

**HOA NEWS**

Fall is finally here! Take a stroll and enjoy the beauty of the colorful leaves on the trees. Enjoy a warm fire in your fire-place or yard fire pit while sipping coffee, cocoa or warm apple cider.

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

*As you may know, everyone who buys a home in the Riverwoods 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!*

**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** - November 14.

**UPCOMING EVENT(S) IN CANTON**

Canton Goodfellows' annual "No Child Without a Christmas" 5K run/walk fundraiser. Held December 1, at the Summit on the Park at 9:00 AM. For more info and to register, visit [www.ezrunevents.com/xmas-5k-run-walk](http://www.ezrunevents.com/xmas-5k-run-walk). You can also call EZRunEvents at 855-939-7867 for additional info and events.

**QUICK TIP**

Honey isn't just delicious, it's useful for first aid. If you get a minor burn, a dab of honey can help. It has natural antifungal, anti-inflammatory and antibacterial qualities. Run cold water over the affected area, let it dry, then apply honey on the spot. (HomeWorks, Fall 2018, Hudson, Ink Corp. ©2018)

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

**Sheldon Corners (Road):**

Sheldon Corners, at Michigan and Sheldon Roads, was established in 1825 adjacent to the Sauk Trail (Michigan Avenue). The "corners" comprised a small village made up of a number of homes, a post office, a general store, a blacksmith, a church and a school. Due to the widening of Michigan Avenue, today, only a few historic structures remain - The Inn, the school and a few homes. Canton owns the completely restored Sheldon School that was built in 1870. Sheldon is listed as a Michigan State historic site. (©2006-2018 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR SUBDIVISION RULES**

**AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS - RIVERWOODS SUBDIVISION**

- 1.) ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10: Makes it easier for the Board to collect delinquent dues.
- 2.) ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5: Allows non-compliant decks if built before 2002.
- 3.) ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8: Allows non-compliant fences/walls if 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: Clarifies that the Board can enforce Schedule of Fines.

**EASY BROCCOLI AND CHEESE SOUP**



Combine 10-12 ounces of cooked broccoli in a pot with a family-size can of cream of chicken soup and a cup of milk. Heat until warm. Add 2 cups of shredded cheese. Stir and heat until the cheese is melted and the soup is hot. Adjust the amounts of broccoli and cheese to suit your own taste. (HomeWorks, Fall 2018, Hudson, Ink Corp. ©2018)

**SAFETY TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS**

Always ensure that doors and windows are secure. Test smoke/fire and carbon monoxide detectors/alarms. To prevent a fire, keep dryer vents free from excess lint and debris. Keep household chemicals, such as laundry and dishwasher tabs and medicines out of the reach of children.

## MONTHLY HEALTH TIP

### What Can 5% Do for Your Health? (Part One)

- \* You don't have to slim down to your high school size to get real health benefits. Losing just a few pounds makes a big difference. 5% of your body weight, for example, 10 pounds for a 200 lb. person, can improve all kinds of health problems and make you feel better, too.
- \* Just 10 extra pounds add 40 pounds of pressure on your knees and other lower body joints; that can wear them out quicker. Losing even a little weight can ease this effect and if you keep it off, you're much less likely to get arthritis later in life.
- \* One study showed that older women who lost at least 5% of their body weight lowered their chances of breast cancer by 12%.
- \* If you're more likely to get Type 2 Diabetes, weight loss is one of two ways to prevent or delay it. The other is moderate exercise; 30 minutes 5 days a week. If you already have diabetes, losing weight can help you take less medication, keep control of your blood sugar and lower the odds that the condition will cause other health problems.
- \* Exercise and losing body fat can get you into the ideal HDL (the "good" kind of cholesterol) range: above 60 mg/dl, which lowers your odds of having heart disease. (©2018 WebMD, LLC. All rights reserved.)

## SAFETY AWARENESS: TIPS TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

### Traveling to and from School:

1. Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.
2. Walk the route with your child beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.
3. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
4. Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend or neighbor.
5. Teach your kids to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers and remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.
6. When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building.
7. Teach children to arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street, watch for cars and avoid the driver's blind spot.
8. Remind your children to stay seated at all times and keep their heads and arms inside the bus while riding. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, exit from the front using the handrail to avoid falls and cross the street at least 10 feet (or 10 giant steps) in front of the bus.
9. Tell your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him before starting to move.
10. Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies. (© 2017, Trusted Media Brands, Inc. and its licensors. All rights reserved.)



New Neighbors:

No new neighbors have moved into the subdivision.

# NEWSLETTER

## HOME ADVICE



### SPICE UP YOUR FRONT PORCH FOR FALL

Make your home festive this season by decorating your front porch. Buy pumpkins. Choose a pastel color palette with peach, light blue and white pumpkins. Buy Mums to decorate. They are hardy fall flowers that bring a pop of color to your front steps. Marigolds, ornamental kale, snapdragons and coral bells are ideal for fall arrangements. For the finishing touch, add fall-themed throw pillows and a plaid blanket to a porch swing or wooden bench along with some candles or lanterns. ©2018 The Personal Marketing Co® (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

## WANT ADS AND SERVICES

Lift and Level  
2825 Grand River Ave.  
Howell, MI 48843  
517-552-8599  
<http://www.liftandlevel.com/>

### SERVICE(S):

Lifted and leveled 2 slabs of walkway to fix trip hazard  
Reasonably priced  
Professional  
Cleaned up afterward  
Minimum amount of \$350.00 charged

Neighbor Rating: Excellent

If another neighbor plans to use the same company, ask about a discounted rate.

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Road Complaints: [www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20/](http://www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20/) or call: 888-762-3273

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