

Annual Dues/ Special Assessment

Please send your payment of \$250:

- \$100 Annual Dues
- \$150 1st installment of Special Assessment

with the enclosed dues statement by **February 15, 2013**.

Electronic Newsletters

In an effort to reduce costs, we are encouraging the use of electronic newsletters. You may sign up to receive newsletters and updates from the subdivision through email to:

hoa@nce345.org

Or you may provide your email address on your Dues Statement and send it with your payment.

If you currently receive both a paper and electronic newsletter, only electronic versions will be sent in the future.

The Colony Connection



From The President

I am honored to assume the duties of President of the Homeowners Association. I thank President Tina Bhandari for her vision, leadership and dedication to the HOA AND all of her hard work and commitment over the past two years. I hope to build on the momentum that she has created and continue to expand on her vision. I plan to make good use of the wisdom and experience she represents. We also said good bye to another board member, Amanda Marnocha. Mandy was the HOA Secretary for the past two years and I thank her for her service and dedication. She brought energy, professionalism, dedication and a great sense of humor to the Board when we needed it most. She will be missed. I feel very honored and privileged to call both of these ladies - friend.

We also welcome two new board members this year: Sue Champion, a long time (25 years) resident of our community who will take on the role of Secretary, and Erika Eloff, a newer member of our com-

munity (3 years) who assumes the role of Grounds Manager. Please help the Board in welcoming them to their new positions.

Now that we are officially in 2013, I would like to take a moment to highlight how excited I am to work with the fantastic people on your Board and the dedicated people in our community who share their time volunteering, developing and coordinating the ideas and projects that make our neighborhood a great and safe place to live. We have several major initiatives that we will continue to work on this year.

Our first and largest undertaking as a Board is the Road Improvement Project, led by Carrie Waidelich. The project will be financed by the 2-year Special Assessment. Carrie and the Road Committee will be busy this spring and summer when the project begins.

We have worked hard to improve the appearance of the front entrance and will continue with Phase 2 of this project this year. Our new

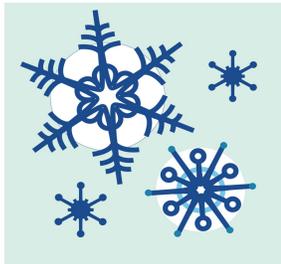
Grounds Manager, Erika Eloff, who also luckily has a degree in horticulture will be spearheading this project. We also have some plans for re-planting trees in the North Park that were removed in 2012. We need volunteers to help with the Grounds Committee this year, please let us know if you are interested.

Please be assured that along with a fabulous Board of Directors, I will do my best to move our organization forward by continuing to work on the projects that Tina and others began. We will continue to keep you up-to-date through our emails and newsletters. I would ask that if you have suggestions about how we can better serve our neighbors, please get in touch with a board member. We all want this organization to be one of value to the neighborhood.

We all hope that you had a warm and festive holiday season, and look forward to a productive new year.

All my best,

Shannon Maloney



Contacting the Board

The Board is here to serve you! Please contact the Board with any questions, concerns or suggestions that you may have by sending an email to:

hoa@nce345.org

This address goes to all board members, to assure the most prompt response possible.

Market Place

We are adding a new section to the newsletter for residents to advertise items for sale, items you are looking to buy, and services you can offer or are looking for (i.e. babysitting, dog sitting/walking, etc.). If you are interested in listing something in our next newsletter, please email Erika Eloff at: erikaleloff@gmail.com by March 31, 2013.

2012-2013 NCE Board Members

President	Shannon Maloney
Vice-President	Bob Kulp
Treasurer	David Rabahy
Secretary	Sue Campion
Grounds Manager	Erika Eloff
Contract Manager	Jeff Sherman
Safety Manager	Carrie Waidelich
Social Committee Chair	Julie Redwine

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Northville, MI 48167
www.nce345.org

Winter Road Safety

The first significant snowfall of the year arrived in time to give us a snow-covered holiday, but snow and ice create challenging driving conditions. This year, we have set aside budget to have several intersections salted when circumstances warrant.

While we cannot salt after every snowfall, we will be monitoring the roads closely and lay salt when it will improve road conditions. We have again placed salt bins at several locations so that salt may be scattered by anyone that may find a dangerous situation. Salt bins are located

near the following intersections in our subdivision:

- Six Mile Rd. entrance
- Weatherfield & Dunswood
- Dunswood & Whitehaven
- Weatherfield & Pembury
- Dunswood and Dunswood Ct.
- Stonehaven and Rayburn
- Rayburn and Parklane
- Knightsford and Whitehaven

When driving or walking in the community and you notice that conditions seem icy, please take

a moment to scatter some salt at these intersections. We will all benefit from working together to keep our roads safe. If you notice that the bins are running low on salt, please contact the board at hoa@nce345.org.

Reminders

- Please move your cars off the street during a snowfall.
- Please do not push snow from your driveway back into the streets
- If your sump pump drains to the road and creates an icy section on the street, please salt this area near your home.

Snow Removal Issues

Please continue to contact Jeff Sherman (313-477-0226) regarding snow-removal issues. If any damage to your property occurs from snow-removal, please contact Jeff **no later than March 31, 2013**. Please read our Snow Removal Damage Policy on our website, www.nce345.org, under the Documents section for details.

Our snow plow vendor has placed orange guide markers along the streets to identify the edge of household lawns for the snow plow drivers. They will decrease the amount of lawn damage that may need to be repaired in the Spring. We ask that residents (and children) do not remove them.

Financial Reports

The 2013 Annual Budget and 2012 Treasurer's Report will be posted online at the NCE website. If you are unable to access information online, please indicate this on your dues statement when sending your dues payment. We will mail a hard copy of this information to you.