

SPRING 2022

# WOOD VALLEY NEWS

Official Newsletter of the  
Wood Valley Homeowners Association

## Welcoming Warm Weather

We hope this first newsletter of 2022 finds you and your family happy and healthy. As we see more neighbors getting outside and enjoying the community, it's a sure sign that we're finally getting warmer weather!

If you migrated to other areas of the country for the winter, we welcome you back to Michigan!

In this edition, you will find reminders that keep our neighborhood one of the best, updates on activities, seasonal tips and opportunities to get outdoors in the surrounding community. Stay well and have a wonderful spring!



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## Annual Dues Reminder

As a reminder, the annual dues payment of \$80 for each homeowner was due by March 1, 2022. If you have not paid already, please do so as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary fees to be assessed pursuant to our bylaws. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

## Spring Landscaping Tips

The start of spring is an ideal time to plan yard maintenance projects and keep your home and landscape looking beautiful. Below are a few tips to help you get started:

- Trim trees and remove dead limbs. Be on the lookout for limbs and vegetation that may be blocking sidewalks.
- Consider having tree stumps removed. Typically professional companies charge about \$2.50-\$3.50 per inch in diameter for removal.
- Trim any weeds that are not cut by your lawn mower.
- Check drains in front of your home for debris to allow spring rains to properly flow out of our subdivision.
- Power wash fences and any outdoor parts of your home that have growth or staining.

## Lawn Maintenance

Our lawn maintenance contract has been renewed with Cherithbrook Farm, LLC for 2022. They have provided dependable service over the years. There was a 4% increase for 2022. While many prior years had no increase at all, this increase is reasonable given current economic conditions. In addition, Cherithbrook will be maintaining the front entrance sign area and installing mulch there and in each cul de sac. Please let us know if you notice any issues this season and we will ensure they are promptly addressed.

**"Spring:  
A lovely  
reminder of  
how beautiful  
change can  
truly be."**



## Community Activities

Looking to get outdoors and explore the area? Utilize the resources below to learn more about upcoming events as well as parks, trails, and activities in our local area.

### **East Lansing Art Festival**

Saturday, May 21-Sunday, May 22, 2022

May 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and May 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Downtown East Lansing

### **Celebrate Meridian Festival**

Saturday, June 25, 2022

8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Meridian Township Municipal Complex/Central Park and Marketplace on the Green Pavilion, Okemos

**Parks Directory:** [meridian.mi.us/government/where-to-find/parks-directory](https://meridian.mi.us/government/where-to-find/parks-directory)

### **Trails and Pathways:**

[meridian.mi.us/government/departments/parks-recreation/trails-pathways](https://meridian.mi.us/government/departments/parks-recreation/trails-pathways)

**Farmers' Market:** [meridian.mi.us/visitors/things-to-do/try-our-farmers-market](https://meridian.mi.us/visitors/things-to-do/try-our-farmers-market)

**Harris Nature Center:** [meridian.mi.us/visitors/hidden-gems/visit-harris-nature-center](https://meridian.mi.us/visitors/hidden-gems/visit-harris-nature-center)

**Dog Parks:** [meridian.mi.us/government/departments/parks-recreation/dog-parks](https://meridian.mi.us/government/departments/parks-recreation/dog-parks)



### **Speaking of dogs . .**

Please be mindful of those living around you and compassionate in the care of your animals. Residents in Wood Valley requested that the Board remind neighbors that there is a local ordinance regarding dog leashes for safety reasons.

- Keep your companion(s) on a leash and clean up after them.
- Do your best to deter barking. Looking for tips and tricks? [Try this BarxBuddy resource!](#)





## Events

### Annual Garage Sale Dates

The annual neighborhood garage sale will be held June 17 and 18 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

Ads will be placed in the newspaper publications as well as on Facebook Marketplace. Garage sale signs will be placed at the neighborhood entrances. Additional signs may be placed in common areas.

Homeowners are welcome to create signs for their homes and neighborhood areas as well.

### Children's Safety Training

The Board is partnering with the Meridian Township Police to host a safety training for our neighborhood children.

The goal of this event will be to help children learn safety life skills such as what to do if they are lost, stranger danger, seatbelt safety, and more.

We are thrilled that many families are interested in this community event. More details will be shared soon regarding the date and time of this event.



## Garage Sale Dates

June 17-18  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Children's Safety Event

Date To Be  
Determined





## Important Reminders: Bylaws and Deed Restrictions

The following are reminders that are relevant for the current season:

### Recreational and Commercial Vehicles

- The Wood Valley bylaws and deed restrictions do not allow for any type of recreational or commercial vehicles to be stored in driveways or on properties for any extended period of time, even if they are behind a fence.
- In addition to the Association's bylaws and deed restrictions, the parking and/or storing of certain types of vehicles, including boats and recreational units, utility trailers and/or containers may also be in violation of Meridian Township ordinances. Parking automobiles or any other type of vehicle on lawns or in an otherwise illegal manner is strictly prohibited under Township ordinance.

### Neighborhood Park and Common Area

- The neighborhood park and common area is open to all Wood Valley residents for family gatherings or social events, fishing, hiking and other outdoor activities. Please note that residents are responsible for their own cleanup. This includes cleaning up after pets.
- Dogs must always be kept on a leash per Township ordinance, including in the neighborhood park and common areas.
- Please be mindful of the property boundaries of homeowners whose properties border the park/common area. A boundary map is available on the Association website at [woodvalleyhomeowners.com](http://woodvalleyhomeowners.com).

### Additional Notes

- Wood Valley residents may file a complaint with the Township if they believe a homeowner is in violation of a Township ordinance. The complaint may be filed by name or anonymously.
- To do so, go to the Meridian Township home page - [www.meridian.mi.us](http://www.meridian.mi.us) - click on the "Government" tab at the top of the page, then "Code of Ordinances" inside the drop down box.
- If a resident has an issue with speeders, noise complaints (e.g., barking dogs, fireworks, loud music), or parking complaints, they are encouraged to first discuss the matter with the parties involved. If no resolution can be safely obtained it is suggested that residents contact the police at their non-emergency number (517) 853-4800. Always call 911 in emergencies.

## WVHOA Website and Facebook Group

The WVHOA website can be accessed at [woodvalleyhomeowners.com](http://woodvalleyhomeowners.com). The 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.

Residents can access the [WVHOA Neighborhood Facebook group](#) by going to facebook.com and searching for “Wood Valley Haslett Neighborhood” in the search bar at the top of the page. It is a private, closed group for Wood Valley homeowners. The group is moderated by homeowner Lauren Dyer.

## WVHOA Board of Directors Contact Information

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

## Nominate a Neighbor

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](mailto:woodvhoa@gmail.com).

