



# The Colony Connection



## Be Respectful

As we are all aware, the Association has many families with young children. Please drive slowly and carefully through the sub.

## Reminder

**February 15, 2015**  
Due date for annual dues and special assessment

## New Homeowner's Association By-Laws

At the fall HOA meeting, the members of the association approved the proposal to amend the by-laws by overwhelming support. The new by-laws took effect September 2015 and can be found on the HOA's homepage at [www.nce345.org](http://www.nce345.org). Among the changes was a reduction in the required number of board members from seven to five. As a result, the board now consists of the president, vice-president, communications, treasurer and property manager. The change also results in additional responsibilities for each board member. However, in order for everything to be accomplished and for us to continue to be one of the most desirable subdivisions in Northville, we require involvement and participation from all members of the community. Please contact the board and show your support by offering to help in anyway possible. We have opportunities for committee leaders and members or volunteers.

## Snow Removal

- ◆ We've been lucky so far, but we are prepared for the inevitable snow fall. Our snow removal vendor this year is Northwest Lawn & Landscape. Please be attentive to snow conditions.
- ◆ The snow plow company will be putting stakes on the edge of lawns and corners. Please do not remove.
- ◆ Hardware stores sell similar orange stakes for just a few dollars. Place along your lawn and driveways to help guide the drivers..
- ◆ Move your car off the street when it snows so that the plows can get through.
- ◆ If it snows on trash day, please do not put your garbage or recycle cans on the street as they block the snow plow
- ◆ If you have elderly neighbors, please try to give them a helping hand.
- ◆ Remember that the board consists of volunteers. We encourage any constructive feedback regarding snow removal or other services
- ◆ The city has requested that we keep the areas around the fire hydrants clear of snow for emergency purposes. If you have one on your property please consider moving the snow away.

## Neighborly Reminders

If you have a new neighbor, please give them our website and CONTACT US with their name and address so we can welcome them to the subdivision.

Be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists on our roads, especially with increased darkness. Please honor the 25 mph speed limit to keep our residents safe! Slow down even further in the winter, as the curves and intersections could be slippery.

Snowmobile trailers should not be stored on driveways for extended periods of time.

Pick up after your dog so all residents can enjoy walking through the parks.

Be mindful of early morning or nighttime noise. Please try to keep noise levels to a minimum before 7:30 am and after 10:00 pm.

If you notice trash in the subdivision during your walks, please help keep our community beautiful by picking up and throwing away.

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## Board Members

- David Rabahy, President
- ◆ Pilar Fierro, Vice-President
- Mahesh Bhandari, Treasurer
- Frank Penzato, Communications
- Peter Kohlert, Property Mgr.

## E-mail Board Members

Please feel free to contact the Board with any questions, concerns or suggestions by sending an email to [hoa@nce345.org](mailto:hoa@nce345.org), which goes to all board members, to assure the most prompt response possible.

## Spring HOA Meeting

The next Homeowners Association Meeting is scheduled for  
**April 20, 2016**  
**7:00 pm**

## Civic Duty

- \* Welcome to our new neighbors in the community. Please send a quick note to the Board, introducing yourself.
- \* Volunteer some time to serve on the HOA board or head a committee; it is very gratifying.
- \* Help keep our subdivision clean. It is inevitable that a few people will not care and will litter. If you see someone in the middle of doing this, bring it to their attention.
- \* Report suspicious activities to the authorities ASAP; we need to watch out for each other. Our community should look and feel like, and it takes involvement from everyone to make it happen.
- \* Enjoy the winter and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring meeting.

## E-Mail Sign Up

- ◆ To receive Newsletters and other important communications via email, go to the website, [nce345.org](http://nce345.org), and complete the form with your information.. (Link is on the Home page) This information will NOT be shared with outside parties.
- ◆ If you don't want to enroll, check the website periodically to see upcoming social events and neighborhood news..

## Roadwork Update

- ◆ This was a difficult year in having our roadwork completed. After several setbacks, we selected a new company to do the work which began in November. We wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to get some of the work completed this year.
- ◆ Road work will be completed in 2016 with the remainder of the slabs being replaced and the final areas sealed.
- ◆ If you have any concerns with the road repairs, please contact the board or Peter Kohlert.
- ◆ The 2016 dues include a special assessment that was approved by the association in 2014 to complete the road repairs.

## Message from the President

The Board of Directors would like to give special thanks to Mark Parinello and Jason Stoops for their continued hard work and tremendous effort in our roads project. This year was particularly difficult given problems with the prior contractor. Mark and Jason did an amazing job securing a new contractor to complete a portion of the project this year and are on course to finalize Phase II of the road work in 2016. Without their efforts, this would not have been possible.