught

Monday- Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am at the Gainsborough pool  
Checks should be made out to "Sunflower Village Homeowners Association"

- Resident dues must be current to register your children on a first-come, first-served basis
- Children must be at least five years old to be registered.
- The registration will require a parent's signature.
- Cost for a two-week session (Monday-Thursday) are
  - \$60 if pre-registered May 10- June xx OR if you are registering the same child for a second session.
  - You must register for the second/third session before the Thursday prior to the first day of the lesson.
- All fees are due at the time of registration
  - Checks should be made out to "Sunflower Village Homeowners Association"
- Fridays are reserved for make-up sessions if a 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 10 will be handled through the Sunflower Office during normal business hours on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Private lessons are not available.
- **NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL**
  - The cut-off for registration is 12 p.m. (noon) on the Thursday prior to the start of Monday's session.
- Non-residents who register will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified by 3 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the start of class if openings are available
  - Cost for non-residents is \$70
- No refunds will be given unless the session is canceled due to low enrollment.

### Session 1 - June 19 - 30

- Class A - 10 - 10:30 a.m.
  - Levels 5 & 6
- Class B: 10:30-11 a.m.
  - Levels 3 & 4
- Class C: 11 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Levels 1 & 2

### Session 2 - July 10 - 21

- Class A - 10 - 10:30 a.m.
  - Levels 5 & 6
- Class B: 10:30-11 a.m.
  - Levels 3 & 4
- Class C: 11 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Levels 1 & 2

### Session 3 - July 24 - Aug 4

- Class A - 10 - 10:30 a.m.
  - Levels 5 & 6
- Class B: 10:30-11 a.m.
  - Levels 3 & 4
- Class C: 11 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Levels 1 & 2

### 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 parent/guardian will be notified by phone and by written notice. The child may not return to the pool without the notification signed by a parent/guardian. A copy of this policy is available in the Sunflower Office.



## Neighborhood Gentle Reminders

### Please pick up your pet waste

It is a Canton Township ordinance to pick up your own pet waste and discard it on your own property. This past winter resulted in quite a large quantity of pet waste being left behind in our commons. SVHA just paid \$150 to clear the Hanford Commons in order to hold the annual Egg Hunt for our children. Please be respectful of this request and pick up after your pet.

### Lawn Mowing Tips

- Please do not blow grass clippings into the street. The build-up of grass clippings at our drains causes blockage and does not allow water to drain properly when it rains.
- Please be respectful of your neighbors and refrain from mowing your grass early in the morning.
- Mowing the island on the Cul-de-sacs is the responsibility of the homeowners that border the Cul-de-sac. Consider working out a mowing schedule where everyone can take turns cutting that area.

### The Gainsborough and Hanford Tennis/Pickleball Courts will open Mid-April.

Please be sure to respect each other's ability to utilize our courts.

- Tennis Courts operate on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not reserve courts.
- Please limit your time to one hour if others are waiting to use the court.
- Please do not use our tennis or pickleball courts for bike riding or rollerblading as the surfaces are made up of a special composition and any other use beside what the surface is intended for can cause damage to the court.
- Please be considerate of homes boarding the courts.
- Please pick up any trash you have accumulated during your workout and deposit it in a trash receptacle.

## Making A Move?

I grew up in Sunflower Village and have firsthand knowledge of the many unique features that our neighborhood offers the Canton community.

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## Monthly Public Board Meetings

Monthly Pubic Board Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m at the Hanford Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

- April 19
- May 17
- June 14
- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 13: *note this meeting is routinely held earlier in the month to accommodate the holidays*
- January 17, 2024

## Springtime in the Village

### Common Areas = Common Sense

It's time to get outside again! Winter is receding and the sun is beginning to warm everything up. Time for evening walks, visiting neighbors, walking our dogs, flying kites, and playing ball.

With this increase in activity, we ask that our residents please use a little "Commons Sense" when using our Commons areas.

- Please, no dumping in the Commons and/or storm sewers. This includes grass clippings, shrub trimmings, tree limbs, old furniture, and motor oil.
- Please pick up any animal waste from your pets.
- Please do not build Tree Houses in the Commons.
- Please be respectful of others' property. When playing ball in the Commons, please hit the balls away from the houses. If the ball goes over someone's fence, ring their doorbell and ask to retrieve your ball rather than climbing the fence.
- Wiffle balls are a good choice for use in the Commons for baseball, softball, and golf.

### Clubhouse Rentals

Sunflower Village Homes Association has two Clubhouses that are available for rental to any Sunflower Homeowner in good standing (all dues paid and no problems from previous rentals) may rent either clubhouse (subject to availability) for use.

Rental Fee: \$275.00

Holiday Rentals: \$375.00

- A \$400 security deposit will be held until the clubhouse has been inspected and determined to be clean and free from damage.
- A \$500 (cash or cashier's check) deposit will be required if a homeowner is renting for a non-resident or if the homeowner has been charged for failure to clean or for damage to the facility after a previous rental.

To check Clubhouse availability please call the Sunflower Office at 734-453-2022.

# Retiring soon? Let's talk.

- Retirement Planning
- IRAs
- Education Funding
- Tax Efficient Investing
- Life Insurance

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Member SIPC



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## 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) or contact via email at [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com). If you contact someone on this list who is no longer providing the service, please let the office know.

### Babysitters

- Brianna Hodge 734-679-2464

### Dog walking / Pet Sitting

- Brianna Hodge 734-679-2464

### Lawn Work

- Steven Toth (adult) 313-215-1000

### Snow Removal

- Samuel Snipes, 2006 734-945-4929
- Finn Stubin, 2008 734-331-7291

### 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 to the office, or email your information to [svha@gmail.com](mailto:svha@gmail.com)

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

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Babysitting Dog Walking Pet Sitting  
Adult Care Lawn Work Snow Shoveling

CLASSES TAKEN (for Babysitters): \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for July issue  
is May 30, 2023**

## Small Business Directory

Business Name - Resident - Phone

- America's Best Choice Realty, LLC - Hany Barakat, 313-999-5957
- Bakeshop102.com, Mona Fawaz, 248-227-6093
- Creative Memories - Scrapbooking and Card Making  
Kimberly Benjamin, 734-776-9004
- Doc Bill's Academic Tutoring Math and Science, Bill Muse, 734-354-9457
- Mary Kay - Kristina Wittner, 734-787-9954
- R. Richard Landscape Design - Randy Kuznicki, 734-756-0758

### GET ADDED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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 below coupon and payment to the Hanford Office. The cost is \$2.00 per issue or \$8.00 for the whole year.

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

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

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

Check which issues: \_\_\_\_ July \_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_ Jan 2024 \_\_\_\_ April 2024

Please include payment with this form. You can drop this form off at the Hanford Office during business hours or place it in the mail slot on the right hand side of the Hanford Clubhouse entrance at any time.

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If you have a question, need to report an incident or make the Association aware of something that is happening in Sunflower, please call the office @ 734-453-2022 or email us at [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com)