

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Office Hours

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Hanford Clubhouse
45800 Hanford Rd.

Board of Directors - Project Updates

The Board is currently undertaking several different projects in our community.

Gainsborough Clubhouse Rentals

We are in the process of applying for our Certificate of Re-Occupancy for the Clubhouse. The Canton Township Building Inspector and the Canton Township fire inspector have identified a couple of issues.

The ceiling in the pool pump/mechanical room needs to be updated with a 1-hour fireproofing option. Also identified; the chair lift designed to accommodate handicapped individuals is not operational. It has never been operational. We are investigating the cost of the project, in addition to determining if the chairlift will be a requirement for our COO approval. The costs for these repairs are unknown at this time as the board is actively gathering bids. We are working with the inspector(s) to get this done as soon as possible.

Important to note that the upper level of the Gainsborough Clubhouse remains available for rental.

Gainsborough Clubhouse Parking Lot Light Post

The parking lot light post is not working in the Gainsborough Clubhouse.

In December 2022, we had an electrician on site to troubleshoot the issue. His findings were that it appears DTE bored through the underground electrical conduit that feeds the pole lighting. There is currently no way to get to the damaged conduit without tearing up the asphalt or concrete. An alternate option would require trenching and laying new underground conduits as needed.

We filed a claim with DTE to cover the costs of this repair. Once we hear back from DTE we will move forward with fixing the issue.

Mowing of Public Easements surrounding the subdivision

As part of our Procurement committee reviewing a variety of contracts it was noted that we should not be (we are not responsible for) mowing of the easements (grass area between the sidewalk and the road) on the roads surrounding our subdivision.

We have alerted Wayne County and Canton Township that our landscaping company will no longer be mowing these areas. If you notice these areas becoming overgrown, please call Wayne County at 888-ROAD-CREW .

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

Finances

SVHA 2023 Approved Operating Budget

Treasurers Talk

In 2022 the BOD implemented a number of changes in the Treasurers reporting. A noteworthy change is the publishing of actual spending against the operating budget in both the Sunflower Newsletter and the Sunflower Website. We hope that this helps provide better insight on how Membership dues are spent.

Unfortunately, the 2023 proposed dues increase fell short of passing by 6 votes. The Board of Directors anticipates that financially it will be a challenging year for the association.

In response, a Procurement Committee has been formed in an effort to identify any potential cost-cutting measures. Existing contracts, vendor relationships, and spending will be reviewed and scrutinized. Conversely, additional revenue opportunities are also being explored. Resident volunteers are welcome to join the Procurement Committee. If interested, please reach out to Chico Rodriguez (roseatering@comcast.net)

The board is currently working on a larger project to be funded from the Reserve funds in 2023. A fire inspection in late 2022 indicated that a 1-hour fire-rated ceiling must be installed in the Gainsborough clubhouse pump and equipment rooms. This repair was not anticipated and therefore not included in the current Reserve Study findings.

As a reminder 2023 Membership Dues are due by March 1st in order to avoid late fees. If you require a payment plan please contact the office.

Please welcome Khalil Kandah as the new Sunflower Village Treasurer for 2023.

Best regards, Melissa Lichtman

SVHA 2023 Approved Budget			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	538,850	Events	2,000
Clubhouse Rentals	28,000	Newsletter	4,000
Events	-	Office Operations	13,000
Pools	12,700	Clubhouse Operations	13,000
Newsletter Advertising	600	Club Equipment	300
Other Income	7,500	Repair & Maintenance	14,400
Payment Plan Fee	-	Tools	500
Reimbursed Legal Fees	-	Utilities	33,000
Misc. Income	-	Commons Area	79,000
TOTAL INCOME	587,650	Snow Removal	55,000
		Pool Operations	8,900
		Pool Maintenance	2,900
		Pool Equipment	500
		Pool Chemicals	12,500
		Pool Parties	300
		Wages-Office, Pools, & Maintenance	149,000
		Payroll Taxes	22,000
		Payroll Services	5,200
		Mileage	800
		Cell Phones	800
		Time Clock Expenses	400
		Federal Income Tax	-
		MI Annual Report	20
		Property Tax	300
		Professional Fees	25,800
		Lein Fees	-
		Insurance	21,000
		Reserve Contribution	112,400
		Road Fund Contribution	10,000
		Misc. Expense	-
		Unreimbursed Bank Fees	600
		Bad Debt	-
		Reconciliation Discrepancies	30
		TOTAL EXPENSES	587,650

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.

