



THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



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Brookside Village Homes Association

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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!

FALL SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Brookside's Fall Sub-Wide Garage Sale will run **Thursday, September 6 through Sunday, September 9**.

The sale will be advertised with two-sided entranceway signs. Get your items picked out, prepped, and priced!



BVHA POSITIONS NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS

Editor for *The Brookside Bugle* and Treasurer

Editor: Layout and editing of our bimonthly newsletter. Make most of the decisions about content and layout. Proficient in Word or other editing/layout program. Working files available. Helpful to attend most monthly Board meetings. Create a schedule and send newsletter to printer on time. Occasional interaction with advertisers.

Treasurer: Handle accounts payable; accounts receivable; monthly budget reports; annual reports/budget; dues invoices/late invoices; and generate property status letters. Training available. Busiest time is January – April when due invoices are being generated and mailed.

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.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!



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

FALL FEST 2018

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!

Come to the **South Park** (Georgetown Street at Cheviot) on **Saturday, September 15, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

This picnic will be similar to last year's event: activities will include face painting, cookie decorating, games, and a bounce house, plus hot dogs, chips, water, and juice boxes. Bring chairs or a blanket and hang out for a couple hours! *(Courtesy of the Brookside Village Homes Association.)*



REMINDERS

FALL LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, AND MULCH

When raking and bagging leaves, **please be aware of any storm drains in front of your house.** Clearing them will help prevent blockages that become ice hazards in the streets during cold weather. Do not blow or rake leaves into the streets, for the same reason. Also, please take a few minutes to clear the leaves away from your own gutters and drain areas to prevent ice blockage.

Please avoid placing leaves in creeks or waterways, as it will build up and create a problem with water flow. **ALSO, our subdivision common areas and easements are not to be used for dumping your leaves, grass clippings, or garbage.**

Yard waste and garbage can be set out at the curb by 6:30 a.m. for pickup every week on Thursday mornings. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood WELL MAINTAINED!



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!**

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.

PLEASE, EVERYONE, SLOW DOWN! We can **ALL** do our part to keep our neighborhood **SAFE!**

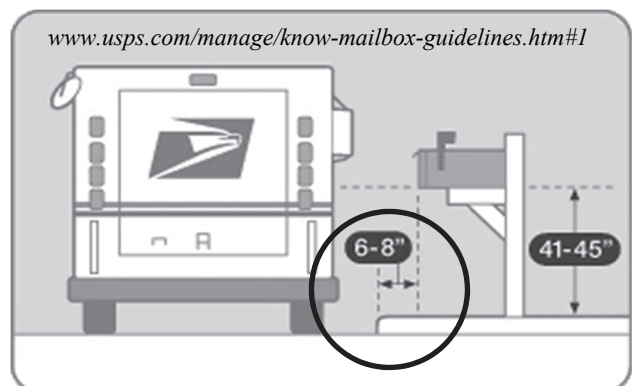


PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE FIRE LANE

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.

MAILBOX PLACEMENT

The front of your mailbox should be 6 to 8 inches from the curb (see image at right), and flowerbed edging and plants probably should be too. Following these guidelines will also ensure any edging or borders are a safe distance from the curb for snowplowing. **Take the time NOW to make sure all materials are in good shape and properly secured, including your mailbox post.** *Per our snowplowing contract, the drivers are not responsible for damage done to edging within the aforementioned 6 to 8 inches from the curb.*



From Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink, Canton Police Dept.:

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION AND USE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING A SCHOOL BUS

School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school. Riding in a school bus is safer than walking, riding a bicycle, or being driven to school in private vehicles. When approaching a school bus on a bus route, remember to pay attention and use caution:

- When overhead lights are **flashing yellow**: Prepare to stop.
- When overhead lights are **flashing red**: STOP!!!

Unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway in Michigan (only Michigan Avenue in Canton) you must stop in all directions for the school bus red lights. Vehicles must stop 20 feet from the school bus and may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer activated. Our children are our future, please be PATIENT as you drive during school pickup and drop off.



LOW-HANGING TREE LIMBS

We have had some complaints about low-hanging branches over our subdivision streets and sidewalks, and we hear your concerns. We are encouraging our residents to trim the low-hanging branches on and around their property. If you live next to someone elderly, pay it forward and help them out as well. If you are not able to trim the low-hanging branches on your property, we ask that you call Wayne County Forestry to report such trees: (734) 522-7370. Sidewalk ordinances for our subdivision state there must be a 7 ft clearance. **We are in the process of getting bids on sub-wide tree trimming, but this would require an increase in dues for 2019.**

ORDINANCE VS POLICE ISSUES

If you have any issues on your property taking place **between the sidewalk and your home**, you should contact **Canton Ordinance Enforcement**.

Call the Ordinance Enforcement Unit with questions at (734) 394-5335.

To report a problem that may need more immediate attention you might call the Canton Ordinance Officer for our area, Kay Longton, at (734) 394-5210.

Ordinance issues might include animals, fire, garbage, noise, permits, property standards, and vehicles parked in driveways or yards.

If you have any issues taking place **in the easement between the sidewalk and road, or ON the street**, contact the **Canton Police Dept.:** (734) 394-5400.



SUBDIVISION RESOURCES

Have you visited the subdivision website lately? You can find:

- E-mail / phone numbers for contacting the Board;
- Advertising rates and deadlines;
- PDFs of *The Brookside Bugle*;
- A map of the subdivision;
- Updates on subdivision events;
- Subdivision Bylaws, Covenants, and Restrictions.



Visit **www.brooksidevillage.wordpress.com**.

Brookside Village subdivision also has a Facebook page! Search for "Brookside Village Homes Association" to click Like to receive reminders about subdivision events and updates on current neighborhood issues.

SAFETY IN THE SUBDIVISION

As residents continue to enjoy the outdoor weather, 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 definitely 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!**





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BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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)
- Thursday, Oct. 11: **BVHA Board meeting**
(Township Hall, 6:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, Nov. 8: **BVHA Board meeting**
(Township Hall, 6:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, Dec. 20: **BVHA Board meeting**
(Township Hall, 6:30 p.m.)

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!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (United States)

Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 2:00 a.m.

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 and 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