

## SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Ann McGowan - term ends 12/23

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## 2024 Board Elections / Dues Vote / Road Fund Vote

It is that time of year again to elect the the members of the Sunflower Village Board of Directors. Let your voice be heard and have a say in how the neighborhood is managed.

The board is comprised of 11 total members. Each position is up for election on a rotating, two-year basis. This year, there are 6 positions up for election. Of those 6, only two candidates have come forward for consideration. Please select up to two candidates you desire to be on the board.

The remaining 4 positions will be vacant board seats as we enter 2024. Per our governing documents, the board has the option of appointing interested residents to the vacant seats. These seats will be for a term expiring in December 2025.

If you are a homeowner in good standing, are fully insurable, and are interested in filling one of the open seats, you are encouraged to attend the November General Meeting (Nov 15) and the December meeting (Dec 20) to learn what the board is doing, as well as attend the January 2024 General meeting (Jan 17th) to formally petition the board for consideration.

The Board of Directors has once again approved the use of an electronic voting platform named Election Buddy to conduct this year's voting/election process.

### Voting Procedures

***Voting opens Wednesday, November 1 at 12pm and ends Wednesday, November 15 at 5pm.***

Electronic voting will remain open during this time period. All paper ballots must be received at the Hanford office by November 15 at 5pm in order to be counted.

### How you will receive your ballot.

- Each lot will receive a paper ballot in the mail. The paper ballot will provide instructions to either vote electronically OR send in your paper ballot.
- Your lot is assigned a unique ballot ID which can be used only once.

### Voting Instructions

- Only 1 vote per lot
- Only homeowners in good standing are eligible to vote
- Return your paper ballot in a SEALED envelope with your lot number written on the front. You may drop it off during office hours or place it in the drop box located to the right of the Hanford Clubhouse door.
- If you cast your vote electronically, do NOT submit your paper ballot. *Your electronic ballot supersedes your paper ballot.*
- More information is contained with the ballot you will receive.

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

## 2024 Board of Director Candidates

### **Ann McGowan**

Hey there, I've been a resident of Sunflower for 20+ years. My husband and I have raised two children through PCCS. I have been a Paralegal for the past 35 years and have been at my current firm for 30+ years. I served as a Board member this past year to fill an open position for a one-year term. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving with this OVER AND ABOVE BOARD which dedicates so much time and effort to our Sunflower community; they are truly incredible people.

I decided to run for a Board position in 2022 to simply get involved with my community now that my kids are in college, and I am no longer toting soccer teams around (I know several of you residents who can relate to that).

While serving on the Board, I became more and more frustrated (like others) with the conditions of our streets. In early 2023, many of our streets, including my own, were the worst I have seen anywhere. I therefore raised my hand high to serve on the Roads Committee. The Committee has been working with Canton Township officials, State Reps, and others to figure out how to repair our streets correctly (not patched). I look forward to continuing the work on this Committee and working with the Board on other Sunflower matters. I believe my legal background in many areas of the law and experience serving as a Board Member (and Secretary) for several years on my northern Michigan condo association will provide value to this Board.

Thank you.

### **Chico Rodriguez**

Sunflower residents I am asking for your vote to continue serving on the Board of Directors.

I have been a proud Sunflower resident since 1980 and was the owner/operator of Rose's Catering Co. prior to retirement. My knowledge and experience in sales and business management, coupled with my work ethic has already proven to be of great benefit to the Sunflower Village organization. In my service, I suggested and implemented a Procurement Committee to review our existing contracts as well as other vendor relationships, and this has resulted in significant monetary savings.

I've stepped up to help manage the opening, closing, maintenance, and repair work on our pools. In addition, I've also overseen repair projects in our clubhouses, commons damage from this year's storms, and helped to manage the office and grounds during staff shortages, as well as participated in the hiring of our new employees. I enjoy remaining active in my retirement and find that volunteering to manage and improve the community we live in to be rewarding. If elected I will continue to look for opportunities to improve our organization. Thank you for your consideration.

