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WOOD VALLEY NEWS

Official Newsletter of The Wood Valley Homeowners Association

Our Neighborhood, Our Community

This year has been difficult for us all as we face an unprecedented pandemic. One of the things that makes our community strong is the support we provide to each other. In these times, we've seen neighbors check in on each other, drop off groceries and meals, create activities for the children, and creatively participate in events like Halloween. We've found ways to connect and prioritize health and safety.

As we give thanks this holiday season, we would like to use this newsletter to recognize members for sharing their time and talents. Our work together to keep our neighborhood healthy, connected, and beautiful is appreciated by all.

May a wonderful holiday season and happy new year be enjoyed by all! We look forward to a wonderful 2021!



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Neighbor Spotlight

Please join in providing thanks to the following neighbors for their time and service to our neighborhood (in alphabetical order):

Emily Adams - Special thanks to Emily for setting up a socially-distanced toy and game swap during the pandemic. We greatly appreciate Emily's work to keep our HOA connected.

Jeremy Baragar - Special thanks to Jeremy for procuring and hanging wreaths at our front entrance sign. We greatly appreciate Jeremy's work to keep our HOA looking beautiful.

Bonnie Bertrand - Bonnie served on the WVHOA Board for over 10 years, with the last six years serving in the roles of President, Secretary, and Trustee positions. We greatly appreciate Bonnie's leadership and work over the years including connecting with township offices, organizing events, printing the HOA directory, and working with HOA volunteers.

Ted Bertrand - Ted served on the WVHOA Board at various times for over twenty-four years. The last six years, he has served in the roles of President, Secretary, or Trustee. Ted's work and leadership over the years including overseeing the new deck and bridge repairs, connecting with township offices, organizing events, and sending out board communications is greatly appreciated.

Maureen Fellows - Maureen Fellows has procured and planted flowers and winterized the park planter for the last five years. Additionally, she has watered the planter for the last four years. This year, she also planted flowers under the front entrance sign as well. We greatly appreciate Maureen's work to keep our HOA looking beautiful.

Honey Grewal - Special thanks to Honey for donating her water and garden hose for the park planter. We greatly appreciate Honey's work to keep our HOA looking beautiful.

Deb Hennessey - Deb served on the WVHOA Board as Treasurer from 2014-2020. We greatly appreciate Deb's work and leadership focused on ensuring the accountability of the HOA's finances, including handling all incoming dues and expenditures, working with vendors, and preparing the HOA directory.



Neighbor Spotlight (continued)

Alyson Kechkaylo - Special thanks to Allison for organizing the elementary children's playgroup for WV during the pandemic. We greatly appreciate Alyson's work to keep our HOA connected.

Ian Leighton and Eugin Kim-Leighton - During the early part of the pandemic, Ian and Eugin Leighton reached out to any WV resident who might need assistance with groceries. We greatly appreciate their kindness and assistance to neighbors.

Patty Nowak - Special thanks to Patty for watering the flowers under the sign at the front entrance this year. We greatly appreciate Patty's work to keep our HOA looking beautiful.

Ron and Ann Perry - Special thanks to Ron and Ann for watering the park planter flowers this year. We greatly appreciate The Perrys work to keep our HOA looking beautiful.

Zachary Risk - Special thanks to Zack for repairing and repainting the park sign. We greatly appreciate Zack's work to keep our HOA looking beautiful.

Allison Wood - Special thanks to Allison for her work and leadership as a WVHOA Board Trustee for the past two years. We greatly appreciate Allison's work including organizing events, sending out welcome letters, and investigating new website possibilities.

Dan Wood - Special thanks to Dan Wood for joining the WVHOA Board as a Trustee this year. We greatly appreciate Dan's work in thinking about ways to increase member engagement and receive feedback and look forward to his continued leadership on the board.



Nominate a Neighbor

We are privileged to have a community of neighbors who support each other and the larger communities we are a part of within Haslett, Meridian Township, and Ingham County. We invite you to nominate a neighbor and share a short story of how they have supported or inspired our neighborhood or communities. Please send nominations to the board at woodvhoa@gmail.com.



Open Board Member Positions

The WVHOA Board is seeking volunteers for Secretary and Trustee positions. These positions offer an opportunity for residents to utilize their talents, bring forth new ideas, and serve their neighborhood. If a WV resident is interested in serving on the Board, please contact Brittany Risk at woodvhoa@gmail.com or call her at 586.206.1248.



Home Care Tips

It is important to understand that we are all a reflection of our neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to dedicate time and resources to ensure that their homes are well-cared for.

If a resident has a street sewer drain on or near their property, please make sure it is clean of debris. If the sewer drain is blocked it can cause street and property flooding.

Additionally, residents are asked to check their property and address safety concerns related to landscaping. Tree branches and bushes should be trimmed so as not to impeded the use of the sidewalk by pedestrians and cyclists. Please also consider any hazards caused by leaves, fruit, or cones on the sidewalk.



WVHOA Website and Social Media

The WVHOA Web site can be accessed at www.woodvalleyhomeowners.com. The Web site contains previous newsletters, WVHOA bylaws and deed restrictions, boundary and street maps, and links to Haslett Public Schools and the Meridian Township and Ingham County Governments.

WVHOA is available on two social media sites: Facebook and Next Door. Residents can access the WVHOA Facebook Page by going to www.facebook.com and searching for "Wood Valley Haslett Neighborhood" in the search bar at the top of the page.

Residents can access WVHOA on "Next Door," which is a website that connects Meridian Township residents and allows them to share information. To access Next Door, go to woodvalleymi.nextdoor.com, then follow the prompts to register.

WVHOA Board Members and Contact Information

The Current Wood Valley Homeowners Association Board members are:

President: Brittany Risk
Secretary: Vacant (Brittany Risk until filled)
Treasurer: Zachary Risk
Trustee: Dan Wood
Trustee: Vacant

Wood Valley Homeowner Association members may contact the Board with their questions or correspondence via email at woodvhoa@gmail.com or by mail at WVHOA Board, P.O. Box 52, Haslett, Michigan 48840.

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WVHOA MISSION
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