

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Quarterly Newsletter of Plymouth Commons Homeowners Association

## Fall- the season of Fun is here



Oh, fall! There are just so many reasons to love the season—where to even begin? With the drop in temperature comes piles of leaves, pumpkin spice, jack-o-lanterns, and fun party opportunities for kids. On Saturday, October 9, thanks to Mr. Steve Celeste, the neighborhood had a chance to enjoy a fabulous fun-filled hayride adventure for kids and adults. On Sunday, October 10, the subdivision organized its Annual Fall Party. It was a roaring success with over 70 neighbors joining

in the festivities. Thanks to everyone who came out and joined the fun. A note of appreciation to our volunteers: Ms. Melissa Blanks, Ms. Kathy Tereba, and Ms. Nabeleh Ghareeb. On Sunday, October 31, the neighborhood Trick-and-Treat saw passing out of sweet candy treats. Special thanks to all the houses that signed up for the event. Right now, the weather is just about perfect, which makes it absolutely ideal to enjoy the outdoors before the winter arrives. Wishing everyone a fabulous fall!

### Traffic Safety Success

This summer, there was an increase in complaints around overspeeding and traffic sign violations in the neighborhood. The Board reached out to the Traffic Enforcement Division of Plymouth Township Police Department (PTPD). Working with Sgt. Fritz, PTPD increased traffic patrols in the subdivision and temporarily placed a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar (SMART) on Howland Park Drive between Commons Blvd and Fuller Court. Further, PTPD increased its presence on our subdivision roads and issued warnings to individuals who are not following traffic rules. They encouraged everyone, including younger drivers and contractors, to drive safely and look out for the safety of other drivers, bicyclists, children, and pedestrians. Due to these measures, there was a noticeable improvement in the traffic condition in our subdivision. If you feel that speeding is an issue around your house and are interested in placing the SMART device in a location next to your house in the future, please send an email to [plymouthcommonsboard@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthcommonsboard@gmail.com). Special thanks to all our homeowners for making this summer safety initiative- a resounding success.



## Rezoning Update

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to rezone the site adjoining Plymouth Commons and located south of North Territorial Road, west of Ridge Road, north of Powell Road, and east of Napier Road. The previous application to rezone the site was denied by the Township Board. Per the Planning Commission, a new application for the same amendment shall not be accepted by the Planning Commission for consideration for a period of 365 days, unless the Commission determines at least one condition of Article 33 of the Zoning Ordinance is met. The property is proposed to be developed as single-family, detached residences, which would require further review and approval by the Township. Homeowners who are interested in providing their input on this matter may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Public Services Department (second floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. To follow more updates on this topic, please refer to the Planning Commission website:

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## HOA Board Elections

The annual elections for one HOA Board are scheduled for the month of December. This year, one Board position (2022-2024 term) is available for election. Individuals interested in this position should send an email expressing their intention (and a brief bio) to [plymouthcommonshoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthcommonshoaboard@gmail.com) by Monday, November 15.

The Board of Directors is the governing body of PCHA and manages its affairs on behalf of the subdivision homeowners. Board Directors are homeowners like yourself who volunteer their time to serve the neighborhood. The homeowner's and residents' responsibility is to abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in the Bylaws, Covenants and Restrictions, Development Guidelines, and other directives determined by the Board of Directors. The Board members help lead community events, safety, landscaping, and safety initiatives. Elections to the Board are held every year, and the Board appoints a President and other officers. The Board is scheduled to meet (via Zoom) on the second Tuesday of each month.

## Annual Dues

Our association assesses dues for the year and these are payable by March 31st by the homeowner(s) of record. Annual dues are used to maintain the common areas (mowing, fertilizing, flowers, etc.), plowing of snow on roads, conducting PCHA business, and other necessary expenses voted on by the Board. The dues for 2021 were \$350 and may change in 2022. Please refer to the dues letter that should arrive in the month of January 2022. If anyone has not paid the dues by March 31st of 2022, they would be subject to a late fee. For further details, please visit: <https://plymouthcommons.info/pay-your-dues>



## Regulations Roundup

There has been an increase in pet-related complaints in the neighborhood. The Board recommends that homeowners should abide by good practices and consideration for their neighbors and individuals walking on the sidewalk. The Board is considering drafting a formal Rule on the topic. If you are interested in participating in this process, please send an email to [plymouthcommonshoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthcommonshoaboard@gmail.com).

## Festival Trivia- Diwali

Why did my neighbor put up the holiday lights so early? Well, they may be celebrating Diwali.

Diwali or Dipawali gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (Deepa) that are placed outside the house. The five-day celebration is observed every year in early fall after the conclusion of the summer harvest. The main celebration takes place on the day of the new moon (November 4 in 2021), when the sky is at its darkest. Candles and clay lamps are lit and placed throughout the home. This festival celebrates knowledge, prosperity, and familial bonds.

### About PCHA

Nestled on the western edge of Plymouth Township, Plymouth Commons subdivision is a community of 130 homes. PCHA is the official homeowners' organization of this subdivision. The primary purposes of the PCHA are to coordinate the delivery of subdivision-wide services and to encourage the adherence to covenants that help preserve the value and appearance of our subdivision. The Board publishes this newsletter to communicate with homeowners on various matters.

### 2021 Board

**WINDY HARRIS** - President, serving from 2019-2022  
**PAT HANNON** - Vice-President, serving from 2020-2021  
**SEAN LAYCOCK** - Treasurer, serving from 2019-2022  
**GAURAV SHARMA** - Secretary, serving from 2021-2023  
**OPEN POSITION** - Justin Ford, serving from 2021 to 2023  
**BRIE BRUFORD** - Adjunct Historical Advisor

The Board of PCHA is made up of volunteers drawn from amongst the Plymouth Commons homeowners. If you wish to contact the Board, please send an email to [plymouthcommonshoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthcommonshoaboard@gmail.com), and you should get a written response within five business days.