

# The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivision

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Smokler-Truesdell Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187-0066

Subdivision website: [http://www.microrap.biz/parkwood\\_estates/index.htm](http://www.microrap.biz/parkwood_estates/index.htm)

## TOM BOWDEN HONORED



It is with deep regret that one of our residents, Tom Bowden, passed away on December 17, 2013. Tom was passionate about his family, playing baseball and being an avid Steelers fan. He was also very passionate about our subdivision and volunteering to do his part in making it a great place to live. Tom is being recognized and honored for his contribution to his many years of service on the subdivision board as Parks Chairman. Tom not only oversaw the maintenance and improvements of our three parks and many islands but did a lot of the work himself. He, along with his wife, Dee, kept the Board active during the years when many volunteers were lacking to fill board positions. The Board has elected to change the name of the annual curb appeal contest to the "Tom Bowden Curb Appeal Contest" in honor of his services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He is survived by his wife, Delores, who still serves on the Board and his two sons, Matthew and Daniel. He will be missed.



## "Let It Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"



Record breaking snowfalls and cold have left all of us looking forward to the days when snow shovels and snow blowers can be stored away. A reminder to all residents that snow plowing is **NOT** a requirement by HOA By-Laws, it is a **PRIVILEGE** that has been voted on by the Board.

Did you know that Canton had three (3) snow emergencies? During a snow emergency, **ALL vehicles MUST BE removed** from the street area or face possible towing and any towing charges. This includes trailers. If vehicles are not removed from the street, then Apex Snow Services assumes **NO responsibility** or liability for said vehicle having snow plowed around them. Residents living near another resident who consistently does not move their vehicle off the street are encouraged to report them to the Canton Ordinance Department at 734-394-5400.

Apex is **NOT responsible** for removing any snow build up at edge of driveway. It is a natural consequence of plowing the streets. Arrangement can be made with Apex Snow Services for removal of snow at an **additional cost to the homeowner**. The phone number for Apex is 734-981-4223 or 734-637-3222. If you must make a call to the Contractor, **PLEASE**, be respectful and state the problem without demands, threats or repeated calls for the same situation.

In addition, the contractor is **NOT** responsible for any damage done to mailboxes that may be dislodged because of snow being pushed up against the mailbox. The contractor is responsible **ONLY** for any damage done by direct, physical contact by the plow to the mailbox. Residents are responsible for making sure that their mailbox is secured in the ground.

Residents are responsible by Canton ordinance 62-37 to remove any accumulation of ice or snow on sidewalks adjacent to their lot before 72 hours after ice or snow as formed or fallen. Any violations can be called to the Canton Ordinance Department by another resident. Complaints about ordinance violations may be called in at 734-394-5400.

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST RESULTS

Here are the winners of the 2013 Christmas Lighting contest:



**1st** Lot 32 1779 Walnut Ridge   **2nd** Lot 112 1559 Walnut Ridge   **3rd** Lot 53 1637 Walnut Ridge

Thanks to all the residents who participated in making our subdivision enjoyable to drive through during the Christmas season. We are looking forward to our second annual Tom Bowden Curb Appeal contest where residents have the opportunity to show off their landscaping designs.

## “NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR”

Being respectful to our neighbors does not require a lot of extra work but just simply treating them as you would want to be treated and considering how your actions or lack of actions may affect relationships with others. Here are some issues that are affecting your neighbors:

- \*Canton Ordinance section 14-9 states it is **UNLAWFUL** to own or harbor any animal which by loud and frequent barking, howling or yelping, is a nuisance in the neighborhood. Cat owner should be responsible for keeping them in or on their property
- \* **PARK ALL** vehicles in your driveway so our streets can be easily plowed
- \* **DO NOT** blow or shovel snow back out into the streets already plowed
- \* Fire hydrants—the Fire Department asks for assistance in clearing snow away from around hydrants, even clearing a path from the street
- \* **COMMUNICATION FIRST**—talking to your neighbor **BEFORE** jumping to conclusions or reporting them to the Ordinance Department can prevent conflicts and maintain peace in the neighborhood

## HANDYMAN HINTS



Save a little money on heating bills this long, hard winter. Remember to change your furnace filters every 30 days during heavy use. This will allow your furnace to work more efficiently, saving money. Your furnace needs to breathe. A dirty or plugged filter will slow the air movement through the system causing the furnace to operate at higher temperatures or turn off its own safety limits. This elevated operating temperature can cause major repairs or need for replacement.

This handy money saving tip brought to you by: Paul Rork @ ODD JOBS R US 734-564-5201

## ANNUAL DUES UPDATE

The annual dues for 2014 are now late and residents will have to pay an additional 6% interest. Thank you to the 258 residents who did pay on time! Second notices will be sent out and any dues still outstanding after that are in danger of having a lien put on their property. 2015 dues notices will be sent out by October 1 of this year to be paid by November 1 so that residents have the opportunity to pay their dues before the holiday season. Dues will not be considered late until January 1.



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## Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group

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## ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITY.... IN NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE

Sponsor Ads for the newsletter have a cost depending on size along with a website ad approximately 242 wide by 136 high pixels:

1/8 <sup>th</sup> page (business card -1.07" X 1.38")	@ \$35.00 per year
1/4 <sup>th</sup> page (2.13" X 2.75")	@ \$70.00 per year
1/2 page (4.25" X 5.5")	@ \$105.00 per year
Full page (8.5" X 11")	@ \$140.00 per year

Sponsor ads will be published in the newsletter as soon as payment is received by the Treasurer for one (1) year from date of payment. Payments may be made by check to Smokler-Truesdell, PO Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187.

Classified Ads are available for those individuals who would like to provide a service to the residents such as babysitting, yard work or snow shoveling and are free to any members in good standing of Parkwood Estates and will only be placed on the Website.

You may send your advertisement copy electronically to: [roxdefox@eid55.com](mailto:roxdefox@eid55.com) or Webmaster @MicroRAP.biz or mail to SmoklerTruesdell, PO Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187



Any one interested in starting up a euchre group please contact Paul Rork at 734-564-5201 or [pwrork@gmail.com](mailto:pwrork@gmail.com)



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Keep **Saturday, April 13th** open for the Annual Easter egg hunt open to all children 1 to 12 years of age of residents in good standing beginning at 10:00AM. There will be coloring pages available in the Spring Newsletter going out the first week of April.



### GO GREEN – PARKWOOD GREEN



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## Calendar of Subdivision Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	WHERE	NOTES
Annual Dues <b>Late</b>	Feb 1		Mail to PO Box 87066	Add 6% Late Fee to Dues
2nd Dues notices	Feb 28		Mail to PO Box 87066	Add 6% Late Fee to Dues
Easter Egg Hunt	April 12	10AM	Blue Mountain Park	Rain Date: next day
Garage Sale	May	All Day	Residents Homes	
Tom Bowden Curb Appeal Contest	June		Residents' Homes	
Picnic	TBA	TBA	Park(s)	
Annual Meeting	Nov 18	7 - 9PM	Township Hall	<b>Residents Welcome</b>
Christmas Lighting	Dec 16	7PM	Residents' Homes	
Monthly Meetings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	7—9PM	Township Hall	<b>Residents welcome</b>

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