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- 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

Committees - Looking for Volunteers

Sunflower Village Homes has several committees looking for volunteers to help out on. Each Committee has at least two board members who will oversee the committee and help provide direction and oversight.

If interested please consider volunteering for one of the following:

- **Communications**
 - Help with content for the newsletter, website, and facebook page along with soliciting advertisers for each.
- **Procurement Committee**
 - Help create RFP's, secure bids, for purchases/ contracts
- **Social Committee**
 - Help plan, organize and execute events and activities for the Sunflower community
- **Common Grounds Committee**
 - Help keep and eye on the neighborhood commons, tennis courts, walkways, etc. Report items that are in need of repair or maintenance.
- **Roads Committee/Snow Committee**
 - Monitor roads for maintenance, work with available resources to secure repairs on subdivision roads.
- **Garden Club**
 - This is a brand new committee, that would help maintain the flowerbeds located around the clubhouses, around the signs located on the corner of Beck and Warren Rd., and near the Canton Center/Sheldon Rd. split.

If you are interested, please email svha@sunflowercanton.com with your contact info and which committee you would like to volunteer for. Thank you for your consideration.

Retiring soon? Let's talk.

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

Edward Jones
Member SIPC



Robert Young

Financial Advisor

734-772-9861

38807 Ann Arbor Rd

Suite 6

Livonia, MI 48150

Robert.Young@edwardjones.com

Association Dues

Dues for 2023 are \$325 per home (invoices were mailed in December).

Dues are payable from January 1 - March 1st without penalty. You can mail your payment to the office, pay online or drop your payment off at the dropbox located near the front door of the Hanford Clubhouse.

Dues paid after March 1, are subject to the following late fees:

	2023 Dues	Total Late Fee	Total Due
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 annual 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 annual dues, you will be responsible for all legal fees incurred.

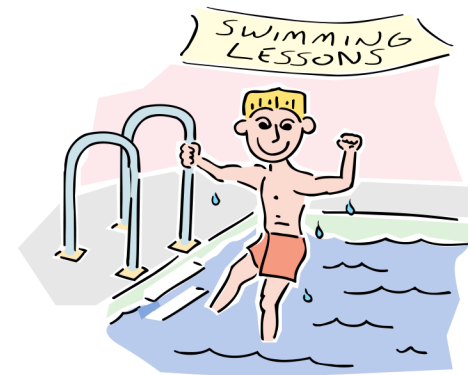
If you are experiencing financial hardship and you cannot pay your dues in full by March 1, please contact the office to set up a payment plan. We have plans for 2 to 5 payments with the first payment due March 1 and subsequent payments due on the first of each month.

(If you will want to use the pool on opening day your dues must be paid in full.) 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.

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.

Watch for the Sunflower Splashes in the April Newsletter



All the information you need about the pools will be in the Sunflower Splashes!

We are planning to offer swim lessons again this summer.

Swim lessons will be taught Monday- Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 at the Gainsborough pool.

Lesson sign-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 (6:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Hanford Clubhouse .

Watch for more information as it becomes available.

- Session 1 - June 19 - July 3
- Session 2 - July 10 - 24
- Session 3 - July 28 - Aug 4

Fridays are reserved for make-up days due to weather cancellations

Community Corner

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 April 1. A work permit is required if the applicant is under the age of 18.

NEW HOMEOWNERS IN 2022

If you bought your home in 2022 you may not have received a 2023 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).

Welcome

VOLUNTEER TODAY! HELP DELIVER THE SUNFLOWER NEWSLETTER

We are looking for several area and zone reps to help deliver the Sunflower newsletter four times a year. There are a few routes that need a zone rep, so if you see a notice stapled to the top of your newsletter, please consider volunteering.

