



THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



July/August 2018

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REPORTING ISSUES IN BROOKSIDE 1, 2, 3, 4, AND WEST

Friendly reminder: if you are a resident in Brookside Village subdivision 1, 2, 3, 4, or West and you have issues or specific comments **regarding our neighborhoods** and are looking for action, **please** leave your name, address, and the best way to be contacted at either (734) 448-1312 or brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com. (For questions about annual dues: (734) 448-1312 or brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com).

The Board volunteers who field your calls and e-mails want to help you, but they do not monitor the Brookside Village Homes Association Facebook page or comments on Nextdoor.com. Instead, your message **must** be directed to one of the resources mentioned **above** to ensure that your issue is registered with your Board members in a timely manner and they will have a record of your comments and their subsequent response. (For Canton Township-related matters, please refer to www.canton-mi.org/directory.aspx.)

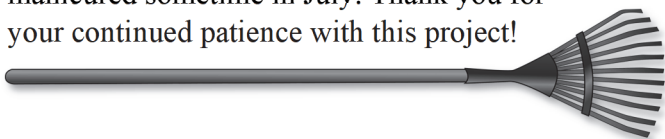
—Thanks for noting!

SPRING CREEK CLEAN UP

A record turnout of residents gathered at the South Park bridge on Saturday, May 5, to help clean up tree debris and trash. This year's Clean Up was a great success! Those involved collected 25 piles of branches, wood, and foliage—so much so they had to hire a professional crew to dispose of it all—making the creek area look MUCH cleaner. **THANK YOU** so very much to the participating volunteers for all their hard work! This is not a project that a few regular Board members can do alone — **we need subdivision-wide participation** to make this work. **Your help throughout the year in keeping our creek and parks clean is very much appreciated!**

More Brookside Village Clean Up news:

The subdivision entrance signs will be neatly manicured sometime in July. Thank you for your continued patience with this project!



SAFE SUMMER OUTDOOR FUN



As a homeowner's association, the BVHA does not sanction fireworks activities. **Please do not bring your fireworks into the subdivision parks.** If you choose to enjoy a few fireworks at your home, **be considerate of your neighbors:** monitor your noise at late hours and please clean up any debris afterward. Please be mindful of fireworks that leave the ground— if one of these lands on a house, it could very easily start a fire. *For fireworks safety tips, visit www.FireworksSafety.org.*

If you own a **fire pit**, please be conscious of the wind direction and whether the smoke from your fire might bother your neighbors.

We truly hope every one of our residents enjoys SAFE and FUN-filled summer celebrations!

FALL FEST 2018

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A FUN-FILLED NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!

At the South Park on Saturday, September 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Board will host a picnic similar to last year's event: activities may include cookie decorating, face painting, a bounce house, and lawn games, plus music, hot dogs, chips, and water. Bring chairs or a blanket and hang out for a couple hours! **We are still welcoming volunteers to help**—leave your name, number, and best time for a return call at (734) 448-1312.



REMINDERS



Please familiarize yourself with the following Ordinance concerning FIREWORKS:

Canton Charter Township, (Wayne Co.), Michigan, Code of Ordinances >> PART I - GENERAL ORDINANCES >> Chapter 46 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS >> ARTICLE IV. - OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY >> DIVISION 3. FIREWORKS >>

SEC. 46-264. DISCHARGE OF NOVELTIES, LOW-IMPACT FIREWORKS AND CONSUMER FIREWORKS.

(a) Except in the case of a permit issued by the township under section 46-266, **consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by any person at any time, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.** On these holiday dates only, the ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks is permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight) only, except the consumer fireworks shall be permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve, and always only in accordance with state and local law.

(b) When permitted, **consumer fireworks shall not be ignited or discharged on public property** [including our subdivision parks], school property, church property, or property of another person without that organization's or person's written permission to use consumer fireworks on the premises.

(c) **No fireworks shall be ignited or discharged within 70 feet of any building, or on any public street.**

(d) Minors shall be prohibited from possessing, using, igniting or discharging consumer fireworks.

(e) No person shall use low-impact or consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or both.

(Ord. of 8-14-2012, § 1; Ord. of 8-13-2013, § 1)

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

OUR SUBDIVISION'S SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH.

Why are drivers ignoring the speed limit?



Please watch out for kids and check your speed as you drive through our streets. The speed limit is 25 mph, and that really is fast enough.

Residents throughout the entire subdivision have witnessed drivers going TOO FAST. There is NO excuse for speeding. The more we complain to police, the more they will patrol our subdivision streets. Complaints can be called in to the Canton Police at (734) 394-5400, and if you happen to get a license plate number of a specific vehicle, they will add that to the report as well. We can ALL do our part to keep our neighborhood safe!

OUTDOOR PETS

It is a Canton Ordinance that **you must have control of your pet(s) at ALL times.** For the safety of your pet **AND our residents,** that means keeping your dog on YOUR property and having your dog on a leash when you go for a walk. **PLEASE clean up** after your pets as you go. Canton Twp. Ordinance officers have had many complaints of dog owners not following these requirements, and there is a **hefty fine for violators.** To report a problem, call the Canton Ordinance Officer for our area, **Kay Longton,** at (734) 394-5210. Residents really DO appreciate your efforts to do the right thing!



