

## SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Rich Downing – term ends 12/24

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Mary Waxer-Leto – term ends 12/24



### Office Hours

Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
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Hanford Clubhouse  
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## Mid-Year State of the Village Updates

The board of directors for this year remains committed to enhancing communication and transparency. An essential part of achieving this objective is this Midyear State of the Village Update. Recognizing that some residents prefer not to use social media, we respect this choice. Nonetheless, we acknowledge the significance of social media as a swift communication tool and a platform for community engagement on various matters. If you are active on social media, we invite you to join the **Sunflower Village Events and Information** Facebook page. Additionally, we strive to share updates on other Sunflower pages managed by residents when possible, particularly for pool-related news.

For those who opt out of social media, we understand the challenges it may present. We also distribute a monthly electronic newsletter and can send out email notifications when necessary to those with provided email addresses. To stay informed on crucial matters, consider sharing your email address using the QR Code to the right to subscribe to email notifications.



### Are you interested in helping out in our little community?

With almost 1700 homes in our neighborhood, Sunflower Village is rich in diverse knowledge and experience. Please consider volunteering your time as a board member, committee member, or participant in social events or specific projects. Everyone in our community has something valuable to contribute. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a director or committee member, don't hesitate to reach out to a current board member or contact the office for assistance. Your involvement at any level is highly valued.

The following are the committees that currently exist for resident participation:

- Communications
- Common Grounds
- Social
- Roads
- Procurement

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

## LET'S TRANSITION TO KEY ISSUES UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD

### Gainsborough Parking Lot Lights

We have just obtained approval from the Canton Township Inspection for the necessary repairs on the lighting. Once the trench dug for the repairs is refilled, we anticipate having the lights up and running in no time.

### Securing the Gainsborough Certificate of Occupancy

The Board has been working closely with Canton Township for several months to obtain the Certificate of Occupancy for the Gainsborough Clubhouse. It was discovered that this crucial step had not been completed.

To address this issue, an architect has been enlisted to reconcile the building plans with the actual structure. The current plans include an elevator that has not been operational since the clubhouse opened. Additionally, our objective is to incorporate the layout of the fire suppression system in the pool room into the building plans.

By making these adjustments to the Building Plans, our aim is to successfully obtain the Certificate of Occupancy.

### Clubhouse Renovations

- The rental calendar has been blocked off from *September 21 to October 31* for renovations. The painter has been secured, and we have obtained quotes for carpet installation.
- Due to our current workload, the Board has made the decision to push back the kitchen renovations at this time.

### Sunflower 8 ASR Road Construction

A meeting was organized for residents affected by the road construction impacted by the ASR cement, with the participation of Canton Township engineers and the cement construction company they hired. The meeting focused on reviewing the construction plans, work schedule, and hosting a Q&A session. Detailed plans and schedules are displayed on the walls of the Hanford Clubhouse Office, and an email notification was sent to attendees who provided their email addresses. While these road repairs have been eagerly awaited, they will undoubtedly cause inconvenience for many. We kindly request collaboration with your neighbors to address parking and other related issues that may arise.

### Pickleball/Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing

In June, we did some needed repairs and resurfaced our sports courts, including Pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts.

### Sunflower Annual Picnic Update

**Saturday, August 3, 12 – 3 pm**

**Hanford Commons**

- Although we received over 7 resident volunteers in response to our social media call for, some did not reply to emails. Despite this, and based on the initial response, we have decided to proceed. A big thank you to the 3 residents and board members who have committed to making the 2024 event a success.
- Food options will include food trucks, slushies, and an ice cream truck for resident purchase. Entertainment will feature bounce houses, a dunk tank, a magician, adult and children's yard games, and cupcake decorating.
- Volunteers are still needed for setup, cleaning, and shutdown.  
Please scan the QR code to the right, contact the office at [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com), or call 734-453-2022 to sign up.



### Common Ground Incidents

We have witnessed a concerning increase in incidents involving our pools, pickleball, and basketball courts. These include inappropriate verbal confrontations between adults and children, broken glass bottles left on the courts and nearby areas, fireworks being set off on the surfaces, repeated defiance of our pool staff's instructions, and misuse of the pickleball courts late into the evening.

In response to these occurrences, the board of directors has agreed to implement the following regulations for the use of the Pickleball courts:

- Hours of play will be 10am-8pm  
Guests accompanied by a resident will be limited to one court.

