

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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There are four open seats on the board. Residents who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors should attend the next board meeting and advise the board.

In addition, there are open positions for committees. You do not need to be a board member to be on a committee.

Office Hours

Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Phone: 734.453.2022

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svha@sunflowercanton.com

Office is located at:
Hanford Clubhouse
45800 Hanford Rd.

2025 SVHA Annual Dues

Annual dues notices were mailed in December, if you have not received it, please contact the office ASAP. As approved by residents, the 2025 dues remain \$355 with an additional \$100 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will only be used for [REDACTED] improvements. Residents should call the office for further detail if needed.

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 (includes the \$3 service fee per payment)
- 3 payments - \$154.67 each (includes the \$3 service fee per payment)
- 4 payments - \$116.75 each (includes the \$3 service fee per payment)
- 5 payments - \$94 each (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.

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

2024 State of the Village - From Melissa Lichtman

2024 Year End State of the Village

12/11/2024

I would like to begin by wishing residents Happy Holidays, and to thank those who have lent their time, efforts, and knowledge to support this community throughout the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Board, staff, and fellow residents alike.

2024 Recap

2024 began much less stressful than the previous year with our office staff having the benefit of a full year of experience under their belt and were able to focus more on much needed improvements to processes, systems, and receivable clean up. Their efforts have not only resulted in savings to our Operations budget, but helped improve record retention, data availability, and communications within the organization. Thank you for your hard work.

The Board tackled the following projects in 2024, all funded from the Reserve Fund:

1. Grounds Equipment (Kubota): \$30,878
funded from 2023 Reserve Contribution of \$28,500
2. Pool Repairs: \$ 4,280
Hanford Pool fence reset after 2023 concrete deck replacements
3. Clubhouse Updates: \$ 49,582
Includes paint, carpet for both Hanford and Gainsborough. Floor clean up and leveling, as well as brick repairs on the back porch and pool deck wall at the Gainsborough clubhouse
4. Recreational-Commons: \$ 33,780
Court resurfacing at both Hanford and Gainsborough.

We also celebrated the replacement of Sunflower 8 roads. that had long been plagued by the effects of ASR (Alkali-Silica Reaction). Despite the disruption caused by construction we have received a great deal of positive feedback from residents on not only the results, but the well-organized process. This monumental win is not only due to the current Board and Road Committee, but to a number Boards and Road Committee generations that came before us. Thank you to all who put in effort to accomplish this goal. It is a testament of what persistence, and combined efforts can accomplish for our community.

Future Outlook

Reserve Study estimates of projects to be completed by year end 2025 totals approximately \$285,000. Some of the expenses included are asphalt pavement mill and overlays, replacement of boilers, clubhouse kitchen replacements, and roof replacement.

An updated Reserve Study is scheduled to begin in February of 2025. We anticipate that current cost estimates will increase significantly, as the current reserve study is 3 years old. The Reserve Study is the basis of our projected yearly Reserve Contributions, and is conducted by an independent 3rd party.

In addition to the items identified in our current reserve study, the board has been working toward replacing the nonoperational lift at the Gainsborough Clubhouse, security systems for our clubhouses and common ground assets, and exploring tree program possibilities. Lastly, we are in need of a website rebuild, as the platform has aged beyond support and often makes updates difficult or not possible, as well as a potential resident portal. Please note that none of these items are included in the current reserve study.

The list is long and varied. If you have expertise in any of the above mentioned the board is always seeking assistance. If you are, or know of a licensed and insured contractor (when applicable) interested in bidding please have them contact the office and/or Chico Rodriguez.

Finally, it wouldn't be a letter from me if I didn't make a call for volunteers. Please consider that the amenities we enjoy are due largely to those who have made volunteer efforts.

I would like to conclude with wishing all residents **Health, Peace, and Prosperity** in the New Year!

Onward,

Melissa Lichtman

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We need them back ASAP! Drop them off at Debra-Sue Leach's home at 7185 Chadwick Ct., or the Sunflower Office during normal biz hours.

We're on a mission to keep the holiday magic alive for our little ones! So, do your bit and check every nook and cranny of your house for our cute little elves who may be hibernating from the winter chill. Thanks a million!

2025 Call for Volunteers to Organize and Run Events



Due to the lack of volunteer participation, the Sunflower Village Board of Directors is creating a new process for event planning and implementation. Volunteers are needed to plan, organize, and implement the following events:

- Easter Egg Hunt – April 12
- Picnic – August 2
- Trunk or Treat – October 11

In addition to the listed events, other events will be considered if presented to the Board. Sunflower will determine a budgeted amount for approved events. These events will not be held without residents volunteering.

Please reach out the Sunflower Office if you are interested in continuing these amazing events.

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Just a friendly heads up. The **Sunflower Village Events & Information Facebook page** is the only social media platform managed by the SVHA Board. However, we share information on other pages when able.

Clubhouse Rentals

Save the date!

The clubhouses rental calendar for 2026 opens March 1, 2025.



Sunflower has two clubhouses that are available for rental to any Sunflower homeowner in good standing (all dues paid and no problems from previous rentals).

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.

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Street Lights Out? Irritating Pothole?

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.

For potholes, call Wayne County at 734-955-2331.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



LIFEGUARDS

Sunflower is looking for Red Cross certified Lifeguards to work the pools this summer.

Applicants must be 16 or older before May 24. 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.



MAINTENANCE PERSON

Sunflower is looking for a maintenance person. Job duties include snow removal, garbage removal, landscaping, and other assigned duties.

Pick up an application at the Sunflower Office.

Gentle Reminder

Please do not place 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.



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Nathanael Schlosser
📞 (734) 306-0656

TEXT FOR A FREE QUOTE

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.

- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- July 16, 2025
- August 20, 2025
- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- December 10, 2025 (this meeting is held one week early due to the holiday season)

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).
- 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.
- On the newly cemented streets, do not place salt. Instead, use calcium chloride.
- All sidewalks surrounding your home must be cleared. This includes behind your homes on Warren, Beck, and Canton Center roads.



Jackson Galaxy from TV's Animal Planet, "My Cat From Hell"
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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 exp; CPR cert, nights & weekends
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
CPR cert, First Aid
- Brietta Levi 734-735-9571
Red Cross Safesitter; CPR cert, First Aid
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
CPR & Heimlich cert

Dog walking / Pet Sitting

- Amanda Polydoras 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@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):

**Deadline for our next issue
is March 15, 2025**

Sunflower is suggesting that you provide your email to the office so that they may communicate any dues and necessary correspondences with you.



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
- Pan's Financial Inc: Medicare, Retirement Plans - Bing Rong - 684-433-6055
- Yard Pro Outdoor Services, LLC - 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 # _____

Which issues?: _____ April _____ July _____ October _____ January

*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)*

Register for SVHA Electronic Newsletter

The Association Office offers monthly electronic newsletters and timely notices to keep you informed about your community and subdivision. To receive these valuable updates, all you need to do is provide your email address.

To sign up for the electronic newsletters, please visit:
<https://sunflowercanton.com/forms/>. You must be the Homeowner/Occupant of Record and at least 18 years old.

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