

EFHOA Newsletter – February 2022

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Okemos Road Closing

We recently received Information from Meridian Township indicating that the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) is planning to **start Okemos Road Bridge removal work on Monday February 14, 2022** with a detour for South Bound (SB) Okemos Rd. traffic using Dobie Road.

The Okemos Road Bridge is over the Red Cedar River between Mt. Hope Road and Clinton Street. The project includes the replacement of existing NB and SB bridge structures with a single 5 lane, single span bridge including a pedestrian facility along the east side. Reconstruction of the bridge approach, Mt. Hope intersection, traffic signals and sidewalk/ramp replacement are also included in the project. SB Okemos Road traffic will be detoured via Grand River Ave (M-43), Dobie Rd, and Jolly Rd. beginning in February 2022 and continuing until November 2022. NB Okemos traffic will be maintained throughout construction except for a brief period to accommodate construction staging.

The pedestrian truss on the West side of Okemos Road will remain in place, however pedestrian traffic may be restricted during periods of construction. This project also includes upgrading traffic signals at the following Okemos Rd intersections: Hamilton Rd, Mt. Hope Rd, Science Parkway, Bennett Rd/Kinawa Rd, and Tamarack Drive. The traffic signal work along Okemos Rd began in November 2021. Relocation of utilities near the bridge has begun and will continue.

Thanks to Chris Collette, our neighborhood liaison with Meridian Township for providing the information re the Okemos Rd. closing and the Township Survey.

Meridian Township Survey

Meridian Township's communications team has launched a short survey regarding engagement and communications within the Township. If you are interested in participating, please take a few minutes to share your feedback/input using the survey link below:

<https://bit.ly/CommunicationsSurvey22>

Traffic Safety in Our Neighborhood

Concerns have been expressed about driving speeds in the neighborhood, particularly along Westminster Way and Everett Lane. The posted speed throughout the neighborhood is 25 mph. While we can't regulate non-resident motorists cutting through our area between Haslett and Lake Lansing Roads, we can contribute to the safety of the neighborhood by observing the 25 mph speed limit and coming to a full stop at each of the posted STOP signs.

If everyone does their part, we can have a safer neighborhood.

Fiber Optic Cable

Interest has been expressed by several residents in bringing a fiber optic cable network/system to our neighborhood.

Initial inquiries have been made with several providers, including MetroNet and Stellar. Both of these companies have indicated a willingness to provide information about their services via a ZOOM "town hall" type meeting.

Ultimately, the number of households willing to commit to a subscription will determine "if," "when" and "who" the fiber optic cable provider will be.

In order to move forward with this initiative, *we need a "fiber optic cable coordinator"* who will take the lead on behalf of neighborhood.

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It's envisioned that this person will:

- serve as a liaison with the fiber companies and residents in our neighborhood,
- arrange the dates and publicity for ZOOM informational meetings for the neighborhood about fiber optic cable,
- recruit and train 5-6 neighbors to assist in conducting a door-to-door survey to determine whether there is sufficient interest among residents to "sign-up" w/ a fiber-optic provider,
- coordinate the neighborhood survey about fiber optic cable,
- provide the EFHOA board and neighborhood the results of the survey, and
- coordinate communications with residents about the installation of the fiber optic network, if sufficient subscriptions are achieved to bring a service to the neighborhood.

If you are interest in serving in this position, please contact the association board via email asap at:

everetthoa@gmail.com

2022 EFHOA Lot Assessments

Many thanks to all of the neighbors who paid their 2022 EFHOA Lot Assessment by January 31. Your efforts are appreciated!!

If you have not yet paid your assessment, please do so today by sending your check or money order payable to: *Everett Farms Homeowners' Association* for \$110 and mail it to:

Everett Farms Homeowners' Association
P.O. Box 335
Haslett, MI 48840

The annual assessment provides for the maintenance -- including preventive maintenance -- of the neighborhood's entrances, cul-de-sacs, and common areas. In addition, the assessment covers the

costs of insurance; mailings, postage and printing; irrigation; lighting for the entrance signs; and other projects approved by the board. The association does not employ any staff and board members serve on a voluntary basis without any compensation.

The EFHOA homeowners' assessment fee of \$110 per lot has remained the same amount for six (6) years.

Orange Plastic Bags Everywhere

With the recent high winds, orange-bagged copies of the *Towne Courier* have been blowing throughout the neighborhood. If you would like to stop delivery to your address please call:

Circulation Customer Service
800-234-1719

(Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

or

Email your "stop" request to:
communitynews@lsj.com

Contact Us

Information about the Everett Farms Homeowners' Association, including copies of the association by-laws, declaration of restrictions, plat map, newsletters, budgets, meeting minutes, etc. is available at:

www.everetthoa.com

Questions about the homeowners' association may be emailed to:

everetthoa@gmail.com

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