

APRIL 2017

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The Colony Connection



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Spring Home Owners Meeting

When: Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00pm

Where: Northville Township Hall (SW Corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads)

The Board will present a proposal to increase HOA dues during this meeting, and we will call for a vote on the increase during our Fall, 2017 meeting later this year. This is for improvements to the "islands", maintenance of the parks, detention pond mitigation and continued road repairs.

Please attend and make your constructive opinion heard. This increase is for the benefit of all Home Owners.

Common Sense Security

When it comes to home security, it's best to follow some common sense precautions:

- Lock your home in the front when you are out in the back and vice versa.
- Lock all your doors and windows and leave an outside light ON at night.
- Park your car(s) in the garage, if possible. If not, LOCK your car doors and remove valuables.
- If away for a few days:
 - ◊ Ask a neighbor to watch your home and retrieve newspapers and flyers. Stop your mail delivery.
 - ◊ Use timers on your lights and leave a radio on.
 - ◊ Ask the police for a 'Vacation House Check'. You can contact them via phone or fill in a form a few days before you leave.
 - ◊ Pull blinds to cover your windows and doorwalls.

Civic Duty

Our association is comprised of 317 homes, for which our by-laws require a 7 member board. It is time for many of our residents to **step up and get involved**. Some ways to get involved are:

- Attend the HOA meetings in Spring and especially Fall, when elections are held and decisions are made, via a vote.
- Help neighbors, especially the elderly.
- Take pride in keeping our sub-division beautiful by keeping our streets and yards clean.
- Maintain your home's exterior and your landscaping.
- Volunteer a few hours on the various committees, like parks/grounds.
- Give some of the long term board members a break by volunteering to be on the board.

Social Events

Apr 15th -11am Easter Egg Hunt, Northville Commons
May 19th/20th Multi-Sub Garage Sale
Mid June Popsicle Party and Bounce House, N Park
Mid-August Marshmallow Roast, N Park
Check the website regularly for updates

- **Spring is finally here**, it's time to get out and enjoy our Michigan beauty!
- When doing yard work, keep the storm drains clear of debris and help prevent a build-up in the retention pond.
- Keep your speed to 25mph within our subdivision. Share the road with pedestrians, bicycles, and dog walkers.
- **Check your mail** for solid waste collection bill from GFL. It's addressed to "Homeowner" and may look like junk mail.

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E-mail The Board

Please feel free to contact the Board with any questions, concerns or suggestions by sending an email to hoa@nce345.org, which goes to all board members, to assure a prompt response.

Fall HOA Meeting

The Fall HomeOwners Association meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Sept. 6, 2017 @ 7:00pm**



Parks and Islands Improvements

In the Park:

- ◇ Shrubs were hard pruned
- ◇ The beds around the trees and shrubs were weeded and mulch was replaced
- ◇ 5 pines were removed due to disease
- ◇ New trees are being purchased and will be planted this Spring
- ◇ Suggestion for a **Legacy Tree** to be planted each year
- ◇ Suggestion for signs to identify trees and shrubs

In the Detention Basin:

- ◇ Work to dredge and replace stones was scheduled for the outlet
- ◇ Work to clean the inlet is planned, erosion to be mitigated
- ◇ Plans for new trees, plants and rocks was proposed and approved

On the Islands:

- ◇ The islands were assessed for beauty and need for improvement
- ◇ Appleby Court's island was deemed in most need and a plan has been approved
- ◇ The plan includes an Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry Tree surrounded by Taxus Yews with Feather Reed Grass toward the front and space at the very front for smaller perennials.
- ◇ Suggestion for a Landscape designer to propose plans for the other islands as time and budget allows.

At the Entrance:

- ◇ Spring clean-up, weeding, bush trimming and mulching is scheduled
- ◇ Additional perennials possible, trenching around beds is planned.

Volunteers needed!

As we all benefit from having an attractive neighborhood it seems fair that we should all pitch in to maintain the beauty and health of our green spaces. "Many hands make light work" is appropriate here. Please contact the board to let them know that you are willing to help and what your level of assistance is. Some contributions include watering, weeding, fertilizing, Spring clean-up and Fall clean-up. Done within a group these jobs go fast and are actually kinda fun. Our Grounds Chairperson, Pam Csatari, has worked for many, many hours on assessing, planning, requesting quotes and organizing work projects. Let's gratify her unpaid efforts by pitching in and making these projects successful. Again, we all benefit since this is an important way to maintain and raise our property values.

Road Work Update

- ◇ The second round of road repairs has been completed.
- ◇ Repairs will be assessed and addressed.
- ◇ Major cracks will be sealed.
- ◇ Further repairs will be prioritized and addressed as budget allows.

Many thanks to Jason Stoops for his expertise, time, and attention to our roads. We're fortunate to have someone with your skill and willingness on our team.

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