

The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivison

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Smokler-Truesdell Homeowners Association

P.O. Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187-0066



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am
At Loveland Park

Join us at [Loveland Park](#) for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The kids will be divided into different age groups for the Egg Hunt and Coloring Contest. **See insert in this newsletter for full details and instructions for parents, along with Coloring Contest pictures.**



GOLDEN EGG PRIZES • PICTURE WITH EASTER BUNNY

HOT COFFEE & DONUTS • MARSHMALLOW DROP (weather permitting)

Rain Date: Saturday, March 31

By-Law Changes

The By-Law Change Committee has now identified 20 changes to the By-Laws. Revisions include clarification on how we operate both as a board and members. Revisions also address technology changes over the years.

Pamphlets with a summary of changes were distributed to all members prior to our Town Hall Meeting held February 13, 2018.

The By-Law revisions have changed based on Town Hall Meeting feedback. An updated Summary of Changes is on our website. The proposed By-Laws (both changed and unchanged sections) are also on our website.

Changing the By-Laws requires a membership vote. It is important that association members be informed and provide feedback. Updates will continue to be posted on our website.

Members will be notified of updates posted on the website via newsletters, emails and Facebook postings. Be sure to check back often.

Plans are to vote on changes at the November 2018 Annual Membership Meeting. The committee is developing the "Ballot & Proxy". The Ballot & Proxy will be distributed to each member approximately 15 business days prior to the November meeting.

If you have questions about the changes feel free to contact the committee at bobfortune29@gmail.com.



Annual Subdivision Garage Sale May 17-19, 2018

Our subdivision conducts one garage sale each year. It gives our homeowners an opportunity to clear out those unwanted items, maybe make a little extra cash, and meet your neighbors!

Inside the Park

By John Kouchoukos, Parks Chairman

Hi everyone, with spring right around the corner I'd like to tell you about some maintenance items, new work and proposed park enhancements.

The Board and I take the maintenance and improvements of our common ground areas and Parks very seriously. We are always discussing ways to make the Parks safe and more enjoyable for our neighbors and we strive to improve the appearance of our Parks and Common grounds. This past winter I had my company (at no charge) trim the trees along Lilley Rd to remove the shoots from bases of trees and trim back low lying branches to make it easier for people walking or biking down the sidewalk. Technically Wayne County is responsible for this, but they rarely make this a priority.

The Spring Cleanup for the Parks and Common grounds will be performed around Mid-late April (depending on the weather) and regular mowing will begin around the first week of May.

We are improving our maintenance checklists for the Parks, checking all equipment to be in good working order, painting older items as needed, removing dead or dying trees and much more.

We are moving forward with the Parks sign project, adding 3 more low maintenance signs and landscaping like the one for Blue Mountain Park on the west side of Copeland Circle. We will be adding a sign to Loveland Park at the opening between Collingham Ct. and Terrell Ct., one to Winter Park at Walnut Ridge and Anchorage and one to Blue Mountain Park at Copeland Circle and Norma.

As far as new improvements, installing permanent volleyball courts to Winter and Blue Mountain Parks has been proposed. These would consist of permanent steel posts with covers and padding and a commercial grade net. The nets could also be used to hold a screen for monthly "Movies in the Park" night. Another proposal is permanent corn hole and horseshoe pits to be installed in all Parks. We look forward to any feedback on these proposed improvements, as well as any other suggestions.

As we start to get into warmer weather, we would also like to remind everyone to please drive at a safe speed and to not block sidewalks with their vehicles. We have a lot of walkers and children in the neighborhood and having to walk in the street to get around a vehicle is very dangerous. The Canton Twp. Ordinance Department is making it a priority to ticket vehicles that block sidewalks, so don't be the one that gets a ticket.

We are all looking forward to having a great summer outdoors!



Snow Removal Review

We, the members of the Association Board, take the safety of our residents as our top priority. We frequently discuss snow removal at the board meetings, even during non-winter months. That is one of the reasons we have made a single Board member the point of contact, so there is no miscommunication and the process can hopefully be streamlined.