### We also approved the following policy.

Physical abuse, the threat of it, and/or verbal abuse targeting pool staff, Board Members, or Sunflower Staff will result in immediate contact with the Canton Public Safety Department along with the loss of residential privileges for facility use for a minimum of one year. We ask that you comply immediately with the direction of our employees or Sunflower representatives, or remove yourself from the situation and address your concerns and complaints with the Board of Directors.

The board is currently evaluating various options to enhance the security and safety of our assets, such as implementing cameras and restricted access measures. With a noticeable rise in incidents, it's essential to not only remind everyone to treat each other with respect but also to appreciate and safeguard the assets we collectively own.

### And finally, the following is a recap of 2024 Reserve spending YTD.

- \$30,878 UTV purchase – Please note \$28,500 was estimated and transferred from the 2023 Operating Budget to the Reserves Budget to offset the purchase which took place in early 2024. The balance difference includes the purchase of a snow plow blade, and additional safety equipment such as exterior top cabin dome light, and mirrors.
- \$4,280 Reset of Hanford pool fence following deck cement replacements completed in 2023.
- \$33,780 Sports Court Resurfacing.

Additional anticipated 2024 Reserve spending at this time includes Clubhouse painting and recarpeting, masonry repairs of the Gainsborough porch and pool deck, payment for the Gainsborough parking lot electrical work, and additional common ground security.

Current board members would like residents to understand the projected future needs of the association. This information is located in our Reserve Study.

Please call the office to set up an appointment to review the Reserve Study if you are interested.

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## 2025 Board of Directors Elections Friendly Heads Up!

There will be a total of 5 two-year director positions available for the 2025 SVHA Board of Directors election.

If you're interested in running for any of these positions and meet the criteria of being a resident in good standing and fully insurable, please prepare a brief bio (not exceeding 400 words) explaining your desire to serve on the board.

In addition there are 5 vacant director seats from the 2024 elections currently open for participant consideration (fulfilling the 2nd year of a 2-year commitment).

### Key Points to Consider for Board Membership:

- The board's main goal is to maintain and enhance the association's shared assets, ensure the safety of communal facilities, provide secure access to amenities, and represent residents' interests while upholding governing documents.
- The 11-member Sunflower Board consists of individuals from diverse backgrounds, all dedicated to the community's well-being. Each member serves a two-year term and is expected to attend monthly meetings.
- Board members contribute unique skills and viewpoints that strengthen the board's ability to serve residents effectively. They may lead committees focusing on various aspects like road issues, social events, communication, and grounds maintenance.
- The collective dedication of members is to preserve and enhance our community as a desirable place to live.
- Formal qualifications are not required to join the board; however, members must be in good standing, fully insurable, care for the neighborhood, and have a desire to support fellow residents.

Your bio will be featured in the October/November newsletter and should be a single paragraph under 400 words. Residents interested in running for a position are encouraged to attend upcoming board meetings to gain insight into the responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

For any inquiries, please contact the office at 734-453-2022 or email [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com).



Jackson Galaxy from TV's Animal Planet, "My Cat From Hell"  
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## Road Repair updates

***If you are a resident of Sunflower 8, the area undergoing road repairs and wish to receive email updates from the office, kindly send your email address to [svha@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.com) with a request to be added to the mailing list.***

The project will now commence on July 15th and is expected to run through November. Here are some important points to note:

- The road will be cut into sections for removal preparation. Please refrain from driving on the street during this phase. If necessary, promptly wash your car to prevent slurry from drying on it.
- Regular garbage collection will be maintained. If access to your house is blocked, arrangements will be made for the collection service to reach you.
- Construction will be focused on one side of the street, allowing access to the other side. Street parking will not be available, so please coordinate with neighbors for parking and use driveways as needed.
- The traffic flow on the open side of the street will remain consistent, even if the open side changes. Swanmere will be open for one-way traffic away from Beck Road. Entry is possible from Beck, but exit routes will be different.
- Mail delivery will continue as usual. Should mailboxes be obstructed, the post office will hold your mail.
- Notify the township if your sprinkler heads are near the street curb.
- Trees overhanging the street may be trimmed to facilitate construction progress.
- Construction may take place on some Saturdays, but not on Sundays, starting at 7 am.
- Coordination with the school district will be done to adjust bus routes, with further details to follow.

The construction will progress in stages. For any inquiries, contact Mark Merkey, the Canton engineer overseeing the project, at [mark.merkey@cantonmi.gov](mailto:mark.merkey@cantonmi.gov) or 734/394-5150.

Additional information can be found at the Canton Road Construction Update. Your patience with the crew and neighbors during this necessary but lengthy process is greatly appreciated.