Area reps deliver bundles of newsletters to 10-15 houses for Zone reps to deliver. It only takes about 30-45 minutes each time! Contact the office at 734-453-2022 to volunteer.

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

CEMENT WORK AT THE POOLS

We are reaching out into the community to see if you can suggest any licensed cement companies that might be interested in a smaller project involving cement work at both the Gainsborough and Hanford Pools.

A few of the slabs need attention before the start of the pool season.

If you have any suggestions, please email them to svha@sunflowercanton.com. Thank you.



16th Annual Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th @ 1 p.m. Hanford Commons

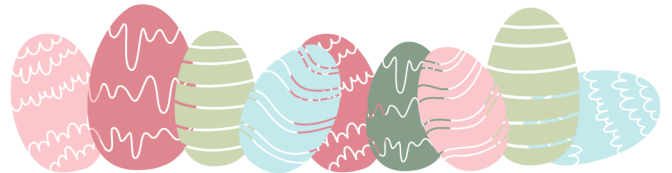
Please arrive at 12:45
All ages thru 5th grade

Bring a basket to use for the hunt. The Easter Bunny will be hopping by for pictures.

Egg hunt will be held rain (snow?) or shine. Please remember, the Commons Area could be wet and/or muddy, so please dress your child appropriately. No pre-registration is required but a cash donation which will help offset event costs is highly appreciated.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts and all the other volunteers for their support. Without them, this event could not happen

(at the end of the hunt, if you do not want the plastic eggs your child collected, please deposit them in the storage box provided at the site)



SVHA OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

The Association is officially affiliated with the social media Facebook page **Sunflower Events & Information**. Other sites, even those that use the Sunflower / Sunflower Village name(s), are not endorsed by the association, and the association will not respond to any comments or questions

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

State of the Village

Reported By Khalil Kandah 2022 SVHA President at November 30, 2022 Meeting

2022 saw many positive changes in how our association operates and communicates with residents.

- We have implemented a monthly electronic newsletter that has helpful up-to-date information. If you haven't registered, I recommend registering your email with the office to get you on the email distribution list.
- An improved newsletter that includes abbreviated treasurer's reports and is better laid out.
- We have made improvements to our website, www.sunflowercanton.com the website includes past newsletters, treasurer reports, and, meeting minutes. The website has relevant, up-to-date information, and I encourage residents to look at it.
- We started accepting credit cards this past spring for dues, clubhouse rentals, and swim lessons.
- This year we instituted electronic voting. While we have yet to see how successful this is, we will make tweaks and changes as needed to improve our voting process.
- 2022 also saw fun events that our Social committee put together. We had a successful Summer picnic after a 3-year hiatus. We also held a fun-filled Halloween Trunk or Treat for your young residents. We partnered with the girl scouts and hosted an Easter Egg hunt. We continue to hold our annual garage sales and we are planning a murder mystery night in 2023. Our Social committee works hard at coming up with ideas for enjoyable events. Please reach out if anyone has any suggestions for future events.
- Our pools were open fully staffed and with longer hours during 2022. We had minimal disruptions during swim season.
- We made road improvements on the North side of the subdivision using the township's local road improvement program. We are funded in this program through 2025. We will see more road work in the calendar years 2024 and 2025.

We are so far on budget and should be able to make our 2022 reserve contribution.

I would like to give a word of gratitude to Bob Parker. Bob has served on the board for over 10 years and has had a big hand in getting Sunflower participating in the road improvement program. He has also and continues to be our liaison to the township and our snow and salting contractor. He is always willing to step up for Sunflower in various capacities. He has made a positive impact on our community, and we are very grateful for his service.

I would like to encourage homeowners to volunteer in various committees. Events wouldn't be possible without volunteers. I also encourage homeowners to communicate with board and office and give feedback.

Sunflower Village is and will continue to be a great place to live.

We wish all a wonderful Holiday season and a prosperous 2023. Thank you.

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. If you contact someone on this list who is no longer providing the service, please let the office know.

