

HOA NEWS

As soon as we hear further from the Township as to when they will be open and available to continue our monthly meetings, we will notify all residents via the website, newsletter or the marquee at the front entrance. In the meantime, the Board is still meeting to discuss questions and address issues that arise in our subdivision.

The subdivision's courts and entrance will be getting updated. We are going to lay down new mulch and replace all the dead shrubs asap. As part of this year's emphasis on improving the look of the sub, we have already resodded the courts on Pond View and Shagbark.

Our goal is to make the subdivision look as good as our best landscaped homes.

Friendly Reminders:

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.

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

PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR PERSONAL LANDSCAPING BY PULLING WEEDS, KEEPING GRASS CUT, MAINTAINING RETENTION WALLS AND MULCH BEDS, SCRAPING AND PAINTING, REPLACING BROKEN SHUTTERS, ETC.

2020 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLANNED:

- ◆ On Canton Center Rd./Warren Road—the entire intersection and 1,000 ft. north of the intersection on Canton Center Road will be repaired
- ◆ Base repairs on Haggerty Road from Hanford to Warren Roads & from Palmer Road to Michigan Avenue
- ◆ Some subdivisions will get repairs (local match program) (©2020 Canton Focus, June 2020, Vol. 32, Issue 6. All rights reserved.)

4 UNEXPECTED USES FOR RICE

Rice isn't just a trusty dinner staple. Try out these handy ways to use it around your home from *HGTV.com*:

1. Rust Prevention—

Rice helps absorb moisture from the air. Store tools or silverware in a container of uncooked rice to help them resist rust and last longer.

2. Coffee Grinder Cleaner—

Try grinding 1 tablespoon of uncooked rice in your coffee grinder. The rice will absorb oil from the coffee beans and sharpen the grinder's blades.

3. Plant Spray—

The next time you cook rice, soak it in water for 30 minutes first. Strain out the rice and save the water in a spray bottle. Rice water has nutrients that can benefit your houseplants.

5. Air Freshener—

Add a few drops of your favorite essential oil into a small bowl of uncooked rice, which both wicks moisture away and adds a pleasant scent to any room. (©2020 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

BLACKENED SHRIMP TACOS

Ingredients:

6 small tortillas
For Coleslaw:
5 Tbsp. Mayonnaise
1/2 Tbsp. honey
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. red wine vinegar
1/4 tsp. each salt and pepper
1-8 oz. package of tri-color coleslaw mix
3 green onions, sliced
1/2 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
1-2 Tbsp. blackened seasoning
1 Tbsp. butter
1 clove garlic, minced



Directions:

In mixing bowl, mix together all coleslaw ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Place shrimp in a zip-top bag. Add 1-2 Tbsp. blackened seasoning. Close bag and shake to coat. Heat a dry skillet over medium heat. Toast tortillas on each side until lightly charred. Remove to a plate; cover with a towel. Add butter and garlic to skillet and cook until garlic is softened. Add shrimp and sauté until opaque, about 3-5 minutes. Build tacos by layering with coleslaw and shrimp in tortillas. Enjoy! (©2020 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

Canton's Geography—

According to the United States Census Bureau, the township has a total area of 36.0 square miles (93 km²). No part of the total area is covered by water. The south of the township is drained by the Lower River Rouge and its tributaries, including Pine Creek, which drains from the northwest corner to the southeast. The northeast is drained by Tonquish Creek and Garden Creek, which are tributaries of the Middle River Rouge. (©2006-2020 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR FLOOD RECOVERY

Flooding can be extremely destructive, costly and harmful to your health; even after the water is gone. While floods can be the result of severe weather, sustained rain, broken dams or melting snow, the most common reason is plumbing failures, according to *Safewise.com*. Follow these steps, if your home floods:

- If flooding is due to severe weather, evacuate immediately and head to a secure location, such as a nearby storm shelter.
- If the water is coming from a burst pipe, shut off the main water valve and turn off the electricity. If you can't get to the circuit breaker without walking through water, call an electrician instead.
- Call your insurer. Explain the situation and ask if you need to wait for an adjuster to look at the damage before you begin cleaning up.
- Once it's safe to return to your home, take photos and videos to document the damage. Salvage your personal items, pump out the water and throw away or disinfect anything that got wet.

To mitigate flood damage, have a sump-pump installed. If you have a sump-pump, get it checked, repaired or replaced. Also, add a water back-up to the sump. A water back-up vs. a battery back-up is better in case electricity is lost.

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Stay-at-Home Projects >>>

Most Americans have been spending more time at home than usual this year. If the prolonged time has left you looking for ways to improve your space, try tackling one of these easy but gratifying projects.

Rearrange a room.

While a kitchen renovation or master bathroom makeover may not be in the cards right now, try rearranging the furniture in a room or two. A new layout will help refresh your space – no major costs or supplies required.



Use up spare paint.

Pull out any partially used paint cans from storage, and touch up nicks on walls and trim. Try using leftover paint to update a bathroom or laundry room, create a bold accent wall or give old furniture a new life.

Conquer the dust.

While disinfecting has understandably been front-of-mind for a few months now, this is also a great time to clean easily overlooked items, such as ceiling fan blades, baseboards, vent covers, and window treatments. After you rid your home of accumulated dust, change the air filter in the HVAC unit while you're at it.



Tackle the closets.

Pull everything out of a closet, and purge anything that you no longer use. Wipe down the walls, sweep the floor and then experiment with ways to make the best use of the space. If needed, order hangers, shoe racks and storage bins to make sure each item has its place.

Hang up artwork.

If you've had paintings or photographs stacked in a closet, take time to finally put them on the walls. You can also move existing artwork around from one room to another to change things up.



Grow a garden.

Try your hand at growing your own food. You can start small with an indoor herb garden on the windowsill, or consult a gardening guide online to see what produce will grow well in your area for each season.

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New Neighbors:

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

NEWSLETTER

PROPOSED C&R UPDATE

So far, we have received 85 of 92 ballots. Four C&Rs have passed, three have been voted down and the remaining four will be determined by the outstanding ballots. We will publish the full results on the website and in the next newsletter.

*****If there are any outstanding ballots, please return them as soon as possible.*****

TIPS & TRICKS TO GET SPARKLING WINDOWS

- * Instead of using paper towels or newspapers, wipe your windows with a microfiber cloth to catch dirt and dust.
- * Choose a cloudy but dry day to clean the outside of your windows to prevent the cleaner from drying too quickly.
- * Wipe inside glass horizontally and outside glass vertically to easily spot streaks.

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HEALTH—TAKE CARE OF YOUR TOOTSIES

You can spend your dollars on store-bought foot soaks or head to the nail salon for a deluxe pedicure. But, why not treat your feet with low-cost care.

Salt Soaks—

- ⇒ For a salt foot bath to reenergize your feet, boil a large pan of water, then let it cool to a comfortable temperature. Add half cup of Epsom salt or sea salt. When the salt dissolves, soak feet for 10 minutes or until the water temperature drops.

Vinegar Soaks—

- ⇒ Take one-part vinegar to two-parts water to create a foot soak that soothes dry, cracked feet. Vinegar soaks also disinfect feet, which reduces foot odor and has medicinal value for mild forms of athlete's foot. Wipe feet and add lotion or essential oils to diminish the vinegar scent after the soak. Repeat until feet heal and odor fades.

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