### For All Your Mortgage Loan Needs Including...

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**Nick Eicher**

Mortgage Loan Originator  
NMLS ID# 2021592

**734-788-2781**

✉ [nicholas.eicher@lmcu.org](mailto:nicholas.eicher@lmcu.org)

### Monthly board meetings open to residents

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

- August 21, 2024
- September 18, 2024
- October 16, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 11, 2024 (this meeting is held one week early due to the holiday season)
- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025

## 2024 Mid-Year Financial Overview

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
3000 Other Income	1,074.59	200.00	874.59	537.30 %
3001 Club Rental	<b>17,785.00</b>	<b>28,500.00</b>	<b>-10,715.00</b>	<b>62.40 %</b>
3003 Pool Income	<b>11,546.00</b>	<b>13,300.00</b>	<b>-1,754.00</b>	<b>86.81 %</b>
3007 Newsletter	855.00	800.00	55.00	106.88 %
3008 Reimbursed Legal fees	5,416.88	0.00	5,416.88	
3098 Bank Interest - Savings	0.00		0.00	
3099 Bank Interest Checking Acct	74.53	0.00	74.53	
3107 Membership Dues	0.00		0.00	
3107-1 Current Year	590,276.38	584,675.00	5,601.38	100.96 %
3107-2 2024 Roads Fund	0.00		0.00	
3107-3 2023 Dues Collected in 2024	325.00		325.00	
Dues Interest	217.34		217.34	
Late fees	11,788.91	8,600.00	3,188.91	137.08 %
Service fee	382.78	180.00	202.78	212.66 %
<b>Total 3107 Membership Dues</b>	<b>602,990.41</b>	<b>593,455.00</b>	<b>9,535.41</b>	<b>101.61 %</b>
3200 Returned Check Charges	105.00		105.00	
3201 Status Letters Income	1,700.00	3,000.00	-1,300.00	56.67 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$641,547.41</b>	<b>\$639,255.00</b>	<b>\$2,292.41</b>	<b>100.36 %</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$641,547.41</b>	<b>\$639,255.00</b>	<b>\$2,292.41</b>	<b>100.36 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
4000 Events Expense	<b>455.44</b>	<b>8,600.00</b>	<b>-8,144.56</b>	<b>5.30 %</b>
4007 Newsletter Expense	<b>1,817.16</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>-2,482.84</b>	<b>42.26 %</b>
5000 Office Operations	<b>10,648.11</b>	<b>19,450.00</b>	<b>-8,801.89</b>	<b>54.75 %</b>
5100 House Operations	<b>6,067.01</b>	<b>12,300.00</b>	<b>-6,232.99</b>	<b>49.33 %</b>
5101 Club Equipment	72.48	1,000.00	-927.52	7.25 %
5103 Repair & Maintenance	<b>2,942.88</b>	<b>19,075.00</b>	<b>-16,132.12</b>	<b>15.43 %</b>
5104 Tools	<b>338.83</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-161.17</b>	<b>67.77 %</b>
5105 Utilities	<b>9,835.21</b>	<b>36,750.00</b>	<b>-26,914.79</b>	<b>26.76 %</b>
5200 Commons Area	<b>21,840.95</b>	<b>83,525.00</b>	<b>-61,684.05</b>	<b>26.15 %</b>
5201 Snow Removal	<b>23,304.54</b>	<b>57,000.00</b>	<b>-33,695.46</b>	<b>40.89 %</b>
5301 Pool Operations	<b>4,630.28</b>	<b>11,160.00</b>	<b>-6,529.72</b>	<b>41.49 %</b>
5302 Pool Maintenance	<b>8,393.88</b>	<b>11,300.00</b>	<b>-2,906.12</b>	<b>74.28 %</b>
5303 Pool Equipment Exp	2,965.58	1,200.00	1,765.58	247.13 %
5304 Pool Chemicals	5,638.54	14,000.00	-8,361.46	40.28 %
5305 Pool Party Exp		300.00	-300.00	
6000 Payroll Expenses	<b>46,795.33</b>	<b>158,500.00</b>	<b>-111,704.67</b>	<b>29.52 %</b>
6001 Payroll Tax Expense	5,499.01	22,000.00	-16,500.99	25.00 %
6002 Payroll Service	1,022.04	4,500.00	-3,477.96	22.71 %
6003 Mileage	135.81	400.00	-264.19	33.95 %
6004 Cellphone		400.00	-400.00	
6005 - Timeclock Expense	182.90	600.00	-417.10	30.48 %
7000 FIT		500.00	-500.00	
7001 Annual Report	5.00	20.00	-15.00	25.00 %
7003 Property Tax	<b>1,598.50</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>1,323.50</b>	<b>581.27 %</b>
7004 Professional Fees				
Accountant Fees		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Legal Fees Prof.	3,313.12	18,500.00	-15,186.88	17.91 %
Fees Other	1,155.00		1,155.00	
<b>Total 7004 Professional Fees</b>	<b>4,468.12</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>	<b>-18,031.88</b>	<b>19.86 %</b>
7006 Lien fees	-376.00		-376.00	
7008 Insurance	8,429.68	18,000.00	-9,570.32	46.83 %
7009 Reserve Study Update		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
7010 Reserve Contribution		124,900.00	-124,900.00	
7011 Bank Charges	1,063.36	1,200.00	-136.64	88.61 %
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$167,774.64</b>	<b>\$639,255.00</b>	<b>\$ -471,480.36</b>	<b>26.25 %</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME NET	<b>\$473,772.77</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$473,772.77</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
INCOME	<b>\$473,772.77</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$473,772.77</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