There are 317 homes in the subdivision, and making each and every resident and their families happy and safe is a priority. We also understand that not everyone will agree or be completely happy with every decision we make. Please know we are sincerely trying to do what's in the best interest of the entire subdivision.

At the February meeting we discussed the service that has been provided this winter, good and bad, and our contract was also discussed. Specifically, what is and isn't expected during heavy snow events.

There was a lot of confusion on this area of the contract, so it was voted on and agreed to cancel the last year of our contract with Apex and completely revamp the snow removal contract for next year. In the fall we will solicit bids for the new contract and award it to the most qualified bidder.



**Congratulations
to our 2017
Christmas
Lighting Contest
Winners!**

**42090 Cherrylawn Ct.
1289 Terrell Ct.
42781 Redfern**



PAST DUE

The annual dues for 2018 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.

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:

The Smokler Truesdell Homeowner Association board is an assembly of volunteers 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. We 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.

Ways to keep informed:

NEWSLETTERS—hard copy or email copy ([form on website](#)). Be sure your email and security software allows mail from Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz and RickPidsosny@MicroRAP.biz.

WEBSITE— parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org— has maps, minutes of board meetings, calendar of events and other information that residents may want to know.

FACEBOOK—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.



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@ \$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.

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.

Send classified ad copy to the webmaster at:

Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz

Send your ad copy (Sponsor ads) to:

cjmcgorey@hotmail.com

Or mail to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt	March 24, 2018 at 10am	Loveland Park	<i>Rain Date: March 31</i>
Garage Sale	May 17-19, 2018	Subdivision Wide	
Curb Appeal Award	June 2018	Subdivision Wide	Judged by July 1
Annual Meeting	November 13, 2018	Township Hall	
Dues Notices Mailed	December 1, 2018		
Christmas Lights Contest	December 17-21, 2018	Subdivision Wide	Judged by December 22
Dues Late	January 31, 2019	Add 6% late fee	
Monthly Board Meetings	3rd Tuesday of month, Sept—May, 7:00 pm, at Canton Township Hall		

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EASTER EGG HUNT INSTRUCTIONS

It is the desire of your Board to make the egg hunt event fun and exciting for everyone who attends, fair to all children and inform participants ahead of time of the organization and expectations of the event.

COLORING CONTEST

There are 3 age groups for the coloring contest; 3 to 5 years, 6 to 8 years and 9 to 11 years. Children under 3 cannot participate in contest.

Each age group has a **DESIGNATED** picture for them to color and each child can only enter **ONE** drawing. A copy of the picture can be found in your hard copy of the newsletter or online at the website. The coloring **MUST** be done ahead of the time of the event.

Meet at the picnic pavilion. Hunt areas have already been taped off and eggs "hidden" in the park, so please make sure your child **DOES NOT** pick any eggs up while walking to the pavilion. Any coloring contest pictures may be placed in a designated container for judging.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There are four age groups for the Easter egg hunt: walking to 2 years, 3 to 5 years, 6 to 8 years and 9 to 11 years

In the walking to 2 years age group, **ONE** parent may go with their child, parent cannot carry child but can help their child by holding hand while walking, carrying the basket and helping child in picking up egg and putting it in basket.

In age groups 3-5, 6-8 and 9-11, **ONLY** the participating child may be in the designated hunt area

There is only **ONE** golden egg per age group

There will be a **LIMIT** as to how many eggs each child can get (to be determined at time of hunt)

Only **ONE** age group at a time will hunt for eggs. All other groups must remain near pavilion until it is their turn. While one group is hunting their eggs, the winners of the coloring contest for the other age groups will receive their prizes and any child who did not win a prize can pick a participation prize.

When all groups are done with their egg hunt, prizes for the coloring contest and participation have been handed out, then the golden egg winner in each egg group will be given their prize.

MARSHMALLOW DROP

There will be a marshmallow drop weather permitting after the egg hunt is done.

The plane will make two to three passes and drop marshmallows. There are four marshmallows that are colored. Only one colored marshmallow per child.

If a child gets one of the colored marshmallows, they may bring the marshmallow to the picnic pavilion to receive a prize.

The Board reserves the right to make any changes to these instructions as needed at the time of the hunt.