Babysitters

- Reagan LaBelle, 2006 (Safe Sitter)
 - 734-788-3310
- Jessica Lessel, 2003 (Super Safe Sitter)
 - 734-890-9779
- Selda Julja, 2003 (3 years experience)
 - 734-334-2854
- Madeline Snipes, 2003 (Safe Sitter, Red Cross, CPR)
 - 734-945-4929
- Chloe Carn, 2003 (CPR)
 - 734-718-9381

Dog walking / Pet Sitting

- Arianna Rose 734-983-8141
- Callie Schlosser 734-294-2829
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381

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

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 April issue
is March 30, 2023**

Small Business Directory

Business Name - Resident - Phone

- Allegro Piano Service - Dan Sullivan, 734-748-9068
- America's Best Choice Realty, LLC - Hany Barakat, 313-999-5957
- AMI Leather & Upholstery Repair - Dave Farmer, 313-304-0700
- Amway - Nutrilite XS Energy & Sports Nutrition, Lori Levi, 734-323-0886
- Brides & Tailor LLC (Custom Wedding Dresses)
 - Manal Chamseddine, 313-265-9947
- Buttons - Political, Sports or Custom Made, Lori Levi, 734-323-0886
- Color Street (FB Group: Sierra's Sweet Manis) Sierra Gillis, 734-626-2925
- CPR and Safety Training Patrick Casey 734-756-4016
- Creating Connections, LLC (Reiki sessions, angel card readings)
 - Jennifer Troyer 734-709-0998
- Creating Connections, LLC (writing, editing, proofreading)
 - Jennifer Troyer, 734-709-0998
- Creative Memories - Scrapbooking and Card Making
 - Kimberlyn Benjamin, 734-776-9004
- Doc Bill's Academic Tutoring Math and Science, Bill Muse, 734-354-9457
- Global CPA - Tax & Accounting Owen Ekechukwu, CPA, 313 903-3366
- H.S. and College Math Tutoring - Michael Defranceschi, 734-776-2735
- Interior Design By Joyce - Joyce Sullivan, 734-748-9068
- Mary Kay - Joan Trainor, 734-812-9690
- Mary Kay - Kristina Wittner, 734-787-9954
- Norwex Ecofriendly Cleaning Supplies - Janine Deckov, 734-658-6449
- Pond's Painting - Jeffrey Pond, 734-771-0339
- R. Richard Landscape Design - Randy Kuznicki, 734-756-0758
- Specialized Reading Tutoring - Patricia Greene, 734-455-2569
- Tastefully Simple - Carol Theard / Kelli Bek, 248-420-5564
- Thirty One - Kelly Reed, 734-765-9993

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: ____ April ____ July ____ October ____ Jan 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.
(Make your check payable to Sunflower Village Homes Association)

Township Ordinances Gentle Reminders

Spring is just around the corner, and with this will come increased outdoor activity within our subdivision.

Each year the association receives numerous calls regarding ordinance violations. *These calls may be called directly to the Canton Township Ordinance Department at 734-394-5335 (M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)*

We asked that you please keep in mind the following Canton Township ordinances:

- Trees are to be pruned so public sidewalks have clear headroom of 7 feet (this includes the trees that Wayne County planted between your sidewalk and the street)
- Grass is not to be taller than 5 inches
- No junk or unlicensed vehicles except in a completely enclosed garage
- Temporary parking of boats and campers is permitted for 48 hours prior to and after use of the recreational vehicle - unless a special permit is obtained from Canton Township (permit is to be displayed on the boat or camper)
- Dogs must be leashed and homeowners must clean up after their dogs. Fecal matter must be disposed on the owners property (please do not use the trash can in the Commons to dispose of fecal matter - it's unsanitary and unpleasant)
- Cars should not be parked at the end of a driveway so as to block the sidewalk

Wayne County Commissioner

Melissa Daub District 10

Melissa Daub serves the residents of Canton Township, Plymouth Township, and the city of Plymouth.

Please feel free to contact Melissa's office at 313-224-0882 or district10@waynecounty.com to voice any questions or concerns.

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.

Contact me for any of your home selling or buying needs throughout Southeast Michigan!



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real estate
adventure!

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