



THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



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2020 ASSOCIATION DUES

Dues notices are ALWAYS mailed out in January and are ALWAYS due by the end of March. Due to the pandemic, we have extended the payment period to 5/31. Please pay past dues before 6/30 to avoid late fees and interest.

2020 BVHA ACCEPTING ONLINE PAYMENTS

In response to numerous requests, BVHA is accepting online payments! **If you would like your 2020 invoice emailed to you instead of USPS,** please send an email to brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com and include your address and/or lot number. For 2020, we mailed your invoice, with the hope of reducing mailing costs for 2021 and going forward.

Be sure to read the updated instructions on the invoice to pay online.



KEEPING THE CREAK CLEAN

The creek along the South Park was still looking great in spite of the COVID 19 interruption, this year. However, it has been brought to the Board's attention that several 'bridges' have been built with sticks. We are calling on the "builders" to kindly remove them to prevent the drains from clogging and/or backing up leading to flooded basements for some of our residents.

BVHA Reminder

It is wonderful to see so many residents out and about and enjoying walking, jogging, riding bikes, roller blading and utilizing both the North and South Park!

As part of that, let's be mindful of our residents and their property. Please do not access either Park by walking on and/or through any piece of someone's yard. Each of us can do our part to ensure this kind of action does not continue for those residents affected.



LOOKING TO FILL BVHA POSITION

SECRETARY: the primary responsibility is to take notes and minutes at monthly BVHA meetings. Please leave a message at (734) 448-1312 or send an e-mail to brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com with your name, number, and best time to be contacted.

BROOKSIDE VILLAGE NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

Our HOA is currently run by volunteers, and has been since the subdivision was established in the late 1970s. We are a large subdivision with 621 homes—but, we currently only have a few board members. Do you have concerns about annual dues, park upkeep or other matters? Have some fresh ideas? We need your help! If you want to keep our annual dues low and you have just a little time to spare, please come to a meeting or contact us to learn more about what YOU can do for your neighborhood. It's only an hour once a month! The board meetings are normally the second Thursday every month at the Canton Township Administration Building. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

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 after 11:00 a.m. on the following dates and times:**

- (1) December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1.
- (2) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
- (3) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
- (4) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
- (5) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(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 is fast enough! Residents throughout the entire subdivision have witnessed drivers going **TOO FAST**. There is **NO** excuse for speeding. The more we contact police and report speeders, the more they will patrol our subdivision. 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!

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!**

PLAY BALL?

The **baseball diamonds** in our parks are for leisure use by **residents only**. Please, **no hardballs**, and **no Little League practices**. Canton Leisure Services provides Little League teams with approved practice fields. GCYBSA teams practice at assigned PCCS schools. If you see a Little League team using one of our fields for their practice, please call the BVHA at (734) 448-1312 and leave a message with the day and time of the practice plus your name, phone number, and best time to call so that we may verify your information.



2020-2021 SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

The BVHA Board will be accepting bids through July for the 2020-2021 season of snow removal. The Board will review all bids at their meeting on August 13 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 brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com or leave a message at (734) 448-1312 with your name, number, and the company information.

PUBLIC VS PRIVATE PROPERTY

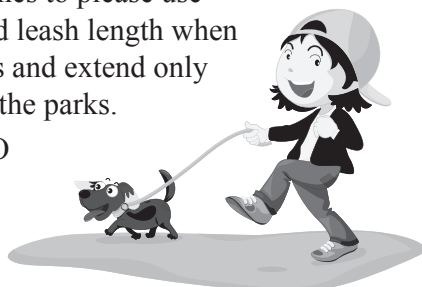
As you continue to enjoy the summer weather and sprucing up your property with new plants or a vegetable garden, please be mindful of the boundaries of your own property and keep these plantings on your property—please do not plant out into the easements or parks. Please do not cut the grass around the park and baseball diamonds. The board has a contracted lawn care company, and our annual dues pay for this work. Thank you to all our residents who take such great care of their yards... Let's let our lawn care company do the rest!

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.

We have residents asking dog walkers who use retracting/long leashes to please use them at the standard leash length when walking past homes and extend only when walking past the parks.

Residents really DO appreciate your efforts to do the right thing!



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.
- Garbage, compost, and birdseed should be kept in closed containers.
- Wood and brush piles are possible shelters for rats and should be well kept or discarded completely.



If you lack in the upkeep of your yard, not only are you contributing to this problem, you are in **violation** of your subdivision's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, as well as several Canton Ordinances. PLEASE check your yard and make amends ASAP—for the safety of your family, neighbors, and the value of your home!

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!



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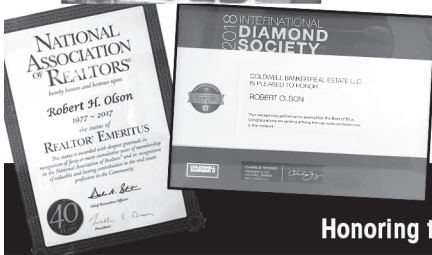
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BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates are subject to change and/or cancelled due to COVID-19 guidelines.

- Thursday, July 9 **BVHA Board meeting**
6:30 pm, Township Hall
- Thursday, August 13 **BVHA Board meeting**
6:30 pm, Township Hall
- Saturday, August 22 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**
10:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road
- Thursday, TBD
to Sunday, TBD **Brookside Village Sub-Wide
Fall Garage Sale**
- Thursday, Sept. 10 **BVHA Board meeting**
6:30 pm, Township Hall
- Saturday, TBD **Fall Fest 2020**
(South Park, 1:00–3:00 pm)
- Saturday, Sept. 26 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**
10:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road



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.

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!

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