

HOA NEWS

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season, enjoyed any time off from work or school and had a great start to the new year.

IMPORTANT: *We Need to Change our Subdivision "Rules"*

As you may know, everyone who buys a home in the River-Woods Sub has to follow the Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs) that the developer recorded in 1997 with the Wayne County Register of Deeds. Legally, the C&Rs are actually part of the deed to your property. Unfortunately, what the developers used for the C&Rs was a "one size fits all" document that was not tailored to the needs of our subdivision. The Board has since identified nine items that need to be changed, but to do so requires the signature of 74 homeowners. In the next few issues of the neighborhood Newsletter, we will be highlighting some of these needed changes. More importantly, the C&R amendments will be available for everyone to sign at our 2019 annual meeting. Watch for details about that in our next newsletter!

Drains - *If you are a homeowner with drains in front of or on the side of your home, please clear the leaves from the street. This ensures the continuous flow of water into the drains.*

Christmas Lights - *Please remember to remove your Christmas lights by the end of April each year.*

HOA Meetings - *Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise announced. A sign is posted on the Marquee at the front entrance of the subdivision. Meetings are held in the Administration Bldg. next to the Canton Public Library located at Canton Center and Civic Center.*

Next HOA Meeting - *The next meeting will be held on February 13.*

SNOWFALL REMINDER

With snowfall arriving, we would like to remind everyone that we will do everything we can to ensure that the exit out of the subdivision is salted. However, we do not salt the intersections or the entranceway. Therefore, some areas may become slippery. So, please be careful when driving in the subdivision and give yourself plenty of time to stop.

STOP GERMS FROM SPREADING THIS FLU SEASON

- 1) Clean & disinfect shared surfaces - door knobs, light switches, remote controls and toilet levers.
- 2) Wash sick person's bedding and towels daily.
- 3) Wash hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. (©2018 TPMC. All rights reserved.)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR SUBDIVISION RULES

AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS - RIVERWOODS SUBDIVISION

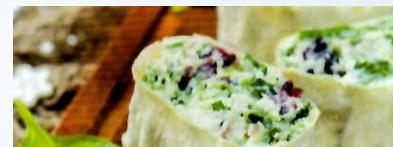
#4 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9: Allows kiddie pools for 48 hours

#6 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 15: Allows vegetation near utility boxes

#8 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 26: Allows owners to dig well for sprinklers

Last newsletter we covered the reasons for amendments 2, 3 and 7. Now let's talk about numbers 4, 6 and 8. Basically, numbers 4, 6 and 8 give homeowners more freedom to do what they want with their property; since it is unlikely that these changes will affect anyone other than the homeowner. Number 4, for example, allows homeowners to use what are known as "kiddie pools" as long as they don't leave them up more than two days. Why did the developers outlaw kiddie pools? Your guess is as good as ours. Number 6 allows homeowners to block the unsightly backyard utility boxes with shrubs and trees. If the vegetation gets too close to the boxes, DTE can let us know. Same thing for drilling a well. Once the equipment is gone, no one is going to know or care that you are watering your grass for free. Let's pass amendment 8 to allow people to dig their own well if they want to. Please see a Board member, or feel free to come to a Board meeting, if you have any questions or concerns about these proposed changes.

CRANBERRY SPINACH ROLL-UPS



In medium bowl, combine 12-oz whipped cream cheese and 1 cup crumbled Feta cheese. Stir in 1 cup cooked chicken (cooled and chopped) along with 2 cups baby spinach (roughly chopped) and 1 cup dried cranberries. Spread about 1/2 cup of mixture over 4 (10-in) flour tortillas and roll up tightly. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Trim off ends and evenly cut each roll-up into 8 pieces. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. (©2018 The Personal Marketing Co® (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

A FEW SAFETY TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

- ⇒ Place CO detectors on every floor and a radon detector in your basement.
- ⇒ Check for product recalls on your kitchen appliances.
- ⇒ Check power cords on appliances and electronics for fraying on a regular basis.

DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

History of Bartlett-Travis House - Located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton, Michigan

The early version of this house was a story and a half "Greek Revival" cottage, typical of "2nd generation houses" built in Canton in the 1840s. It was first owned by Thomas and Maria Bartlett. This house was located at the corner of Warren and Canton Center. Following the sale in the 1950s, the house changed hands several times over the years. It was last owned by Ken Dividock, a local realtor, who then donated the house to the Canton Historic District Commission. The house was moved to this site in 1988 and renovation and restoration began in 1994 by local carpenter, Rex Harvey. In 2002, the house was completed and opened to the public. (©2006-2018 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

MONTHLY HEALTH TIP

What Can 5% Do for Your Health? **(Part Two)**

Stop Sleep Apnea - People who are overweight gain extra tissue in the back of their throat. When your body relaxes when you sleep, that tissue can drop down and block your airway. It makes you stop breathing through the night, which causes all kinds of health problems, especially for your heart. Slimming down a little can often help with sleep apnea.

Reverse Insulin Resistance - Body fat, especially in your belly area, gives off chemicals that make your body stop reacting to the effects of insulin. Even though your pancreas works harder to make more insulin, your blood sugar can get too high. A little bit of weight loss can help reverse this effect.

Sleep Longer and Better - Studies show that not getting enough ZZZs can make you more likely to be obese. Losing at least 5% of excess weight can lead to better sleep.

A Better Mood - Weight loss may help chase your blues away. Better body image and improved sleep may be part of the reason. In one study, depressed people who were very overweight felt better after they lost an average of 8% of their body weight.

Bring Down Inflammation - Fat cells, especially those around the belly, can release chemicals that irritate and inflame tissues all over the body. This is linked to health problems like arthritis, heart disease, heart attack and stroke. Work toward a 10% weight loss goal and cut your chances of having a serious illness. (©2018 WebMD, LLC. All rights reserved.)

SAFETY AWARENESS:

PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES WHILE IN YOUR VEHICLE

Canton's Public Safety Department advises motorists to lock their parked vehicles and refrain from leaving valuables in plain view.

Police advise motorists to lock their vehicles when parked. Larceny (theft) from vehicles continues to be a popular crime in Canton. In the majority of these crimes reported, forced entry was not used to gain entry into the vehicles.

Valuable items such as purses, laptops, tools, electronic devices and sporting equipment are being stolen from unlocked vehicles parked in driveways, on subdivision streets and in parking lots throughout Canton.

The majority of thefts reported with forced entry used usually involved a valuable item that had been left in plain view.

"Unfortunately, there are criminal opportunists out there who will take advantage of a car door left unlocked, or valuables left in plain view of a locked vehicle," said Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher. "We can't prevent the opportunists from window-shopping in our vehicles, but we can limit the items that are available to them by removing valuables and/or locking vehicles," he adds.

Individuals observing suspicious activity or persons around parked vehicles are asked to contact the Canton Police Department. (©2006-2018 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)



New Neighbors:

No new neighbors have moved into the sub.

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HOME ADVICE



Make Your Fireplace Extra Cozy

If you have the luxury of any type of fireplace, here are a few ways to make it extra cozy. Start by having your fireplace and chimney serviced by a CSIA-certified chimney sweep once a year. Arrange seating with the fireplace as the focal point. To make your fireplace more inviting add a few floor cushions or big pillows. Stack real logs in or next to a wood-burning fireplace, even if you do not plan on using them. (©2018 The Personal Marketing Co® (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

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Seller's Agent - Will sell our home in Allen Park

Neighbor Rating: Excellent

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