

### HOA NEWS

Some of you know firsthand, and others may have heard, that the Board sent out reminders earlier this summer to homeowners whose landscaping needed work. Our subdivision rules (Covenants and Restrictions) say that each home must maintain its landscaping and keep it from becoming unsightly.

As you might imagine, policing our neighbors for unsightly conditions is not an enjoyable job. Still, it is one that must be done, for the benefit of us all.

In answer to some concerns about this process:

1. The Board considered the street appearance.
2. Whether something is "unsightly" is rather subjective; the Board did the best it could.
3. The Board understands that the commons area landscaping also needed work this year. Much of that has been completed and more is scheduled to be done.
4. The Board chose to send letters rather than contact homeowners in person because letters are easier and (hopefully) less confrontational. We do apologize if this process seemed too formal and not "neighborly."
5. Board members were subject to the same rules as everyone else in this matter.

Please contact a Board member or email the Board if you have any questions about this.

**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.**

### 2020 ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Construction began July 27. Projects include repairing the entire intersection as well as approximately 1,000 feet of Canton Center north of the intersection. Warren Road will be completely closed at Canton Center. Canton Center will remain open but, there will be limited access, so anticipate delays. Weather depending, this project is anticipated to be completed in 6-8 weeks. (©2006-2020 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

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

#### **I-275 CONSTRUCTION**

A major influence on the development of Canton was the completion of I-275. Canton's central location permitted residents to use the new I-275 North/South freeway to travel anywhere in the Detroit metropolitan area within an hour. As a result, more and more people seeking new housing and close proximity to their work selected Canton as their home. During the late 1970s new home construction hovered around 1500 new homes. (©2006-2020 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

### NATURAL DISINFECTANT SPRAY



#### **Essential Oil Disinfectant Cleaning Spray Recipe:**

1. Fill a 16 oz. glass spray bottle most of the way full with alcohol that is 140 proof or greater (70%+ alcohol) such as Ever-clear or rubbing alcohol.
2. Add ½ teaspoon hydrogen peroxide.
3. Add the following essential oils:
  - ◆ 30 drops tea tree essential oil
  - ◆ 15 drops lemon essential oil
  - ◆ 15 drops lavender essential oil
  - ◆ 15 drops eucalyptus essential oil
4. Put on spray top and shake to mix well
5. Add a label (see below):

#### HOW TO USE



#### **To Disinfect:**

1. Pre-clean surface
2. Shake spray bottle each time before use
3. Spray directly on countertops, faucets, doorknobs, etc.
4. However, for remote controls, light switches and other electrical items, spray disinfectant onto cloth first and then wipe item with cloth
5. Leave surface wet for a few minutes and allow to air dry

#### **To Control and Prevent Mold & Mildew:**

1. Shake spray bottle each time before use
2. Apply to pre-cleaned surface (such as tile grout, shower wall, sink, etc.)
3. Spray enough so that surface stays wet for at least 3 minutes
4. Let air dry
5. Use once a week or when mold and mildew growth appears

#### **To Deodorize:**

1. Shake spray bottle each time before use
2. Spray on surfaces as needed
3. Spray in stinky shoes and on athletic equipment
4. Allow to air dry overnight
5. Spray in and around trashcans

#### **To Spot Sanitize, Deodorize & Refresh Fabrics (aka Febreze):**

1. Shake spray bottle each time before use
2. Spot test on fabric in an inconspicuous spot
3. Spray until fabric is slightly damp, but not overly wet
4. Fabric should remain wet for 30 seconds
5. Let air dry
6. For difficult odors, reapply

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## TURKEY MEATBALLS

### Ingredients:

1 & 1/2 lbs. ground turkey  
12 Tbsp. Italian bread crumbs  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley  
1 tsp. minced garlic  
1/2 tsp. onion powder  
1 egg  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 (28 oz.) jars marinara sauce  
Fresh parsley, for garnish



### Directions:

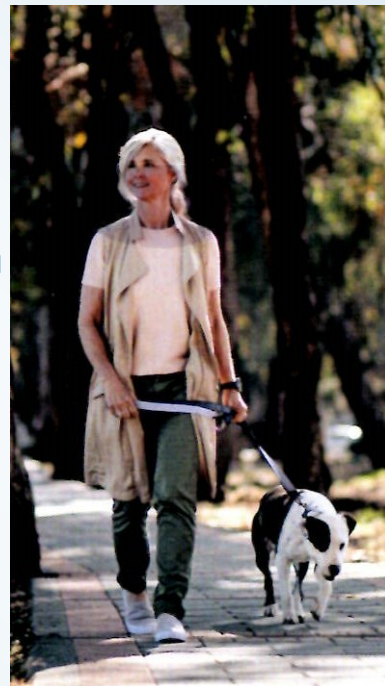
Preheat oven to broil. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Combine all ingredients (except marinara sauce and garnish) in a large bowl. Stir well. Shape mixture into 1-inch meatballs and place on prepared baking sheet. Broil meatballs until browned, about 8-10 minutes.

Place meatballs in a slow cooker. Add marinara sauce and gently stir to combine. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours. Top with fresh parsley and serve with rice or pasta.

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## HEALTH—TAKE A MEDITATION WALK

- ⇒ A recent study conducted by Ginger, an on-demand mental health service, reported that almost 70% of employees feel the pandemic has been the most stressful period of their careers. If you're feeling the pressure, a meditation walk is an excellent way to stay mindful and grounded.
- ⇒ For some people, these walks can be more appealing than seated meditation, because the practice can be applied in nearly any environment - all you have to do is focus on typically automatic actions, such as stepping forward and breathing.
- ⇒ To get the most out of your meditation walk, try to stay present in the moment by observing the sights and sounds around you. If you feel distracted, take note of how your body feels and use your stride to focus.
- ⇒ In addition to relieving stress, a meditation walk can also help alleviate depression and improve your quality of sleep, according to [HealthLine.com](https://www.healthline.com).



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### New Neighbors:

Please welcome our new neighbor at 47740 River Woods Drive—Amanda Cholak

# NEWSLETTER

### BALLOT INITIATIVE UPDATE

#### PASSED:

1. Regarding collection of delinquent annual assessment
2. Regarding rental restrictions
3. Regarding decks built before 2002
4. Regarding fences/walls built before 2002

#### FAILED:

5. Regarding temporary pools
6. Regarding vehicles in driveway
7. Regarding vegetation near utility boxes
8. Regarding air-conditioning units
9. Regarding wells
10. Regarding mailboxes
11. Regarding fines for violations of Covenants and Restrictions

### TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

'Tis the season for gardening and doing repairs and maintenance around the house: **1.** Keep bugs and creepy-crawlies out and away from your home by trimming shrubs and bushes near your home's exterior, eliminating any standing water, distancing bird feeders from your home and spraying eco-friendly repellent around your home's foundation, doors and windows. **2.** When the weather gets hot, condensation can form on your toilet and run down the side, creating a potentially damaging puddle of water. Soggy flooring and water-damaged baseboards require immediate attention. To stop your toilet from sweating, you can install an anti-sweat valve. These valves help to heat the water in your toilet just enough to warm the bowl and prevent sweating. You can find them at your local home improvement store. **3.** Make time for DIY projects, such as painting the garage door, cleaning out the gutters and installing a new garden hose rack. Use this season to update your home's exterior and invest in projects that increase your home's value and your quality of life.

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