AGE GROUP 3 - 5

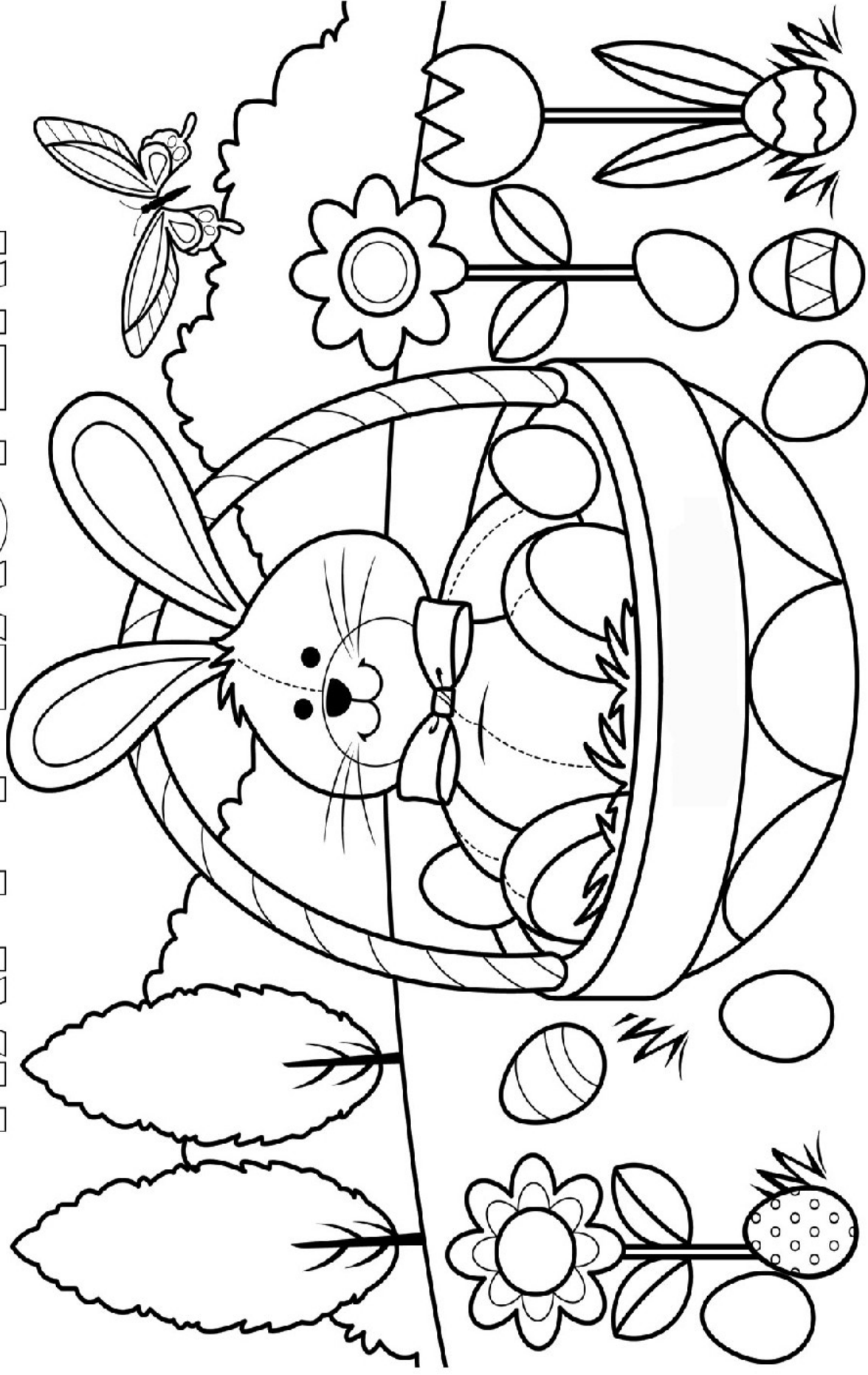
FIRST AND LAST NAME _____



AGE GROUP 6 - 8

FIRST AND LAST NAME _____

HAPPY EASTER!



AGE GROUP 9 - 11

FIRST AND LAST NAME _____