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!



The Brookside Village Homes Association Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to all new residents. We provide services and activities for residents. Please consider attending a Board meeting and getting acquainted with the neighborhood. Meetings are every second Thursday of the month. Questions? Call (734) 448-1312. Be sure to leave your name and number and the best time to be contacted.

2018-2019 SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

The BVHA Board will be accepting bids through July for the 2018-2019 season of snow removal. The Board will review all bids at their meeting on August 9 and will plan to commit in September. If you have a reliable lead on a company that would like to bid on snow removal for Brookside Village 1, 2, 3, 4, and West, send an e-mail to brooksidessubdivision@yahoo.com or leave a message at (734) 448-1312 with your name, number, and the company information.



SAFETY IN THE SUBDIVISION

Summer is here, and with the increase in foot traffic, this is another friendly reminder to our residents who may park their cars on the street or even in the driveway: **remove valuables from your vehicle and make sure to lock the car doors. Lock your sheds as well as your houses. Turn on your outdoor house lights at night.** With a lack of street lights in our subdivision, turning on house lights surely adds to the safety of our neighborhood.



To sign up for crime alerts in our area or check on recent activity, visit www.crimemapping.com, sign up for Canton public safety alerts from NIXLE at www.nixle.com, or “like” the **Canton Public Safety Department Facebook page**, which is linked to the Public Safety Twitter account. **BE AWARE, BE SAFE!**



PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE FIRE LANE

You can be ticketed for parking in a fire lane, even if you are in your car waiting to pick someone up. It is considered a civil infraction. The Michigan Vehicle Code prohibits parking in a fire lane:

MCL 257.674 (1) A vehicle shall not be parked, ...
(aa) In a place... clearly designated as a fire lane.

PLEASE make sure ALL visitors, delivery vehicles, and guests comply by parking on the other side of the street! No exceptions! You never know when there will be an emergency on your street.

FALL SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE

GET YOUR ITEMS PICKED OUT, PREPPED, AND PRICED!

Brookside's Fall 2018 Sub-Wide Garage Sale will run **Thursday, September 6 through Sunday, September 9**. The sale will be advertised with entranceway signs. Please Note: Signs ARE NOT allowed at the corners of public streets per Township Ordinance. Signs ARE allowed within the subdivision in front of the home. If you take the time to put up signs please take the same amount of time to remove them after the sale. This includes the tape, paper, and string used to secure them.

ATTENTION REALTORS AND TITLE COMPANIES

When you require information on Brookside Village subdivision from the Homes Association—such as dues, information on a specific property, or a status letter—please call (734) 448-1312 or e-mail the request to brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com. Leave your name, phone number, and best time to be contacted. We will need at least 48 hours to respond. We cannot accommodate ASAP requests. Thank you!

NO WELCOME MATS FOR RATS

In the past, there have been a few lots in Brookside Village subdivision that have had a problem with rats. The BVHA Board would like to offer these reminders to discourage such infestations:

- Sheds should always be built on a concrete slab or be set on a block-foundation wall;
- Playhouses and pallets are prime spots under which rats may hide;
- Animal feces attract rats, and should be cleaned up regularly and often; and
- Garbage, compost, and birdseed should be kept in closed containers.

If your outdoor activities or lack of upkeep in your yard are contributing to this problem, you are in **violation** of your subdivision's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, as well as several Canton Ordinances. Rats and their fleas can carry **disease**. PLEASE check your yards and make amends ASAP—for the safety of your family and neighbors, and the value of our homes!

**GARAGE
SALE**



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BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*** No BVHA Board meeting in June***

Thursday, July 12: **BVHA Board meeting**
 (Township Hall, 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, August 9: **BVHA Board meeting**
 (Township Hall, 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 9: **Brookside Village Sub-Wide Fall Garage Sale**

Thursday, Sept. 13: **BVHA Board meeting**
 (Township Hall, 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 15: **Fall Fest 2018**
 (South Park, 1:00–3:00 pm)



2018 ART CAMP
 "Rocks, Caves, and Beaches!"

8691 N Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187 | 734.453.3710

Register now! In person, by phone, or online: www.dmartstudio.com

LOOKING TO FILL BVHA POSITIONS

Editor for *The Brookside Bugle* and Treasurer

Please leave a message at (734) 448-1312 or send an e-mail to brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com (for either position) with your name, number, and best time to be contacted.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Interested? Send an e-mail to brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com. *Please allow 7 days for a response.*

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE

| Advertisement | Dimensions | Price per issue |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 lines for residents <i>Example: Teenage babysitting; something for sale</i> | — | \$5.00 |
| 5 lines for business | — | \$10.00 |
| Business card size | 3.5 x 2 in. | \$15.00 |
| Quarter page vertical or horizontal | 3.5 x 5 in. 7.5 x 2.5 in. | \$40.00 |
| Half page horizontal | 4.5 x 7.5 in. | \$70.00 |

DEADLINES FOR ADVERTISING IN THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE

| Issue | Request ad by | Ad materials <i>and</i> payment due |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| January/February | December 1 | December 7 |
| March/April | February 1 | February 7 |
| May/June | April 1 | April 7 |
| July/August | June 1 | June 7 |
| September/October | August 1 | August 7 |
| November/December | October 1 | October 7 |