



THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



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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).

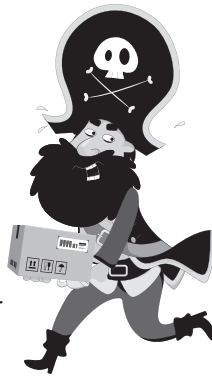
The Board volunteers who field your calls and e-mails want to help you, but they do not monitor the Brookside Village Homes Association Facebook page or comments on Nextdoor.com. Instead, your message **must** be directed to one of the resources mentioned above to ensure that your issue is registered 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!

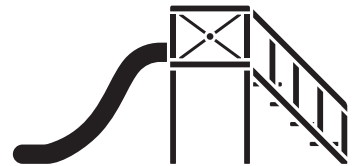
TIPS FOR PREVENTING PACKAGE THEFT

The holiday season seems to creep up on us every year. With all that holiday shopping going on, you'll have plenty of packages delivered to your door. Christmas marks the season of giving, after all. Unfortunately, package theft is prevalent during the holidays. Here are few things you can do to help prevent it from happening:

1. Get a P.O. Box at Your Local Post Office
2. Set Up Notifications to Track Your Package
3. Install a Security Camera
4. Get Your Packages Delivered to Your Office
5. Require a Signature on Delivery
6. Reschedule Delivery or Ask for a Package
7. Try Smart Locks
8. Get a Package Guard
9. Insure Your Packages
10. Ask Your Neighbors to Grab Your Packages



FROM THE BVHA BOARD



As a reminder, **please respect the playground equipment** in the North Park as well as the South Park.

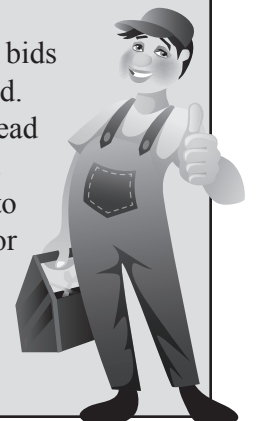
The equipment does have weight restrictions and we are asking residents to abide by those restrictions.

Let's all work together to keep our playgrounds safe!

REPAIRS ON SOUTH PARK BRIDGE & NORTH PARK SHED BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

The South Park Bridge and the North Park shed are in need of some repairs.

The BVHA Board will be accepting bids to repair both the bridge and the shed. If you are handy or have a reliable lead on a company that would like to bid on the bridge repair send an e-mail to brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com or leave a message at (734) 448-1312 with your name, number, and the company information.



What Do You Do If Someone Steals Your Package?

In the unfortunate event that your package thief strikes, there are some steps you should take to resolve the matter. First, make sure to contact the right people.

- Contact the Sender
- Contact Delivery Company
- File a Police Report

If you're certain someone stole your package, filing a police report is important. This isn't just useful to you, it's useful for the entire neighborhood.

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!



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.

Any and All violators will be subject to a first "warning" followed with a "fine" by Canton Ordinance department if corrections are not made.

2020-2021 HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no yard waste, recycling, or trash pickup on Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day. Residents whose collection date falls on the 26th (that's us!) will have their collection on Friday, November 27. **Please note, our subdivision's last curbside residential yard waste pick-up will be on Thursday, December 17, and will not resume until April 2021.**

Because Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Friday this year, there will be no delay both weeks.

NATURAL TREES will be picked up on your regular trash day during the **FIRST TWO WEEKS IN JANUARY.** Please don't dump them in the subdivision common areas/easements.



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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.

SNOW ETIQUETTE FOR BROOKSIDE VILLAGE



- In a snow emergency, **MOVE ALL VEHICLES OFF THE STREET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to allow for snow plowing **during snow falls of 2 inches or more**. This really helps the plow trucks, especially in the Courts where plows must make tight turns. It also helps the homeowners, as the chance of another auto-mobile sliding into a parked vehicle on slick streets is very high.
- Fix or replace old and rotted **mail box posts** to help with the weight of the snow and slush that could be forced upon them.
- Use **brightly colored stakes** to mark edges of property in the case of sprinkler systems, etc., to alert snowplow drivers of areas to avoid.
- Please also mark fire hydrants with brightly colored stakes.
- All **damage to lawns** must be reported to the Brookside Village Homes Association ASAP. This is critical, because the Board members have **only 24 hours after plowing to report damage**. Dirt and sod fragments on top of the plowed snow may indicate damage to your lawn.
- **DO NOT PUSH SNOW FROM DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS INTO THE STREET.**
- Please **help your** elderly and/or disabled **neighbors** by clearing the snow in front of their mailboxes.
- Under township ordinance, homeowners must **remove the snow and/or ice from their own sidewalks** within 72 hours.

The Brookside Village Homes Association will see that icy entrances and school bus route intersections are salted. This is the only **salting** we pay for, as salt is VERY expensive.

If you notice damage to your lawn or hazardous icy street conditions in the subdivision, please report them to (734) 448-1312. Please be patient and limit your calls to one per day at the most. Remember, your board members are volunteers, and **will do their very best** to monitor calls as they come to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

Please read the next column for Canton's Ordinance and guidelines on clearing snow from your property and staying safe around the subdivision's retention pond.



SNOW REMOVAL IN CANTON

As the weather grows colder, please take the time to review Canton's guidelines on clearing snow from your property. Unshoveled snow can become dangerous patches of ice. Canton has Ordinances to prevent snow-related accidents from occurring:

Canton Charter Township, (Wayne Co.), Michigan, Code of Ordinances

**PART I - GENERAL ORDINANCES
Chapter 62 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS
AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

Sec. 62-37. - Ice and snow removal.

No person shall permit ice or an accumulation of snow to remain on any sidewalk adjacent to a lot or parcel occupied by him, or on a sidewalk adjacent to any unoccupied lot or parcel owned by him, for a longer period than 72 hours after the ice or snow has formed or fallen.

(Ord. No. 145, as amended, § 7, 7-24-2001)

As is the case every winter, any homeowner in violation of this ordinance will be responsible for anyone falling or getting hurt while attempting to walk on their sidewalks. **If you have a concern over this compliance issue, YOU can call these phone numbers** — for ordinance complaints: (734) 394-5400; for ordinance questions: (734) 394-5335; or the Clerk's Dept: (734) 394-5125, for General Ordinance questions.

Let's all work together this coming winter to keep our neighborhood safe!

WINTER POND SAFETY



The pond located south of Finley Drive near Lotz Road is a retention pond designed to hold runoff from the streets. The water in the pond may contain oil, road salt, antifreeze, and so on. The pond continuously drains into Fellows Creek.

Because of these factors, the pond never completely freezes, and should be considered **UNSAFE** for any type of activity, including ice skating or sledding. **Parents — make sure your children are aware!**



Robert Olson

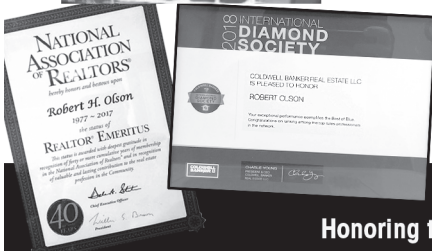
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LOOKING TO FILL BVHA POSITION

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.

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.

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 email the request to brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com. If you prefer to call, the number is (734) 448-1312. We need the property address, and your name, phone number. We will need at least 48 hours to respond. We cannot accommodate ASAP requests. Thank you!



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.

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