

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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2025 Board Elections / Dues Vote

It's that time of year again to elect members for the Sunflower Village Board of Directors. Make sure your voice is heard and participate in shaping how our neighborhood is managed.

The board consists of a total of 11 members, with each position up for election on a rotating two-year basis. This year, five positions are available for election (terms ending 12/2026). Additionally, there are still two vacant board seats from the 2024 election (terms ending 12/2025). According to our governing documents, the board can appoint interested residents to fill any vacant seats.

If you are a homeowner in good standing, fully insurable, and interested in one of the open seats, we encourage you to attend the meetings in November (Nov 20) and December (Dec 11) to learn about the board's activities. You can also attend the meeting on January 15, 2025, to formally petition the board for consideration.

2025 Dues

We recommend that dues remain at \$355 for calendar year 2025. This will also be the final year of the [REDACTED] additional amount of \$100, that resident voters approved in the 2024 elections. This means a total of \$455, [REDACTED].

Electronic Voting

Electronic voting (Election Buddy) will not be implemented this year. The number of candidates applying for Board Positions does not exceed the number of available seats in this election cycle, coupled with the recommendation of no dues increase for 2025, we do not see any value in incurring this expense. The board has strong confidence in this software and intends to use it in the future.

Voting Procedures

Voting closes on Monday, November 18 @ 3 p.m.

How you will receive your ballot.

- ***Each lot will receive a paper ballot as part of this newsletter.*** (located on page 2)
- Return your paper ballot in a SEALED envelope with your lot number written on the front. You may mail it in to 45800 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187; drop it off during office hours; or place it in the drop box located to the right of the Hanford Clubhouse front door.

Voting Instructions

- Only 1 vote per lot
- Only homeowners in good standing are eligible to vote

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

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2025 Board of Director Candidates

Chris Carlisle

Hello! I'm Chris Carlisle, and I have proudly lived in Sunflower for the past 22 years. My family and I have built a strong connection to this community; both of my children graduated from PCCS, and we have cherished the relationships and experiences shared here.

With 40 years in the building industry as a licensed builder, I bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge to the table. My career has encompassed a wide range of projects, emphasizing quality, safety, and design. This extensive background has been fueled by passion for enhancing our community's infrastructure and aesthetics, ensuring that we create spaces that are not only functional but also inviting.

I also have had the privilege of serving two terms on the Canton Building Appeals Board. This role allows me to advocate for fair and safe building practices while engaging with community members on important issues. It taught me the significance of clear communication and collaboration between residents and local officials, a perspective I value deeply.

In addition to my professional work, I have been involved in youth development through the Boy Scouts, where I served as a den leader. Mentoring young boys and guiding them in their personal growth has been incredibly rewarding. It has reinforced my belief in the importance of community involvement and investing in our future generations.

As I seek a position on the Sunflower Board, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my experience and commitment to our neighborhood. I am dedicated to fostering a sense of community and ensuring that Sunflower remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place for all residents. I look forward to collaboration with fellow board members and residents to address our community's needs and aspirations, striving to make Sunflower an even better place to live.

Please clip and return this original ballot. Photo copies will not be accepted.



2025 Board Member

Please do not make any stray marks on this ballot.

Ballot

Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Lot #: _____

Invalid if not signed

Board of Director Vote

_____ Chris Carlisle

2025 Dues Information

Dues will remain at the approved 2024 levels

Ballots must be received by 3 pm, Monday, November 18
Office hours: Tues & Thurs 9 AM-3 PM; Wednesday 5-7 PM
Sunflower Office - 445800 Hanford Rd., Canton, MI 48187

2025 SVHA Annual Dues Payment Information

Annual dues notices will be mailed to all homeowners in December. Dues can be mailed to or dropped off at the Sunflower Office on Hanford Road. Annual dues must be received by March 1, 2025 or receive a \$35 late fee for each overdue month.

Last year, Sunflower homeowners voted and approved the 2024 dues at \$355 with an additional \$100 Road Fund Fee for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years. The Road Funds will only be used for road improvements.

According to the By-laws, Annual Dues payments are due January 1 and are considered past due and subject to late fees after March 1 of each year. Payments can be made by check, cash, or with a credit card (there is a 4% processing fee applied to credit cards). Please call the office for assistance with credit card payments.

Homeowners may select a 2-5 month payment plan for their 2025 Dues.

Please contact the Association Office prior to January 31, 2025, to make necessary arrangements and avoid additional charges.

Homeowners who choose a payment plan for their 2025 dues may select of the following options:


- 2 payments - \$230.50 each (this amount includes the \$3 service fee per payment)
- 3 payments - \$154.67 each (this amount includes the \$3 service fee per payment)
- 4 payments - \$116.75 each (this amount includes the \$3 service fee per payment)
- 5 payments - \$94 each (this amount includes the \$3 service fee per payment)

Things to Remember about payment plans:

- The first payment is due on 2/1/2025 and subsequent payments will be due on the first of each month. A \$3 service fee will be added to each payment.
- Payment plans on credit cards are available (4% processing fee + \$3.00 service fee for each payment will apply).
- A \$35 late fee will be applied when a scheduled payment is 30 days in arrears.
- If a scheduled payment plan 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 choose 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 2025.
- Making a partial payment will be considered as a payment plan and service fees will be assessed at \$3 for each subsequent payment.


