



Hometown Village of Ann Arbor

Spring 2011 Newsletter

of Ann Arbor

Mark Your Calendar:

Hometown Village Ann Arbor (HTVA)

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Jun 4 & 5, 2011 start at 9:00AM

Steven Li / President

The spring is here at HTVA. First of all, I want to thank all of our neighbors who got an early start on spring cleanup and have been working hard on your lawns and gardens. Your efforts have made our community look so wonderful.

At the same time, Board members have been working closely with Pinnacle management company, pond and landscape contractors to bring everything back to working condition -- that includes the pond fountains, the landscape lights, repair the damaged lawns, replace the sprinkler system pump in the bell tower area, etc.

The playground safety is always a top concern in the minds of all Board members. This year, we hired professionals to inspect the playground structures. Damaged posts have been replaced. Other areas have been secured with new screws. The Board is considering good preventative measures such as staining the wood structure and will get it done when weather permits. While getting all these jobs done, the Board is doing its best to stay within the budget. Jeff (Pinnacle Mgt.) reports our budget is in excellent shape and we have very few vacancies and delinquencies in HTVA. We appreciate very much the time and effort from the many volunteers to make this happen. The volunteers who helped spread mulch in the playground was a real team effort.

Lastly, I would encourage the homeowners, if they have not started, to please take this early springtime to cleanup, maintain and improve your landscaping, replace dead trees or shrubs as necessary. Other things you may need to take a look at include front porch paint, mailbox conditions, etc. These are required in our bylaw and every homeowner must respect the HTVA standards. Community Standards Committees will soon be following up and contacting homeowners about needed repairs or improvements. If you've problems or difficulties, please feel free to contact me or other Board members for help.

Nahid Hemati / Vice President

With the arrival of spring, our community comes alive with gardening, kids playing, and neighbors getting reacquainted.

The Board has been meeting on a regular basis and continues documenting the minutes to fulfill our commitment of providing greater transparency and communicating our plans, decisions and actions with all of you.

The HTVA directory has been growing with many homeowners being added this year. More residents can obtain the newsletter electronically. I'd like to thank Jane and her team for their tremendous effort on assisting the Board towards completing the directory. This means of communication is fast and saves time and money.

We have made good progress to fulfill our commitment to provide more safety for HTVA children by posting new yellow signs on our streets reminding drivers that there are children at play. Also, the playground equipment has been repaired. Thanks to the many homeowners for helping with spreading new mulch in the playground.

I have seen many residents voluntarily help with garbage control around the common areas. Thanks to so many of you for being actively involved in maintaining high standards and promoting curb appeal in our community. I would like to invite all other residents to join us on this task by maintaining their gardens and cleaning up their front yard from garbage/recycling spills after each pick up. Thanks in advance for your participation in this group effort!

The Board has been receiving some questions from first time homeowners about landscaping and gardening. If there are experienced or master gardeners who wouldn't mind being identified, please contact the Board. Also, the Board is exploring some ways to acknowledge exceptional gardening and curb appeal.

Maintaining our mailboxes is important to curb appeal in our community. Please contact a Board member if you need the new numbers. If your mailbox has been damaged please repair it yourself or we can refer you to a handy man to assist you.

Enjoy the rest of the spring and please mark your calendar for our annual Garage Sale that is scheduled for June 4th and 5th.

Milos Petrovic / Treasurer

Neighbors,

Spring time will bring on many projects to our homes and neighborhood. It will be time to put our attention on our homes exterior and take time to take care of the lawn, replace dead shrubs and trees, and mulch the beds. If your home is in need of landscaping and painting, please try to make an effort to accomplish those tasks this year. The overall assessment and attractiveness of the neighborhood comes down to each one of us taking care of our small part.

Please join us for our yearly garage sale on the first weekend in June. The board will place signs at the neighborhood entrances and an ad in the Ann Arbor News. Please feel free to set your own hours and have your garage sale on both or just one of the days.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I will do my best to assist the community in any way that I can.



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