



of Ann Arbor

Hometown Village of Ann Arbor Summer 2011 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

Now that we have finished our first year serving on the HTVA Board, we are pleased to discuss some of the challenges that we face as a community. Also, we would like to share some of our goals for this upcoming fiscal year.

As you know, Milos Petrovic, after finishing his two-year term, decided not to serve on the Board, we all would like to thank him for his volunteer service and wish him the best. The association welcomes a new treasurer, Tom Lechner, who volunteers his time to help our community for moving forward. We believe that his accounting background will help the Board make sound financial decision regarding our many contracts and in preparing for future financial challenges such as the financing of road maintenance.

The new Board representatives include: Steven as President, Nahid as Vice President, Tom as our new Treasurer and David volunteered as Secretary. We are pleased to work again with Jeff from Pinnacle Management, Inc.

This year the focus of our attention will be on the detailed analysis of our financial standing, major repairs, major landscape improvements, and we would like to invite volunteers for "neighborhood beautification" and "curb appeal" projects to make our HTVA even more pleasant place to live and enjoy. Other agenda topics include:

- Review bids for a new landscaping and snow removal contract
- New trash / recycle contract - to include recycling carts with lids.
- Assessment of roads and start crack fill repairs.
- Flush cut dogwoods along Scio Ridge Road
- Promote neighborhood watch program
- Updating our website - www.hometownannarbor.com

As our homes approach their 10th year, we ask everyone to evaluate the appearance of their homes and start planning for exterior maintenance repairs, painting or staining porches and stairs, replacing damaged vinyl siding, repair damaged driveway cement, trimming or replacing trees, etc.

We would like to review with homeowners our approach to Bylaw enforcement. First, we either deliver a "friendly note" or speak personally with the homeowner about a bylaw violation or problem needing resolution. Most issues were successfully resolved this way. Warning Letters and/or fines are issued when the friendly notes were ignored. Safety issues were always our top priority. Jeff reported that the number of delinquencies is at an all time low and that when he began with HTVA the amount owed was over \$12,000 and now it is less than \$2,000.

The Board has worked with Scio Township on the major sewer project that began in 2009. The Board has worked diligently to restore the natural beauty to the Chapeau forest area and to have the Township repair damaged asphalt, curbs, sprinklers, and lawn. We negotiated for the Township to add many new trees and evergreens to the forest. This summer the work site had to be reopened as Township contractors had to repair the new sewer line. We appreciate the patience of those homeowners who have lived in the middle of a construction site for so long.

Here is a report from our new Treasurer Tom: Finances continue to be healthy. I am in contact with the paving company recommended by the management company. They will be filling cracks this fall. I have also asked them about things we can do to extend the life of our roads, and what the estimated cost of repaving will be. I will report this once I have this information. We are replacing dead or dying trees in the next few weeks. Volunteers to help with this process will keep our costs as low as possible. Thank you.

We know that there are many talented professionals who live in HTVA. We ask that if you are an attorney, engineer, architect, or have some webpage publishing or photography skills and willing to consult and assist on some of our projects, then please contact any of the Board members.

Once again we would like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve you on the HTVA Association Board. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors / Hometown Village of Ann Arbor

ONGOING PROJECTS

Please be aware of the following HTVA projects. We need your feedback, questions, and suggestions:

- Replace 5 dead trees in Bell Tower area. Estimated cost is about \$1,500.
- Place boulders next to curbs to prevent lawn damage. The project was initiated per request from neighbors. Recently safety concerns from other neighbors were addressed. Are there any other options?
- Flush cut dogwood along Scio Ridge road. The cost of the project is about \$1,000.

PLEASE HELP

Call for volunteers for 2011 Fall Volunteer Weekend:

Date: Oct. 2, 2011 (Sat.) - as weather permits

What: staining playground, remove dead trees, landscaping lights maintenance, cleanups, etc.

If you can help, please email your contact info - name, address & phone# to hometownaa@google.com

HIGHLIGHTS OF BYLAWS

We would like to highlight the following rules in our Bylaws:

- **Trash bins shall be kept in garages.**
- **Temporary basketball hoops shall be stored in garages each evening or when not in use.**
- **All decks shall be painted white.**
- **Two caliper trees shall be planted in the front yard. One such tree shall be located between the sidewalk and the street.**

If you are not in compliance, please take the remaining good fall weather to correct as soon as possible.

NEIGHBOR RECOMMENDED SERVICE PROVIDERS

The following are recommended service providers by neighbors. These providers do not represent the preferences of the Board of Directors and is for information purposes only.

Service Provider	Service	Contact Info
Shi Yuan (世援) Engineering Inc.	Painting - house exterior, deck & patio	(248)345-6886 (248)661-8555
Hearns Concrete Inc.	Driveways, Garage & Basement Floors & Slabs, Foundations, Patios, etc.	Phone: (734) 487-5384 E-Mail: chearns@hearnsconcrete.com
Lodi Farms	Landscaping consultants	Lodi Farms Ltd., 2880 S Wagner 734-665-5651, dan@lodifarms.com

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