## Open Board Seats in 2024

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## HOA Proposals for Vote 2023

### Overview of Proposals

**Proposal 1:** Request for Road Fund of \$100 for 2024 and \$100 for 2025 / \$200 total. Held in a separate account for Roads Only Work

**Proposal 2:** Request for \$30.00 HOA dues increase from \$325 to \$355.

This is how it would look

- 2024 \$325.00, \$100 Roads, \$30.00 HOA increase = \$455.00
- 2025 \$325.00, \$100 Roads, \$30.00 HOA increase = \$455.00
- 2026 **\$355.00** and/or reevaluate based on the rate of inflation

### Proposal 1: Dedicated Road Fund for Sunflower

In this notice, you will learn how Sunflower can make additional improvements to our streets without requesting a Special Assessment District (S.A.D) vote and approval.

Please understand that Wayne County will not pay to repair our streets. Many residents and Board members have tried to get Wayne County to improve our subdivision roads for many years without success.

We have reached out to both Wayne County and state-level representatives with either no response or an unwillingness to help out in this matter. Being a Township, Canton gets zero money from state gas taxes for road improvements. Townships like Canton depend on the County for maintenance and repairs of county-owned roads, and very rarely does the money earmarked for road improvements flow to subdivision streets within a Township.

#### PROPOSAL

The Sunflower Board is proposing a ROADS ONLY FUND which would entail a \$100 payment in addition to your annual dues in 2024 and 2025 (\$200 total).

#### HISTORY

In the spring of 2016, the Sunflower Roads Committee asked SME Engineering, one of the Midwest's leading multiservice engineering and consulting firms, to conduct a Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) study of our deteriorating roads. This report is viewable on our website. In this study you will see that Swanmere, Oak Manor Court, Lambeth, and portions of Carlton are considered "failed" in our community.

It is important to keep in mind that there are several other locations within our community that require attention as well.

**Please view Proposals and images taken of Swanmere by clicking on the QR code below.**



In 2018, Canton passed a **20-year road millage** targeted for road improvements on Canton roads. Canton residents pay 1.45 mills each year on our winter tax bill for this. This millage is intended to help the Canton community with needed road improvements. 30% of this millage is dedicated to subdivision roads. An application process is required each year a subdivision wants to request funding from this millage. The process requires a financial match contribution *at the time* of application.

### FINANCIAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Road funding financial match requirements are as follows:

- Small project from \$20,000-\$50,000 requires a 5% match (i.e. - \$2,500 on \$50k)
- Mid-size projects from \$50,001-\$100,000 requires a 10% match (i.e. - \$10,000 on \$100k)
- Large projects from \$100,001-\$200,000 require a 20% match i.e. - (\$40,000 on \$200k)

### SUNFLOWER ROAD REPAIR INVESTMENTS

Sunflower has been the recipient of millage money for the past couple of years although finances have limited our ability to apply for larger amounts. Proof of these improvements can be seen throughout the community.

- 2020 - Sunflower paid \$40,000 for \$200,000 of work (focus on the South of Warren side)
- 2022 - Sunflower paid \$40,000 for \$200,000 of work (focus on the North of Warren side)
- 2023 - We did not apply for the Road Funding Millage
- 2024 - Sunflower paid \$10,000 for \$100,000 of repairs (Discussions are in progress with Canton Township Engineering at this time to identify the roads within our subdivision that will be repaired in 2024.)
- 2025 - Sunflower paid \$10,000 for \$100,000 of repairs (repair locations to be determined in late 2024)
- 2026 - Sunflower submitted an application to Canton Township in September paying \$10,000 from monies budgeted for the roads in our 2023 Operating Budget, requesting \$100,000 for repairs in 2026. (repair locations to be determined in late 2025)

We have been fortunate to not need to ask for additional financial support for our participation until now. Inflation and rising costs to maintain our aging community contribute to our inability to budget even \$10,000 of road-matching contributions. As a community, we have seriously degraded streets, so using this millage to its full potential is the best course of action.

### WE HAVE OVER 17 MILES OF ROADS IN SUNFLOWER

While some areas are in great shape, others are in poor shape, and others are in very poor condition. We have some roads that were built with ASR (\**Alkali-silica reaction*) cement during the early 1990s that are deteriorating badly. The main thoroughfares, Embassy, Admiralty, Chadwick (and others) have lots of sections that while drivable, are severely cracked with weeds growing through the cracks and road seams. Home values in Sunflower, regardless of location, are impacted by road conditions throughout the community.

### WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING

The Sunflower Board is proposing a **ROADS ONLY FUND** which would entail a **\$100** payment *in addition to your annual dues* in **2024 and 2025 (\$200 total)** to raise capital to aggressively apply for future millage road work and including the potential for multiple applications each year. A separate account would be set up to hold these funds.

If approved, we will raise \$336,800 over two years which would fully fund over 8 "large" projects. This in turn could amount to \$1.6 million dollars for road improvements in our community.



As referenced in the Sunflower July 2023 Newsletter:

*"Wayne County granted \$5 million in funding to the township specifically for repairing neighborhood roads constructed with faulty cement ("ASR"). We have reached out to the township to learn about how these funds will be allocated and what potential stipulations may be required, but they could not provide specifics at this time. We will continue to engage with any opportunity and explore every potential solution to repair these roads."*

At this time, we are not sure what financial expectations Canton Township may attach to this State funding, but having this additional money available will enhance our ability to quickly respond to any announcements and improve our ability to tap into this \$5 million.

Please understand that fully utilizing the millage and State funding to the best of our ability is our best and lowest cost option going forward, the "best bang for our buck." We encourage everyone to vote YES on this.

We recognize this is a lot of information to consider. Khalil Kandah and Ann McGowan have been spearheading this effort and are posed to answer any questions you may have. The best way to get informed answers is to direct your emails to [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com), or feel free to bring your questions to the October 18 Board Meeting.

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

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*The alkali-silica reaction (ASR), more commonly known as concrete cancer, is a deleterious swelling reaction that occurs over time in concrete between the highly alkaline cement paste and the reactive amorphous (i.e., non-crystalline) silica found in many common aggregates, given sufficient moisture. This deleterious chemical reaction causes the expansion of the altered aggregate by the formation of a soluble and viscous gel of sodium silicate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3 \cdot n \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , also noted  $\text{Na}_2\text{H}_2\text{SiO}_4 \cdot n \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , or N-S-H (sodium silicate hydrate), depending on the adopted convention). This hygroscopic gel swells and increases in volume when absorbing water: it exerts an expansive pressure inside the siliceous aggregate, causing spalling and loss of strength of the concrete, finally leading to its failure. ASR can lead to serious cracking in concrete, resulting in critical structural problems that can even force the demolition of a particular structure Wikipedia*

*Hometown Life published on June 30, 2023 excerpt / Replacement of faulty concrete / A \$5 million state grant will go toward repair of roads and sidewalks in some of Canton's subdivisions. "In the late 80s and 90s, the government mandated use of a certain concrete to build roads," Graham-Hudak said. "So a lot of our older subdivisions were built with a type of concrete that broke down very quickly over the years." The same concrete was used in the original construction of Canton Center Road, she added, leading to complete replacement of the stretch between Ford Road and Warren Road last year. The grant funds will be added to Canton's existing roads millage program to determine subdivision priorities. Graham-Hudak said details for specific subdivisions would be announced when plans are finalized.*



*Happy Holidays  
The Sunflower Board and staff wish  
you and your family a safe and  
happy holiday season*



## Proposal #2: 2024 Dues

**The Sunflower Board of Directors is requesting you please vote yes to increase our annual HOA dues to \$355. This is a \$30.00 increase over 2022.**

Please review the include Proposed 2024 Budget details. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office at 734-453-2022, or svha@sunflowercantan.com. Our Treasurer or President will reply to your questions as quickly as possible.

