



of Ann Arbor

Hometown Village of Ann Arbor

Winter 2012 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

As we are approaching another Holiday Season, we would like to thank our residents for a great year and wish everyone a happy holiday and very happy New Year. It's been joyful to see all the outdoor decorations and the lights that illuminates our streets and enhances the beauty of our homes.

We are pleased to continue our commitment to beautifying and enhancing our neighborhood. The redwig dogwoods along Scio Ridge Rd. were flush cut as they had become overgrown and many developed stem cankers. Our roads were maintained by major crack filling for their prolonged durability. In our recent Board meeting we discussed our association dues and concluded that we are financially secure enough to maintain the same rate (\$73) for the upcoming fiscal year.

We are grateful for residents' participation in completing some beautification projects during fall season. With the help from HTVA volunteer's five dead trees were removed and new trees (elm and river birch) were planted on the N. Bay entrance near the Bell Tower. Also, the volunteers cleaned common area picket fences, repaired light fixtures and road signs. We also appreciate the help from residents on picking up the trash spills as our use of recycling bins has increased.

This year we renewed several important contracts. After receiving bids, the snow removal contract was renewed with A & H for another two years. We are excited to announce a three-year renewal with Republic Services, Inc. Two major changes include the replacement of the small recycling receptacles with 95-gallon bins with grey lids. The larger bins are a better match with the recycling needs of our residents and the lids will help reduce the trash spills.

Another new service from Republic is the bi-weekly yard waste pickups from April 1st through November 30th. Details of the transition will be announced shortly. We are very pleased with these new services and we anticipate they will have a positive impact on our neighborhood beautification and curb appeal.

We have been sending out short reports via e-mails regarding the general state of our community. One of the concerns has been some act of vandalism. We have reported the incidents to Scio Township police and will be prioritizing the necessary repairs and maintenance. We would like to ask all of you to stay alert, document and report any suspicious act to the Pinnacle office at (734) 222-3700. In case of emergency do not hesitate to call 911. Also, turning on the garage and front porch lights at night provides higher security for individual homes as well as common areas. The recommended model of lights by the front gardens will be posted in near future.

Just an important reminder about a high priority during the winter months. Residents are expected to participate in snow removal and clean their sidewalks and driveways within 24 hours after the snow fall. If you are unable to take care of snow removal yourself please contact either the Pinnacle office or Board members about referrals to local contractors. Also, please minimize parking on the street as it may block the efficient snow plowing. Parking in the fire lane is not allowed and parking on the streets from 2 am to 6 am is restricted and violations are subject to towing.

We hope you have a joyful Holiday Season and a warm and safe winter.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors / Hometown Village of Ann Arbor

HIGHLIGHTS

- Maintain the same monthly association fee (\$73) for 2012.
- Roads crack filled.
- New trees planted near the Bell Tower.
- Contracts renewed -- Snow removal with A&H. Trash removal & Recycle with Republic with two major changes - large recycling bin and yard waste pickup service.
- Damaged landscape lights partially fixed. Damage road signs fixed.

THANKS VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate very much the neighbors -- as listed below or not listed - for volunteering their time serving our community including maintaining ponds, cleanups, planting or watering trees, painting or maintaining playground, etc.

Chapleau - Alan Truanski; Wei Jiang;
Peng Jiang; Guoan Chen;
Steve Lei; David Schroat;
Kamran Hemati

North Bay - Qian Li; Kai Sun; Chuan Zhou;
Sheng Zhang; Jyoti Garcia

HIGHLIGHTS OF BYLAWS

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

- **Parking on the fire lane side of the street is not allowed.**
- **No parking in any street within the hours of 2am to 6am.**
- **Snow that has accumulated in or during the nighttime shall be removed by 6:00 pm of the following day. Snow falling or drifting during the day shall be removed before 12:00 noon of the following day.**
- **Trash bins shall be kept in garages.**

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
A&H Lawn Care	Snow Removal (does our streets)	(734) 429-5778
Yardmaster Lawn/Landscape	Snow Removal	(734) 439-1795
Superior Lawn Care LLC	Snow Removal	(734)-913-5296
Tribble Painting Inc.	Exterior Painting	(734) 668-1586

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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