

Happy Autumn to all the residents of the RiverWoods Subdivision! Enjoy the beautiful changing of the leaves and the fragrant smells of a crackling fire and home baked goodies.

+++IMPORTANT+++

There is still time to vote and to receive a \$50.00 Visa gift card. Send in your completed and signed ballot by December 1, 2019. Let your voice be heard.

- ◆ Find out what's going on with your HOA and in your community. Go to our new website at RiverWoodsofCanton.org and sign-up to receive your Newsletter electronically. Go to the Forms tab and complete the HOA Contact Form or contact us via email with your email address.
- ◆ Are you having trouble paying your annual HOA dues? Are you behind in your payments? Do you know a homeowner that is struggling to meet their HOA obligation? Reach out to a Board member. We're here to help. We can provide different methods for you to pay or catch up on your unpaid HOA dues. Please contact us by going to an HOA meeting or dropping us an email from our new website.

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

HOA Meetings - Meetings are held every second Monday of the month, unless otherwise announced, 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.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will end on Friday, December 6, 2019, and will not resume until April 2020.

RECYCLING QUESTIONS

Canton is in the process of developing a comprehensive educational campaign on recycling and needs your help. Residents are asked to email any questions about the recycling program to municipalservices@canton-mi.org. Your feedback is needed to guide the key message. (©2019 Canton Focus, November 2019 Volume 31—Issue 11. All rights reserved.)

DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact! MODERN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Canton is served by three school districts— the Plymouth Canton Community School District (PCCSD), the Van Buren School District and the Wayne-Westland Community School District. The vast majority of the Canton community is served by the PCCSD. In addition to the highly regarded public education institutions, Canton is also home to a number of Private institutions—All Saints Catholic School, St. Michael Lutheran School, Agape Christian Center, Crescent Academy and Plymouth Christian Academy. Canton is also home to the Heritage Charter Academy. (©2006-2019 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR SUBDIVISION RULES

- # 1 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10: Addresses collecting delinquent dues.
- #2 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5: Addresses non-compliant decks built before 2002.
- # 3 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8: Addresses non-compliant fences/walls built before 2002.
- # 4 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9: Allows kiddie pools for 48 hours.
- # 5 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 12: Prohibits more than 4 vehicles stored in driveway.
- # 6 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 15: Allows vegetation near utility boxes.
- # 7 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 19: Allows shielded A/C units in side yard.
- # 8 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 26: Allows owners to dig well for sprinklers.
- # 9 ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1: Enforcing Schedule of Fines.
- # 10 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 28 is added: Standard mailbox for each Lot.
- #11 ARTICLE 6, SECTION 1: Specifies the number of individuals leasing in one rental property.

BAKED CHEDDAR & SWISS MACARONI AND CHEESE

Ingredients:

- 16 oz. Mueller's Elbows
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs, optional



Directions:

Cook pasta according to directions, drain and set aside. In large saucepan, over medium heat, melt butter, stir in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually stir in milk and cook until thickened and bubbly, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in 1 1/2 cups Cheddar cheese until melted. Stir pasta into cheese sauce and spoon half of pasta mixture into a greased 13x9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with Swiss cheese. Add remaining pasta mixture, then remaining Cheddar cheese. Top with bread crumbs. Bake uncovered in a preheated 375°F oven for 30 minutes or until slightly browning. Enjoy! (©2019 Recipe from Mueller's. All rights reserved.)

MONTHLY HEALTH TIP

Exercise: What's In It for You? (Part Three of Three)

Long Life:

- ◆ Regular exercise can add years to your life. This counts even if you're not a hard-core fitness buff. Just get moving! Even a little exercise can help you live longer than not exercising at all. The American Heart Association says that people who maintain a healthy weight and are physically active live an average of 7 years longer than those who don't.

Strong Bones and Muscles:

- ◆ Your bones and muscles get stronger when you work out. It's especially important to do weight-bearing exercise, such as weight-lifting, tennis, walking, and dancing. This can help build bones as you get older. It can also help ward off osteoporosis and protect your balance and coordination.

Healthy Heart:

- ◆ It's no secret that exercise is great for your heart. Regular workouts lower your risk of heart disease, improve your blood cholesterol levels and help control and even prevent high blood pressure.

Lower Risk of Cancer:

- ◆ Regular exercise can cut your risk of some cancers, including colon, breast and lung. People who have cancer have better quality of life when they exercise.

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LIVING WELL

Smile, It's Good For You!

They say laughter is the best medicine, but how accurate is that statement? It turns out that laughing is not only good for you, it may be almost as important for your health as a proper diet and exercise. Have you ever giggled so hard your stomach felt sore? Laughter can often be a workout, stimulating your heart, lungs and core muscles. In fact, chuckling for 10 to 15 minutes can burn up to 40 calories, according to *HelpGuide.org*. The nonprofit Mental Health America says that laughing and humor in general can even strengthen your immune system, helping you avert illness and live longer. Laughter also decreases stress hormones like cortisol and adrenaline, while increasing endorphins, which create a feeling of euphoria. Think of laughter as the yin to stress's yang," says *Time.com*. After studying laughter's role in psychotherapy, one researcher at Massachusetts General Hospital found that laughter promotes empathy, says *Forbes.com*. Laughing together validates another person's feelings by expressing what can't be said in words. (©2019 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)



New Neighbors:

Welcome our new neighbors on Shagbark!
Paul Yoon-Lee and Min Yoon-Lee

NEWSLETTER

SOME HOME SAFETY & SECURITY ADVICE

Landscape with safety in mind. As you walk around your property, look for areas that could be potential hiding spots for thieves, who prize the privacy provided. Try and clear away any overgrown areas. Also, talk with your local police department. It can offer insight on past break-in trends in your area. Additionally, get to know your neighbors. Take the time to meet and engage with people on your street and encourage them to watch out for any suspicious activity when you're not home. (©2019 The Travelers Indemnity Company. All rights reserved.)