INCOME	23 BUDGET	2023 YTD PROJ TOTAL	2024 RECOM	VARIANCE ('23 VS '24)	Notes
Dues 2023	538,850	530,899	534,000	(4,850)	Lowered Based on current payment totals
Clubhouse Rentals	28,000	30,400	28,500	500	
Events	-	1,482	-	-	
Pools	12,700	13,328	13,300	600	
Newsletter Advertising	600	1,046	800	200	
Late Fees/Dues Interest	7,350	9,738	8,600	1,250	
Payment Plan Fee	150	191	180	30	
Reimbursed Legal Fees	-	14,028	-	-	
Misc. Income	-	259	200	200	
Status Letter Income	-	2,400	3,000	3,000	Increased to account for FY projection
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>587,650</b>	<b>603,770</b>	<b>588,580</b>	<b>930</b>	

EXPENSES	23 BUDGET	YTD TOTAL	2024 RECOM	VARIANCE ('23 VS '24)	Notes
Events	2,000	2,250	8,600	6,600	To account for Annual Picnic expenses
Newsletter	4,000	3,685	4,300	300	
Office Operations	13,000	13,086	19,450	6,450	To account for QB, Canva, Smore, new Website Theme, and increase in supply costs
Clubhouse Operations	13,000	12,291	12,300	(700)	
Club Equipment	300	291	1,000	700	
Repair & Maintenance	14,400	13,743	19,075	4,675	To account for sprinkler booster pump, and trending increase in maintenance costs
Tools	500	28,000	500	-	
Utilities	33,000	30,674	36,750	3,750	To account for rise in costs (electricity, water, and gas), "peak hour rates" during pool season.
Commons Area	79,000	71,275	83,525	4,525	To account for rising costs of tree maintenance, fertilizer, Hanford outdoor outlet, Generator Maintenance
Snow Removal	55,000	34,933	57,000	2,000	To account for gasoline for UTV to plow outlying sidewalks (near signs)
Pool Operations	8,900	13,500	11,160	2,260	To account for railing repair at Hanford
Pool Maintenance	2,900	10,851	11,300	8,400	To account for increase in maintenance of aging pool equipment (boilers, pumps, plumbing, etc)
Pool Equipment	500	915	1,200	700	
Pool Chemicals	12,500	12,494	14,000	1,500	To account for rise in Chlorine costs
Pool Parties	300	309	300	-	
Wages-Office, Pools, & Maint.	149,000	150,308	158,500	9,500	To account for fully staffing both office and maintenance positions
Payroll Taxes	22,000	20,763	22,000	-	
Payroll Services	5,200	4,819	4,500	(700)	
Mileage	800	739	400	(400)	
Cell Phones	800	725	400	(400)	
Time Clock Expenses	400	565	600	200	
Federal Income Tax	-	-	500	500	
MI Annual Report	20	20	20	-	
Property Tax	300	268	275	(25)	
Professional Fees	25,800	25,462	27,500	1,700	To account for new reserve study (conducted every 3 years)
Lein Fees	-	(845)	-	-	
Insurance	21,000	18,144	18,000	(3,000)	To account for projected saving from new firm
Reserve Contribution	112,400	112,400	124,900	12,500	To account for current Reserve Study recommendation
Road Fund Contribution	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)	To account for Road Fund proposal
Misc. Expense	-	-	-	-	
Unreimbursed Bank Fees	600	1,129	1,200	600	To account for increase in Square fees (electronic payments)
Bad Debt	-	3,500	-	-	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	30	-	-	(30)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>587,650</b>	<b>596,294</b>	<b>639,255</b>	<b>51,605</b>	

INCOME - EXPENSE	-	7,477	(50,675)	(50,675)
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\$	(30)	Requested Dues increase per household
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## Brand New this year!



# SAVE THE DATE

PICTURES AND COOKIES WITH  
SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS

SATURDAY, DEC 16

GAINSBOROUGH CLUBHOUSE

MORE INFORMATION SOON!



Ho, ho, ho! Guess who's popping by the Gainsborough Clubhouse? That's right, Santa and his lovely Mrs. Claus! Bring the whole family for some holly jolly fun, take a snap with the big guy in red and his missus, and sip on some cocoa while nibbling on tasty holiday treats!

But wait, there's more! We need your baking superpowers to make this event a hit! Bring your A-game and whip up some lip-smacking treats to share with all. And, while you're at it, bring a holiday bulb from home to add some sparkle to our Community Holiday Trees at Gainsborough and Hanford Clubhouses.

We're still putting the finishing touches on all the details, but we'll keep you posted via our Facebook page and upcoming newsletters. Get ready to spread some major holiday cheer!

