

Please join in welcoming Ali Ghorbanpour and Zahra Mehraban (Barnsbury Rd.) who recently moved into our neighborhood.

Chris Collette for once again storing the bows and coordinating the placement of the holiday garlands and lighting at each of the three entrances to the neighborhood that were in place from late November to mid-January. These decorations helped brighten-up the neighborhood after months of coping with Covid-19.

Mark Watrich for volunteering his time and expertise to make significant updates and changes in our homeowners' association website. It's not only more user-friendly and appealing, but also has a wealth of information that we hope you find useful. If you haven't viewed it yet, please take a few minutes to check it out by going to www.everetthoa.com

As reported earlier, there appears to be an uptick in the number of coyote sightings in the neighborhood as compared with other years.

The overriding concern is safety; especially for dogs, cats and other small pets who may be prey for these animals.

- Avoid creating brush piles, thickets, and/or wood piles on your lot or around your home.
- Don't leave food outdoors for pets or the wildlife. Deer are prey for the coyotes. Did you know that feeding the deer is a misdemeanor (w/ a fine), reportable to the Meridian Township Police Department or the Michigan DNR.
- By feeding even birds, you're creating a surplus that channels its way up the food chain and brings more predators. Consider hanging your bird feeders during the day and bringing them in at night.
- Secure and store your garbage containers indoors thereby limiting critter access.
- Report coyote incidents to the association at – everetthoa@gmail.com - including a brief description of what happened and the date, time and location of the incident(s) so that we can get a better sense of what's occurring.
- Pets, especially small dogs and cats need to remain leashed and supervised while they're outdoors.
- Clean your grill after using it and consider storing it inside your garage.
- If you have a small compost pile for gardening, don't add meat, bones, or food scraps to it.

Our goal is to create neat, clean, and easily maintained neighborhood entrances and cul de sacs that are deer resistant and bird friendly. Deb Kinney, a retired landscape architect from MSU, volunteered her expertise last year and guided us in selecting the planting for the neighborhood entrances. The plantings in these areas

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were installed last summer and are young and slow growing. Some of the plants may not make it and will be replaced per our contract with the Steel Tree landscaping company.

Work on the cul-de-sacs at Dickens Way and Coventry Circle is set to take place the last week of March. Improvements to these areas include mulching and trimming the trees and shrubs in these areas so that they are neat and easily maintained.

We hope that you will enjoy these improvements to the neighborhood.

Orange Plastic Bags Everywhere

Many of us regularly walk in the neighborhood; especially now with all the wonderful sunshine and warmer temperatures. Delivery of the *Towne Courier* is increasingly becoming more of an eye sore since many of the orange-bagged papers wind-up in the street, in the curb, or on lawns instead of in our driveways. If you would like to stop delivery, you simply need to call or email one of the following contacts and request that delivery be “stopped” to your address.

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Be a Good Neighbor

Here are a few ways we can all be more considerate of our neighbors:

*Pet waste in resident yards and on the sidewalks has increased over the winter months. It's unsightly, oftentimes messy and can actually be an enticement for coyotes. Please be a responsible owner and pick-up after your pet.

*The number of trash and recycling containers left at the curb or in the roadway past the collection day continues. This is not only unsightly, but in some cases causes a road hazard. Please make it a priority to remove and store these containers the same day as your pick-up.

*As the weather warms and spring clean-ups start, please remember that dumping leaves, grass, twigs, branches and other yard debris in the wetlands is strictly prohibited by Meridian Township. Please dispose of these items appropriately.

*Boats, campers, trailers and other recreational vehicles need to be stored according to the Homeowners' Association Declaration of Restrictions (see Nuisances Article). Also, unregistered and/or disabled vehicles are prohibited unless garaged.

Contact Us

Information about the Everett Farms Homeowners' Association, including copies of the association by-laws, declaration of restrictions and application for landscape and property changes can be found at:

www.everetthoa.com

Questions about the homeowners' association may be emailed to:

everetthoa@gmail.com

Meridian Township Contact Numbers

Emergencies: 911

Township Offices: 517/853-4000

Township Manager: 517/853-4254

Police (non-emergency dispatch): 517/332-6526

Fire (Central Station): 517/853-4791

Clerk: 517/853-4324

Community Planning: 517/853-4506

Treasurer: 517/853-4140

Recycling Center: 517/703-4498