2025 SVHA Budget

Income	
3000 Other Income	1,100.00
3001 Club Rental	23,500.00
3003 Pool Income	13,680.00
3007 Newsletter	1,000.00
3008 Reimbursed Legal fees	0.00
3099 Bank Interest Checking Acct	0.00
3107 Membership Dues	596,975.00
3200 Returned Check Charges	0.00
3201 Status Letters Income	3,000.00
Total Income	\$639,255.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$639,255.00
Expenses	
4000 Events Expense	8,920.00
4007 Newsletter Expense	3,700.00
5000 Office Operations	18,100.00
5100 House Operations	12,000.00
5101 Club Equipment	800.00
5103 Repair & Maintenance	15,600.00
5104 Tools	650.00
5105 Utilities	27,939.00
5200 Commons Area	87,425.00
5201 Snow Removal	56,550.00
5301 Pool Operations	14,600.00
5302 Pool Maintenance	9,900.00
5303 Pool Equipment Exp	1,000.00
5304 Pool Chemicals	11,500.00
5305 Pool Party Exp	350.00
6000 Payroll Expenses	164,121.00
6001 Payroll Tax Expense	18,000.00
6002 Payroll Service	3,000.00
6003 Mileage	200.00
6004 Cellphone	0.00
6005 - Timeclock Expense	600.00
7000 FIT	250.00
7001 Annual Report	25.00
7003 Property Tax	250.00
7004 Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	5,000.00
Legal Fees	15,500.00
Prof. Fees Other	3,000.00
Total 7004 Professional Fees	23,500.00
7008 Insurance	19,500.00
7009 Reserve Study Update	1,945.00
7010 Reserve Contribution	137,400.00
7011 Bank Charges	1,430.00
Total Expenses	\$639,255.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$0.00
NET INCOME	\$0.00



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Monthly Public Board Meetings

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

- November 20 - Annual General Meeting
- December 11: *note this meeting is routinely held earlier in the month to accommodate the holidays*
- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025



SAVE THE DATE

**COOKIES AND COCOA
WITH THE CLAUSES**

SATURDAY, DEC 14

GAINSBOROUGH CLUBHOUSE



**Hope to see
you there!**

Cookies and Cocoa with the Clauses

Ho ho ho! Guess who's visiting the Gainsborough Clubhouse? That's right, it's Santa and his wonderful Mrs. Claus! Bring the whole family for some festive fun, snap a picture with the big guy in red and his lovely wife, and enjoy some hot cocoa while munching on delicious holiday treats!

But hold on, there's even more! We would love to see your amazing baking skills shine at this event! Bring your best recipes and create some delicious goodies to share with everyone.

Keep a lookout for more information and a sign up form for this event in November.



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Snow Season Reminders

The Board has a plan for keeping subdivision streets safe during the 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:

- Please be patient - it takes time to plow the entire sub. A snowfall of 2-4 inches will take up to 24 hours to plow the entire subdivision. Anything over 2-4 inches could take even longer than 24 hours.
- The plows will not begin until the storm has tapered off or ended.
- 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.
- Canton Township ordinances require three feet of unobstructed access around all fire hydrants, including snow that has accumulated or been piled up.

**BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES, PLEASE CLEAN THE LEAVES
OUT OF THE DRAINS ON YOUR STREET TO ALLOW
MELTING SNOW TO DRAIN.**

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Patricia Greene, M.A.
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- References



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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.

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)

Call for Volunteers!

We need at least two judges to help pick the winners of the contest on the night of December 14. Please email svha@sunflowercanton.com or call 734-453-2022 if you'd like to be a judge.



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

Babysitters

- Addison Newhouse 734-945-4783
14 yrs, CPR certified, nights & weekends
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
- Brietta Levi 734-735-9571
(Red Cross Safe-Sitter, CPR, First Aid)
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
(CPR & Heimlich certified)

Dog walking / Pet Sitting

- Amanda Polydoros 734-890-0173
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
- Callie Schlosser 734-294-2829
- Kelsey Parker (adult) 734-748-2909

Lawn Work

- Steven Toth (adult) 313-215-1000

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 our next issue

is January 10, 2025

Small Business Directory

Business Name - Resident - Phone

- AMI Services: Automotive Upholstery Repair - Dave Farmer, 313-304-0700
- Apex Embroidery Inc - Ramya Jayaprakash, 734-419-4390
- Creative Memories: Scrapbooking and Card Making - Kimberlyn Benjamin, 734-776-9004
- Norwex - Mary Lou Herbeck, 734-649-6517
- Pan's Financial (Medicare, Retirement Plans) - Bing Rong, 682-433-6055
- Specialized Reading Tutoring, Patricia Greene, 734-455-2569
- Yard Pro Outdoor Services - Jason Cassar, 734-837-4533

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 2025 __ 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.

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