## Holiday Lights & Decorating Contest

- Judging - Saturday, December 16, 6-9 pm
- Last year's winners are not eligible for first or second-place prizes this year.

### Prizes: Gift Certificates to Target

- First Place - \$50 gift certificate
- Second Place - \$25 gift certificate (one each North & South of Warren)
- Honorable mention - SVHA Pool Guest Pass (up to six total)



We need at least two judges to help pick the winners of the contest on the night of December 16. Please email [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com) if you'd like to be a judge.



Attention all pet-owners! Canton Township Ordinance requires that you scoop up your furry friend's waste and toss it in your own bin. Kindly avoid the public trash cans, especially near the basketball courts, pools, pickleball, and tennis courts, where the stench can be downright nasty.

We suggest you come prepared with a plan before embarking on your adventure.

Let's keep our community tidy and fresh!



## 2024 Dues Procedures

**2024 dues invoices will be mailed out in mid-December 2023. If you do not receive yours by December 31, 2023, please reach out to the office ASAP at 734-453-2022.**

- Your annual dues are due January 1, 2024. They are considered late starting March 1, 2024.
- If paid after February 28, 2024, a \$35.00 late payment will be added on March 1, again on April 1, and again on May 1.
- You may pay your dues via credit card (there is a 4% processing fee). Please call the office for assistance in credit card payments.
- Payment plans are available from 2-5 payments. There is a \$3.00 service fee for each payment.
- Payment plans on credit cards are available (4% processing fee + \$3.00 service fee for each payment will apply).
- Cash and check are also accepted forms of payment. Please make checks out to Sunflower Village Homes Association.



## Dues Payment Plan Option

**Homeowners may select a 2-5 month payment plan for their 2024 Dues.**

- The first payment is due on 2/1/2024 and subsequent payments will be due on the first of each month. A \$3 service fee will be added to each payment.
- A \$35 late fee will be applied each time a scheduled payment is 30 days in arrears.
- If a scheduled payment is 90 days in arrears, immediate remittance of the full remaining balance plus late fees will be required.
- All swimming pool and clubhouse rental privileges will be suspended until your dues and fees are paid in full.
- If you chose a four or five payment plan option and want to be able to use the pool on opening day, you will need to start making payments in January and be paid in full by the pool opening day in May 2024.
- Making a partial payment will be considered as a payment plan and service fees will be assessed at \$3 per payment.

**Please contact the Sunflower Office at 734-453-2022 by January 31, 2024 to set up a payment plan.**

Hey there, Sunflower Village peeps! Just a heads up that the official **Sunflower Events & Information** Facebook page is the one and only social media platform affiliated with the SVHA. Any other pages using the Sunflower name are not endorsed by the association, and any comments or questions posted there will not be responded to. So, if you've got something on your mind, give us a shout by calling the office at 734-453-2022 or emailing [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com).



## Please subscribe to our E-mailing list.

The Association Office sends out monthly electronic newsletters and occasionally sends out notices with important information or updates regarding our subdivision and/or community. By providing us with your e-mail address, you are assured of receiving these valuable notices.

You can sign up for the electronic newsletters by visiting: <https://sunflowercanton.com/forms/>

*Please note – You must be the Homeowner/ Occupant of Record, and at least 18 years old to subscribe to this service.*

Be assured, your privacy is important to us! No information collected here will be shared or sold in any way. We use MailChimp to manage our email list, and you can unenroll at any time.



## 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

**Edward Jones**  
Member SIPC



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**Financial Advisor**

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**[Robert.Young@edwardjones.com](mailto:Robert.Young@edwardjones.com)**

## Neighborhood Gentle Reminders

### Street Lights Out?

If you notice a street light that is burned out at one of the Sunflower's entrances, please call DTE Energy (800-477-4747) to report it.

You do not need to call the Sunflower Office and ask us to call. Thank you.



### Please do not dump items in our commons

We kindly request that personal belongings not be left in our common areas. In the event such items are left behind, the Association will bear the expense of having them removed.

The majority of the items found by Association staff can be placed for trash pick-up at the curb, including grass clippings, branches, and old furniture. We encourage residents to avail themselves of the services provided by the Canton Township and to help maintain the cleanliness of our commons.

