



## Upcoming Events...

### Perennial Plant Swap

Date: Saturday, April 27  
Time: 10:30-11:30 am  
Location: North Park

Spring is a great time for dividing and moving perennials. Join us if you have any perennials to share or wish to add new plants to your garden!  
*Rain Date: Saturday, May 25*

### Multi-Sub Garage Sale

Fri & Sat, May 17 & 18

Several neighboring subdivisions are again joining forces to hold garage sales on this weekend.

### Playground & North Park Cleanup

Date: Saturday, June 1  
Time: 9 am – noon

Please join us for a morning of fun and community service. Bring your kids and enjoy special refreshments for your efforts!

Two teams will be formed: one to complete basic Spring cleanup (trimming, weeding) and a second focused on the playground (checking equipment safety, sanding/re-painting the car, pulling weeds).  
*Rain Date: Saturday, June 8*

# The Colony Connection



## Creating an Impact on our Community

Volunteering is a valuable and rewarding experience. Giving just a small amount of time can have a big impact on the entire community. We encourage you to consider helping in some way this year. Listed below are some new opportunities to make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees or you have an idea for a new committee, please contact any board member at [hoa@nce345.org](mailto:hoa@nce345.org).

**Welcome Committee**—We are seeking someone to lead a committee to personally welcome our new residents to our neighborhood.

**Grounds Committee**—Working with our new Grounds Manager, Erika Eloff, this committee helps to beautify our two parks and the front entrance.

Contact Erika at [erikaleloff@gmail.com](mailto:erikaleloff@gmail.com)

**Neighborhood Watch**—Residents have expressed great interest in creating a neighborhood watch, but unfortunately our neighbor who had planned to champion this effort is unable to do so. Please contact Bob Kulp at [bob\\_kulp@yahoo.com](mailto:bob_kulp@yahoo.com) if you are interested in leading or assisting with this important endeavor.

**By Laws/ Building Restrictions Committee**—This committee will be tasked to review and revise our bylaws as needed. We plan to collaborate with Northville Township and neighboring communities to leverage best practices and realize savings for attorney costs and other fees. Contact Shannon Maloney at [shannonmaloney@att.net](mailto:shannonmaloney@att.net) if you wish to assist.

**Playground Committee**—In response to many requests to improve the North Park play area, we are forming a committee to spearhead this effort. We plan to install a swing set to make the area more appealing. However, the cost for this equipment, approximately \$2000+, exceeds our existing operating budget.

To finance this community enhancement, we will be doing some fundraising. Our first fundraising event will be at Joey's Comedy Club on Wednesday, May 22nd. Tickets are only \$15, and we earn the full \$15 per ticket sold to benefit our cause. Come meet your neighbors and have a laugh! See our website for more information.

Please contact Mandy Marnocha at [arigley32@yahoo.com](mailto:arigley32@yahoo.com) to support this effort!

## Spring 2013 Homeowners' Meeting

Join your fellow residents to discuss the issues that impact our community. Voice your opinion and share feedback. We can serve you better if we understand your ideas and concerns.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Northville Township Hall  
(Six Mile & Sheldon Roads)



## Upcoming Events...

### NCE Playground Fundraiser at Joey's Comedy Club

Date: Wed. May 22

Time: 8 pm

Cost: \$15 per ticket

Join us for some laughs and to raise funds for new playground equipment! We earn the full \$15 per ticket sold! See website for details.

### Road Rally

Date: Saturday, June 8

Time: 5:30 pm

Cost: \$15 per person

(ages 21 & over only)

Join us for a clue-solving treasure hunt on wheels. Last year we had 49 residents attend, and we expect another great game this year! Heavy appetizers provided and prizes awarded to the Top Three teams!

**Registration & payment deadline is May 25th.** For more information and registration forms see our website or email:

[northvilleroadrally@gmail.com](mailto:northvilleroadrally@gmail.com)

### Popsicle Party

Date: Friday, June 21

Time: 7 pm

Place: North Park

Join your neighbors to celebrate the start of summer with popsicles, a bounce house, and lots of fun!

### NCE Camp Out

Date: Saturday, Aug. 10

Place: North Park

See website for details!

## 2013 Grounds and Beautification

2013 promises to be another busy year as Erika Eloff, working with the new Grounds Committee, will continue several projects aimed at improving our community grounds.

This Spring we will continue with the work started last fall to improve the appearance of the front entrance. In addition, new trees will be planted in the North Park to replace those removed last year. Improvements on the

South Park Retention Basin will continue as well.

In the next few weeks we will be surveying court residents to help gather feedback for establishing a consistent island maintenance system. Please share your opinion!

Some exciting new things you can expect to see this year include a Spring and Fall perennial plant swap and Landscape Beautification awards. Watch the website and sandwich board signs at the sub entrance for more details.

## Phase I of Road Repairs to Begin

With the passing of the Special Assessment last Fall, the road repair committee has reconvened over the winter months to ramp up for the initial phase of road repairs to commence this summer. In the next few months we will reassess road conditions following the winter months to determine if there are any

additional areas of roadway that are in need of immediate repair. We will also identify and mark the concrete areas to be replaced. Concrete replacement is targeted to begin in early summer, and should last about 2-3 weeks. We will have additional updates at our Spring HOA meeting, as well posted to the website.

## Storm Drain Maintenance

Our annual rotation of storm drain maintenance will once again occur this summer. Please keep your backyard storm drains free from debris. All material that is swept into the drains is carried to our detention basin and contributes to drainage issues that have been

plaguing the South Park detention basin. If you suspect that you have a drain that is covered by landscaping in your yard, please contact Jeff Sherman or a board member immediately. See our website for FAQs regarding storm drains and a map of their approximate locations.

## Market Place

### For Sale:

- 32' Aluminum Ladder- \$50 or best offer.
- Rainbow Play Scope – Great condition. Buyer must move. \$1,000 or best offer.
- Children's Bed Frame (twin) - Natural stained wood, great condition. Best offer.

Contact Brad at 734-420-2588.

- 14 ft. Alumacraft Fishing Boat , 9.6 hp Engine and Boat Trailer. \$1,500.

Contact Dan at 260-312-1385

### Services Wanted:

Seeking an occasional babysitter for after school, evenings and weekends during the summer for 2 children, 6 yrs. and 22 mos. old. Call Erika at 248-506-8876 if you are interested.

### Services Available:

Mowing and lawn care services available. Contact Evan at 734-259-8063.

## Website Updates

We have added a Professional Services page to our website. If you have a contractor you would like to recommend to our community, please contact Bob Kulp at [hoa@nce345.org](mailto:hoa@nce345.org) and he will add their name, phone number, email and who recommended them.