FAST FIX

When you need a ruler for an estimate and there is not one around, you can use a dollar bill. Laid flat a dollar bill is slightly over six inches long (6.14") and just over two and a half inches wide (2.61"). Use two to estimate a foot or fold one into six equal sections to estimate an inch. (©2019 Hudson, Ink. All rights reserved.)

HOME MAINTENANCE: YOUR FALL TO-DO LIST

Regular maintenance on your home gives you peace of mind and keeps your resale value strong. Putting some energy into seasonal and bi-annual tasks now will set you up well for holiday entertaining. Clear out any leaves and debris in gutters and ensure your downspouts are draining properly. Check smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries each Spring and Fall. Inspect and clean the dryer vent once a year. Service your HVAC to see if everything is running efficiently. Deep clean indoors by polishing wood floors, scrubbing down cabinets and vacuuming hard-to-reach spaces. Spruce up the yard by raking leaves, pruning bushes and trimming trees. Inspect windows and doors for drafts and re-caulk where needed. Reseed/fertilize the grass with cool-season grass seed. (©2019 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)



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Missed or Misdirected Mail - Call Lee Thompson—313-226-8607

Road Complaints: www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20/ or call: 888-762-3273

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Dear Homeowner:

We'd like to take this opportunity to let you know some of the things the Board does in service to our neighbors. Our overarching goal is to ensure that our community is a wonderful place for all of us to live. In trying to achieve this, we meet monthly to manage the budget and address all on-going issues. We also work, proactively, to prevent unexpected issues from arising. Of course, being volunteers, we cannot do it all on our own. In fact, the more residents who participate with good will in mind, the stronger our community becomes. Please note as board members, in sacrificing our time, we address many issues to include the following:

- Management and upkeep of the common areas, entryway, and boulevard to include both lawn maintenance and snow removal
- Ensuring our roadways within the sub are in good repair
- Ensuring our irrigation and storm drainage systems are maintained
- Conferring with government officials and managing contractors on various community-related projects
- Providing Statements of Work to obtain the best quote for various HOA proposals
- Conferring with legal counsel regarding our Covenants and Restrictions, Schedule of Fines, etc.
- Providing up-to-date information concerning the HOA via monthly meetings, the entryway marquee sign, bi-monthly newsletters and our HOA website
- Being readily available to RiverWoods' residents via email, U.S. mail and open-door monthly HOA meetings
- Efficiently overseeing the budget, in a transparent manner on a monthly basis, to cover expenses for our community
- Arranging decoration of the boulevard with holiday lighting

We encourage subdivision residents to carefully review the monthly RWHA newsletter. Several points that residents raised at the meeting regarding clogged drains, mail boxes, wells etc., were all answered either at our monthly meetings or in the newsletter, particularly regarding to keeping your own gutter-ways clear. Additionally, attending monthly Board meetings affords residents the opportunity to put forth suggestions, comments and concerns.

In short, our Board is comprised entirely of volunteers, who donate hundreds of hours every year---without any tangible benefit to ourselves---to bettering our neighborhood. Other subdivisions retain management companies to do this work, but of course the dues in those neighborhoods then must support this additional, and substantial, extra expense. Going forward, we appreciate any support our neighbors could provide in (a) attending monthly meetings, (b) staying abreast of neighborhood events and happenings by reading the newsletter and checking the website and (c) volunteering of your own time and efforts in assisting the Board --- we have plenty of work to go around!

Warm regards,

RWHA Board of Directors

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IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY VOTED, PLEASE VOTE!!! GET A \$50 VISA GIFT CARD JUST FOR VOTING.

BALLOT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS
RIVER WOODS SUBDIVISION**

- #1 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10: Regarding collection of delinquent annual assessment
 In favor
 Opposed
- #2 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1: Regarding rental restrictions
 In favor
 Opposed
- #3 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5: Regarding decks built before 2002
 In favor
 Opposed
- #4 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8: Regarding fences/walls built before 2002
 In favor
 Opposed
- #5 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9: Regarding temporary pools
 In favor
 Opposed
- #6 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 12: Regarding vehicles in driveway
 In favor
 Opposed
- #7 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 15: Regarding vegetation near utility boxes
 In favor
 Opposed
- #8 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 19: Regarding air-conditioning units
 In favor
 Opposed
- #9 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 26: Regarding wells
 In favor
 Opposed
- #10 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 28: Regarding mailboxes
 In favor
 Opposed
- #11 ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1: Regarding fines for violations of Covenants and Restrictions
 In favor
 Opposed

Ballot may be completed in person at the River Woods Homeowners Association annual meeting on October 28, 2019. Alternatively, ballot may be completed by an Owner and returned to the Association Board of Directors, before December 1, 2019, by (a) regular mail; (b) email; or (c) hand delivery to a Board member.

Printed name: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____ Street Address: _____