



THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



March/April 2021

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2021 ASSOCIATION DUES — PLEASE READ!

2021 Homes Association Dues will total \$90.00 for the year. Paying annual dues is an obligation and a fact of life when living in a subdivision—among other things, dues pay for lawn mowing of common areas, plowing snow from EVERYONE’s streets, and salting intersections when needed.

2021 invoices have been mailed. If you did not receive an invoice, please email brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com. If you did not pay your 2020 dues, and/or there was a cumulative unpaid balance prior to 2020, your property will have been assessed a 6% interest fee on your unpaid balance as of December 31, 2020. This amount will be reflected on your 2021 invoice. If 2021 invoices are not received at the post office by March 31, 2021, a late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed, and all future collection efforts will be charged to the homeowner.

Dues notices are ALWAYS mailed out in January and are ALWAYS due by the end of March. Not receiving an invoice is not an excuse to not pay your dues—you can call the Board at (734) 448-1312 to request another invoice. We will post reminder signs at subdivision entrances in mid-March. **Pay your dues on time before the March 31 deadline, and you’ll have nothing to worry about!** Please, mark your calendars!

On a positive note, the Board would like to sincerely thank those residents that look for the annual dues notice in the mail and send in their dues before the March 31 deadline! Your proactive response helps keep our neighborhood running and saves our volunteer Treasurer the added work of sending you a late notice.



Thank You!

Thank you to all our conscientious homeowners who mailed in their dues payment before the due date!
Your efforts are MUCH appreciated!

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.

2021 BVHA ACCEPTING ONLINE PAYMENTS

In response to numerous requests, BVHA is accepting online payments! **If you would like your 2021 invoice emailed to you instead of USPS,** please send an email to brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com and include your address and/or lot number. For 2021, we mailed your invoice, with the hope of reducing mailing costs for 2022 and going forward.

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

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.



REMINDERS



GARBAGE/RECYCLING/ COMPOST PICKUP

All trash (garbage), recycling bins, and compost are to be placed at curbside no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening before pickup day. Canton Township limits cans to 32 gallons or less in capacity and no more than 50 lbs. in weight. **Each type of pickup should be separated** (e.g. garbage bags or cans on one side of the driveway, recycling bins and labeled compost bags on the other).

According to Canton Waste and Recycling, the 2021 **compost pickup season is April 6 – December 18** (first day for our subdivision is **April 8**).

Only yard waste is considered compost, meaning lawn clippings, plants, sticks, etc. The container for compost must be labeled as such. Labels may be picked up at the Administration Building. Compost can be placed in lawn bags easily purchased at local stores. Additional recycling bins are available in the Canton Treasurer's Office in the Admin. Building, for a small fee.

Find more information by visiting:

http://www.canton-mi.org/living_in/trash.aspx

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 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!**

COMMON AREAS, EASEMENTS, AND FENCE LINES

Looking forward to the weather warming up, this is **another friendly reminder to not dump your leaves, grass clippings, or garbage in the common areas and easements of our subdivision**. Weekly compost pickup for our subdivision starts again on Thursday, April 8. As you spend more time outside, please take a look along your fence lines and **clean up any garbage that might have collected there during the winter months**. Your neighbors will thank you for it!!

PUBLIC VS PRIVATE PROPERTY

As you look forward to spring 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!

WHAT DO OUR SUBDIVISION DUES PAY FOR?

Paying dues is not a choice but an obligation for every Brookside resident. The HOA fee covers a variety of things; lawn mowing of common areas, plowing snow from EVERYONE's streets, and salting intersections when needed.

Here are some specifics for 2020:

Snow Removal Contract	\$15,500.00
Lawn Maintenance Contract	\$15,000.00
Maintenance of Common Areas, Parks, and Pond; Mulch for playscapes	\$14,750.00

Additional items budgeted for this year are: taxes; insurance; printing and delivering the subdivision newsletter six times a year; office supplies and postage for mailing the dues notices and subsequent past-due notices; Food, drink, bounce house and etc. for The Fall Festival; Easter eggs filled with goodies and prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt; electricity for our two parks; and additional/entryway/creek maintenance and clean up.

Volunteer Board members spend time every year collecting bids for the snow removal and lawn care contracts on behalf of our subdivision residents.

If you would like to join the discussions about our contracted companies or the work that is being done, please call the Board at (734) 448-1312 to find out which meetings you should attend.

The Board meets every second Thursday of the month in the Township Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Lower Level, at 6:30 p.m.

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

TURN ON OUTSIDE LIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who turns on their outside lights every evening, and also in the morning for the kids walking to their bus stops.

This is definitely a safety issue in our subdivision, since our community does not have streetlights. Help keep our neighborhood safe! What could be easier than flipping on a light switch? If your property borders one of our parks, turning on a backyard light can only help to deter undesirable activities. Keep your lights on from dusk until dawn and report any suspicious activity to the Canton Police ASAP: (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.



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!

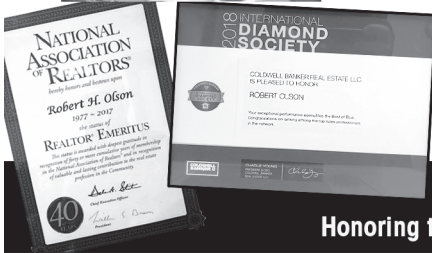


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BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Tuesday, Mar. 31: Last day to mail 2020 dues**
- Saturday, TBD: Spring Egg Hunt**
South Park (off of Georgetown St.)
- Saturday, April 24: Canton Cleanup & Recycling**
8:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road
- Thursday, Brookside Village Sub-Wide**
to Sunday, TBD: Spring Garage Sale
- Saturday, May 15: Canton Cleanup & Recycling**
8:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road

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!



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 get 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.

Daylight Saving Time Starts
 Sunday, March 14, 2020
 2:00:00 am

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

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

ADVERTISING RATES FOR <i>THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE</i>		
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 <i>THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE</i>		
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