The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivison

Spring 2017 Issue



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



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING!

Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am At Blue Mountain Park

The Easter Bunny has promised to hide Easter Eggs around the park for kids to find. The kids will be divided into three age groups (1 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 11. There will be a coloring contest with prizes for the different age groups. **Pictures are included with this newsletter.**



GOLDEN EGG PRIZES • PICTURE WITH EASTER BUNNY
HOT COFFEE & DONUTS • MARSHMALLOW DROP (weather permitting)

Rain Date: Saturday, April 15

Spring will be springing, soon...

Spring is approaching and, along with the sunshine and warmer weather, our "To Do List" grows: lawn fertilization, mowing, edging, opening sprinkler systems and swimming pools, landscaping, planting flowers and trimming bushes.

Your board also has a "To Do List" which includes obtaining quotes for lawn mowing, applying fertilizer and weed killer to our parks, and other improvements. There are also several park entrance berms and court islands that need upkeep and the Board is very thankful for those that have volunteered to do this but there are still areas that need some maintenance. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Parks Chairman, John Kouchoukos.

To encourage residents to maintain and improve their houses, we will be sponsoring the **Curb Appeal Contest**. Look for more details in the Summer edition of the Newsletter



Annual Subdivision Garage Sale May 18-20, 2017

Our subdivision conducts one garage sale each year. It gives our homeowners an opportunity to clear out those unwanted items. An ad is placed in the local newspapers and signs are located at the subdivision entrances.

PAST DUE

The annual dues for 2017 are now late and residents will have to pay an additional 6% interest. Thank you to the residents who have paid on time! Second notices have been sent out and any dues still outstanding after that are in danger of having a lien put on their property and/or other legal action.

Meet Our New Parks Chairman

Hello, my name is **John Kouchoukos** and this is my first year on the Association Board. I have been elected as the new Parks Chairman. I would like to introduce myself and give you a little background information.

My wife, my nine-year old daughter and I moved into Parkwood Estates in June of 2015. During our search for a new house we were very drawn to the neighborhood. The parks, quietness, cleanliness, and charm of different home styles were very appealing. We have enjoyed getting to know wonderful neighbors and we wanted to contribute and give back to our community. That is one of the reasons I volunteered to join the Board.

Professionally I have been in the landscape industry for 20 years, everything from regular lawn maintenance to landscape design and installation, and commercial snow removal. That is the reason I wanted to be Parks Chairman. I feel that I have not only the knowledge, but the contacts to help us obtain quality maintenance services at reasonable rates.

Some of my goals for the neighborhood are to update and enhance the entrance sign areas, update and enhance the park sign areas, have our contractor provide top quality maintenance services, and to enhance the parks for all to enjoy. One way we have already accomplished this is to eliminate lawn mowing on the weekends. So if you and your family are enjoying yourself in your backyard or in one of the parks, you won't be interrupted by the noise of contractors doing maintenance.

I look forward to meeting my neighbors and I am always available for suggestions, comments, and even complaints. Please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

Thank you, John Kouchoukos Parks Chairman



Snow Removal Update

This winter the Board instituted a Pilot Salting Program for 3 designated high traffic intersections in the subdivision. After careful consideration, the 3 intersections used for this trial program were Norma & Copeland Circle, Saltz & Copeland Circle, and Walnut Ridge Circle & Anchorage.

We have heard much positive feedback from residents and we would like to hear more. Please let a Board Member or your Block Captain know if you noticed a difference driving through these intersections, if you felt it made a difference, and whether you would like to see this program continued in the future.

While our Association Budget won't allow us to salt every intersection or street, we are striving to make the streets as safe to drive as possible. At every Board Meeting leading up

to winter and through the snow season we discuss snow removal, contractor expectations and performance, and ways to make our streets safer to drive.

2016 Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

1st - 1289 Terrell Court

2nd - 42415 Saltz

3rd - 1653 Walnut Ridge Circle

Honorable Mentions:

42788 Saltz

1435 Copeland Circle

1620 Manton

1600 Manton

Keep Informed...Get Involved

Residents are invited to attend our Monthly board meetings (see details below); opinions and views will be shared.

The **Smokler Truesdell Home Owner Association** (HoA) board of directors have adopted the following statement to guide our HomeOwner Association operation:

Smokler Truesdell HomeOwner Association is a volunteer assembly of residents who strive to respectfully work together:

- To promote the welfare of our local community subdivision so it continues to be a desirable environment for its residents
- To prudently, honestly and openly receive and allocate the annual dues toward these purposes

HoA board members want to hear from residents and work toward managing the HoA in the best interest of the residents. Differing viewpoints will be recognized but not all can always be accommodated to accomplish the common good for the subdivision.

Respect should guide communications with the board or other residents at board meetings, on the Parkwood Estates Facebook group page, and in all other interactions.

Ways to keep informed:

NEWSLETTERS—hard copy or email copy (request at webmaster@microrap.biz). Be sure your email and security software allows mail from Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz and RickPidsosny@MicroRAP.biz.

<u>WEBSITE</u>— parkwoodestatescantonmi.org— has maps, minutes of board meetings, calendar of events and other information that residents may want to know.

<u>FACEBOOK</u>—search for "Parkwood Estates Subdivision" and ask to be invited.

BOARD MEETINGS—3rd Tuesday of the month at the Township Hall. All residents are welcome.



ADVERTISMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sponsor Ads for the newsletter range in cost depending on size as follows:

- 1/8 page (business card -1.07" X 1.38")
 @ \$35.00 per year
- 1/4 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 should be made to **Smokler-Truesdell** and mailed to PO Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187.

The cost of the ad will include an ad approximately 242 wide by 136 high pixel size published on the website.

<u>Classified Ads</u> 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.

Send classified ad copy to the webmaster at: Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz
Send your ad copy (Sponsor ads) to: cimcgorey@hotmail.com

Or mail to:

Smokler-Truesdell PO Box 87066 Canton, MI 48187

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 2017 at 10am Blue Mountain Park Rain Date: April 15

Garage Sale May 18-20, 2017 Subdivision Wide

Curb Appeal AwardJune 2017Subdivision WideJudged by July 1Annual MeetingNovember 15, 2017Township Hall

Annual Meeting November 15, 2017 Township I **Dues Notices Mailed** December 1, 2017

Christmas Lights Contest December 17-22, 2017 Subdivision Wide Judged by December 22

Dues Late January 31, 2017 Add 6% late fee

Monthly Board Meetings 3rd Tuesday of month, Sept—May, 7:00 pm, at Canton Township Hall

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Blue Mountain Park—Brendan Henderson Winter Park—Jeffrey Hall

Loveland Park—Jake Brassuer

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