

### HOA NEWS



*Spring is right around the corner. It's time to start thinking about those home renovation and landscaping projects.*

#### **Friendly Reminders:**

**Dues - Annual dues of \$300.00 are due no later than 02/28/2021. Please submit your dues, if you have not already done so, as soon as possible.**

**Next Meeting - TBD.**

**Street Tree Maintenance - Please ensure street trees are trimmed to no lower than 7 ft. above the road.**

**Drains - If you have drains in front of or on the side of your home, or in your backyard, please clear the leaves and debris from the drains. This ensures the continuous flow of water into the drains and will prevent potential backups.**

**HOA Meetings - Once monthly meetings resume, the meetings will be held every second Monday of the month in the Administration Bldg. at Canton Center and Civic Center.**

**NOTE: For proper delivery of the newsletter, please ensure your house number is prominently displayed on your mailbox.**

**Email: Please provide your email address so that the Board can make it easier and more cost efficient to disseminate information and the newsletter to the residents of Riverwoods.**

**Parking: Remember that pursuant to Canton Ordinance, please do not park in the fire lanes of the subdivision; guests should be advised as well. Having a vehicle parked in a fire lane could be dangerous if emergency vehicles were trying to gain entrance for a fire or EMS situation.**



**Off-Season Markets Return!  
February 21 | March 21 | April 18**

### DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

During Michigan's difficult recession of 1981-1983, Canton's home sales reached rock bottom. Very few homes were constructed during this time period. In some cases, entire platted subdivisions were claimed by banks for outstanding unpaid loans. New housing started to pick up in the latter part of 1983 and continued strong for the balance of the 80's. Now, Canton is a growing and thriving community that's become the go-to place for both young adults and families looking to settle down. (©2006-2021 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

### KEYS TO A BUDGET FRIENDLY RENOVATION



Home renovation projects often times go over budget. If one of your Spring/Summer 2021 projects involve remodeling part of your home, create a renovation plan that will make you and your bank account happy.

#### **Set Your Priorities:**

- ◇ Whatever the reason for your renovation, an updated kitchen, new tile for the bathroom, write down your specific desires and prioritize what must be accomplished to achieve them. As you begin the process, remain focused on the essentials and avoid becoming distracted by other projects that will not further your main goal for renovation.

#### **Dream Big, Then Scale Back:**

- ◇ If you're working with a designer or architect, share your loftiest dreams for the renovation design first. Even though every high-end detail might not fit your budget, your ideas can help set the stage for the overall design. Work together to scale back the project in a way that fulfills your priorities and meets your budget.

#### **Get Multiple Bids:**

- ◇ It's important to get multiple bids from different contractors. Get at least three bids from contractors before moving forward. Comb through each bid to make sure you're conducting an "apples-to-apples" comparison of all estimated expenses, including materials, labor, permits and miscellaneous costs.

#### **Choose Materials Carefully:**

- ◇ The biggest expense in any renovation project is the costs of specific types of materials. Research your options before committing to ensure you're choosing high-quality materials that meet your budget.

#### **Revisit Your Priorities:**

- ◇ Throughout the renovation, revisit your stated priorities and make sure your plan continues to address your vision for the renovation project as a whole.

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## CINNAMON CRUMB CAKE



### Ingredients:

#### For Cake:

2 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 eggs  
1 cup sour cream

#### For Topping:

1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon

### Directions:

Lightly coat a 9 x 9-inch cake pan with cooking spray. Preheat oven to 350° F. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. With an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Add dry ingredients and mix again. Fold in sour cream until thoroughly combined. In separate bowl, mix together all topping ingredients. Spread half of batter in prepared pan, then evenly sprinkle half of topping mixture on top. Repeat layers. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Enjoy! (©2021 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

## Health Benefits of Physical Activity for Adults

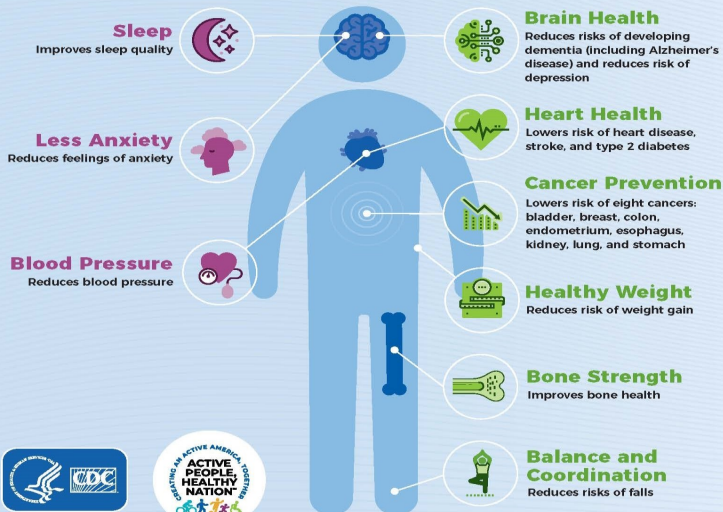


### IMMEDIATE

A single bout of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity provides immediate benefits for your health.

### LONG-TERM

Regular physical activity provides important health benefits for chronic disease prevention.



Source: Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd edition

To learn more, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/adults/health-benefits-of-physical-activity-for-adults.html>

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### New Neighbors:

Welcome our 2 new homeowners on River Woods Drive!  
Mahmoud Nasser and David and Anne White

# NEWSLETTER

### CREATE A SPACE FOR DISINFECTION

Mudrooms have become a priority as the pandemic left people looking for a place to stash masks, clean hands and disinfect objects. Create an efficient, organized space: **Location** - consider adding "drop-zones" next to each entrance, such as a small corner close to the door with storage and a small bench.

**Functionality** - Aim to streamline processes like sanitizing footwear or locating rain gear. Add baskets for shoes, a shelf for hand sanitizer, cubbies for backpacks and hooks for

jackets, masks, keys and pet leashes.

**Aesthetics** - Make your "drop-zone" fun. Use a similar color palette to tie the space into adjoining rooms and show off your style with art prints, a small houseplant or decorative mirror.

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### IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY

- \* Switch out chemical-laden cleaning solutions for natural supplies.
- \* Weather permitting, open windows to circulate fresh air throughout the house.
- \* Use exhaust fans in the bathrooms and the kitchen and run a dehumidifier during the summer.
- \* Purchase an air purifier and decorate with indoor plants to help clean the air naturally.
- \* Place shoes by each entrance to prevent tracking bacteria, pollen and other irritants throughout your home.
- \* Change your HVAC filter every 1-3 months and test for radon every 1-2 years.
- \* Brush your pets often to lessen shedding and to eliminate pet dander.
- \* Dust, vacuum and mop regularly to prevent dust build-up.

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