### Set the Night Aglow

Hey there, Sunflower residents! Let's team up to keep our neighborhood as safe as a castle. To start, leave your porch light shining bright like a diamond at night to deter any mischief-makers. And if you sense something fishy going on, don't hesitate to investigate the source of a furry, four-legged pal's barks or call up the Canton Police to report any suspicious activity. Thanks for doing your part in keeping our community awesome!

### Sunflower Recreation area hours

Please note that the recreational facilities at Sunflower, such as basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts, as well as common areas, close at sunset, but no later than 9 p.m. Should you observe any suspicious activities, unauthorized usage of the recreational facilities, noise violations, littering, or loitering, kindly contact the Canton Police to report the incident. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe and enjoyable for all.

## SUNFLOWER BOOK CLUB



### SUNFLOWER BOOK CLUB - MEETS THE 4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Time: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Please join us for our 12th season starting this month at the Hanford Clubhouse. Any and all Sunflower residents are welcome! We would love new members who enjoy lively conversation and social time.

Dates:

Monday, November 27, 2023

No meeting in December

2024

Monday, January 22

Monday, February 26

Monday, March 25

Monday, April 22

Monday, May 20

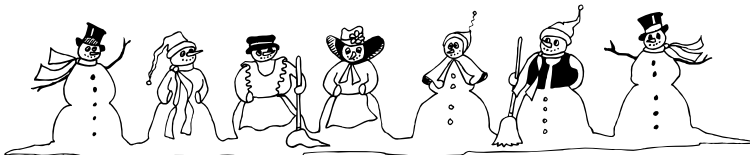
## Neighborhood Gentle Reminders, con't

### Snow Season Reminders

The Board has a plan for keeping subdivision streets safe during snow season: when two inches or more of snow accumulate, the plowing contractor will clear the streets and salt selected intersections.

Here are some Do's and Don'ts to keep in mind for a smooth snow season:

- Don't leave your car(s) parked on the street when snowstorms are predicted, so the contractor can plow curb to curb without any obstacles.
- Clearly mark your property along the curb and driveway entrance with flags or stakes, so the snow removal company can avoid causing damage to sprinkler heads or lawns.
- Responsibility for clearing driveways and mailboxes after the plow comes through falls on homeowners (including community mailboxes for folks living south of Warren Road). Please don't shovel or blow snow back into the street.
- Trim any tree limbs hanging over the street to make sure plows can get close to the curb and avoid going around that area.
- Remember to take down basketball nets that hang over the street to avoid damage to your net and/or pole.
- Keep storm drains clean to ensure snow melt can drain quickly.
- Be patient, as it takes time to plow the whole subdivision. A snowfall of 2-4 inches could take up to 24 hours to plow, and anything over 2-4 inches could take even longer. Plows won't start until the storm tapers off or ends.
- If there's a fire hydrant on your property, make sure it's easily accessible. Canton Township ordinances require three feet of unobstructed access around all fire hydrants, including snow that has accumulated or been piled up.



## 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!



Scan to start your  
real estate  
adventure!

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Office: (248) 264-1700  
Tylerdew.com

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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.

- November 15 - Annual General Meeting
- December 13: *note this meeting is routinely held earlier in the month to accommodate the holidays*
- January 17, 2024
- February 21, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- June 19, 2024

## 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
- Brietta Levi 734-735-9571  
(Red Cross SafeSitter, CPR, First Aid)

### Dog walking / Pet Sitting

- Brianna Hodge 734-679-2464
- Kelsey Parker, 1992 734-748-2909
- Callie Schlosser 734-294-2829

### 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 our next issue  
is January 15, 2024**

## Small Business Directory

Business Name - Resident - Phone

- After Market Interiors, leather and vinyl repair - Dave Farmer -313-304-0700
- America's Best Choice Realty, LLC - Hany Barakat, 313-999-5957
- Bakeshop102.com, Mona Fawaz, 248-227-6093
- Political or Custom Buttons & T-Shirts, Lori Levi, 734-323-0886
- Creative Memories - Scrapbooking and Card Making  
Kimberlyn 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: \_\_\_\_ Jan 2024 \_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_ July \_\_\_\_ October

*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)*



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