## Common Sense in our Common Areas

The warmer weather beckons all for evening walks, visiting neighbors, walking our dogs, flying kites, shooting hoops 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.
- 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.

## Please have a poop plan

Canton Township Ordinance requires you to pick up your pet waste and discard it on your property. Please do not deposit your pet waste in public trash containers including those near the basketball courts, pools, pickleball, and tennis courts, the smell is extremely foul.

We ask that you have a poop plan in place before you set out on your walks. Thank you.

**Edward Jones**

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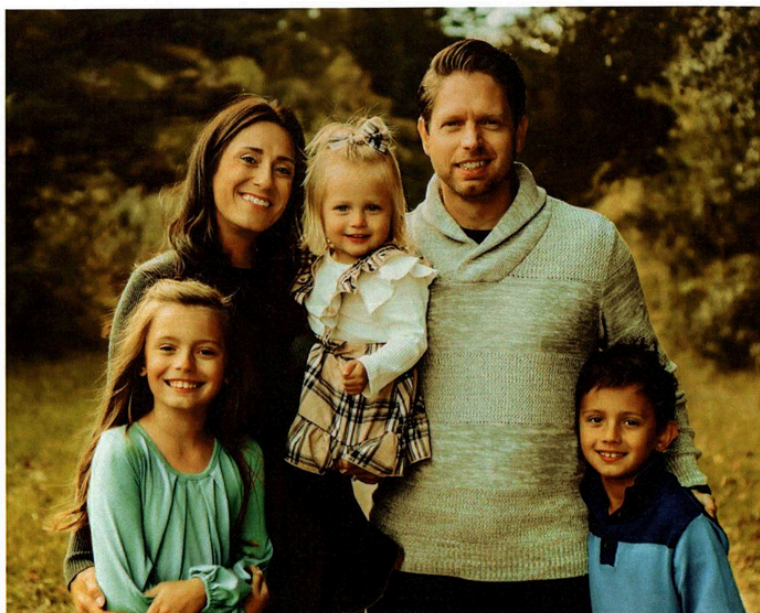
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Financial Advisor

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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 734-447-6141
- Brietta Levi 734-735-9571  
(Red Cross SafeSitter, CPR, First Aid)
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381  
(CPR & Heimlich certified)

### Dog walking / Pet Sitting

- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
- Kelsey Parker (adult) 734-748-2909
- Callie Schlosser 734-294-2829

### Lawn Work

- Steven Toth (adult) 313-215-1000

### Snow Removal

- Samuel Snipes 734-945-4929
- Finn Stubin 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@sunflowercanton.com](mailto:svha@sunflowercanton.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):

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**Deadline for our next issue is ,  
September 1, 2024**

## Small Business Directory

**Business Name - Resident - Phone**

- Apex Embroidery Inc - Ramya Jayprakash, 734-419-4390
- Creative Memories - Scrapbooking and Card Making  
Kimberlyn Benjamin, 734-776-9004
- LYH Accounting & Tax Services, LLC, Joyce Li, 734-637-6094
- Norwex - Mary Lou Herbeck, 734-649-6517
- Pan's Financial (Medicare, Retirement Plans)- Bing Rong, 682-433-6055
- Specialized Reading Tutoring, Patricia Green, 734-455-2569

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

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

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

Which issues?: \_\_ October \_\_ Jan 2025 \_\_ April 2025 \_\_ July 2025

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