



# 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](mailto:brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com). (For questions about annual dues: (734) 448-1312 or [brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com](mailto:brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com)).

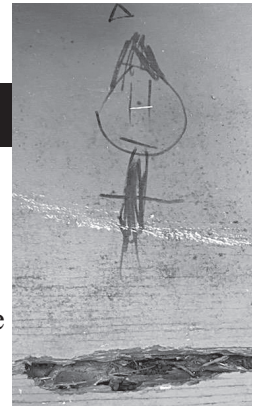
The Board volunteers who field your calls and e-mails want to help you, but they do not monitor the Brookside Village Homes Association Facebook page or comments on Nextdoor.com. Instead, your message **must** be directed to one of the resources mentioned above to ensure that your issue is registered 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](http://www.canton-mi.org/directory.aspx))

—Thanks for noting!



## GET YOUR ITEMS PICKED OUT, PREPPED, AND PRICED!

Brookside's Fall Sub-Wide Garage Sale will run Thursday, September 9 through Sunday, September 12. The sale will be advertised with entranceway signs. Signs are allowed within the subdivision in front of the home. Good luck with your sale!



mistreatment to the play structures and the bridge will end up costing your family household! Due to the frequency to repair and/or replace equipment, it will lead to an increase in the HOA annual dues if we can not get this problem corrected!



### The BVHA Board is calling on EVERYONE to do their part!

Let's work together to respect and preserve some of the perks that go along with living in Brookside Village!



## 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](mailto:brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com) with your name, number, and best time to be contacted.

## Attention: Brookside Residents!

We are privileged to have two parks to enjoy for recreation as residents of Brookside! The bridge is another added perk! Unfortunately, we are experiencing mistreatment of both! Two Canton fire trucks were called out to cut out an oversized youth from one of the infant swings! Word obscenities are appearing on both play structures! Paint is appearing on the play structures as well! Paint and severe gouging of the wood on the bridge is also a problem!

For those residents with kids, **PLEASE** talk to your children! There is an **age limit and a weight limit** associated with both the North Park and South Park play structures (there are stickers on the equipment stating that)! Also, please explain the



# 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!

**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!

## BROOKSIDE BYLAWS AND CANTON ORDINANCE

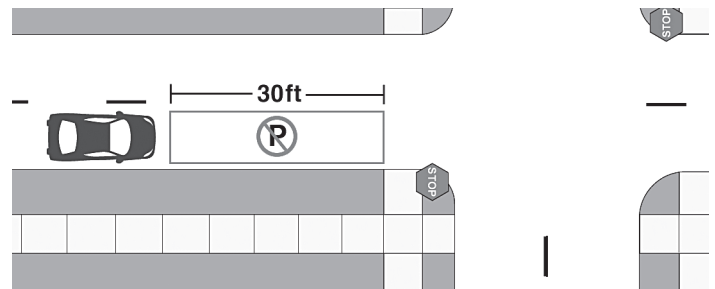
### Brookside - Fencing Issues

Homemade makeshift fencing (tarps and poles) is not acceptable according to Brookside Village bylaws. **Section 9** - No fence more than forty-eight (48") inches in height shall be constructed, except that **solid** fence(s) or wall(s) erected for the purpose of creating privacy for the occupant of a lot may be constructed to, but shall not exceed seventy-two (72") inches in height.

### Brookside - Travel Trailer Issues

**Section 12** - No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be used on any lot at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently.

Please make sure you are in compliance with Brookside Village bylaws and Canton Township Ordinance.



## PARKING REMINDER 30 FT FROM STOP SIGN

We do have a few offenders that park over sidewalks that fall under this same State of Michigan vehicle code however, there have been an abundance of violators parking too close to the intersections. This is a safety issue not only for drivers but for residents trying to cross the sidewalks while walking or biking.

Under **257.674** Prohibited parking; exceptions; bus loading zone; violation as civil infraction.

Sec. 674. (1) A vehicle must not be parked, except if necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(g) **Within 30 feet of the approach to a flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a highway.**

## 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! Please email [brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com](mailto:brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com) or call (734) 448-1312, leave your name, phone number along with your email address and someone will contact you regarding your participation.

## Calling On All Brookside Residents!

For those residents with children, **PLEASE TALK** to them about the importance of respecting the newly restored bridge! The new wood, materials, paint and labor were costly! The Board is calling on **ALL** residents to work together to maintain the beauty that has been completed on the bridge!

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who had a hand in helping:

Rich Hahn, Rob Olson,  
Ken Johnston, Mike  
Clark, Linda Lang  
and Sheila Olson!

We couldn't have done it without 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.
- 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!

## 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.



## 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](http://www.crimemapping.com), sign up for Canton public safety alerts from NIXLE at [www.nixle.com](http://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!**



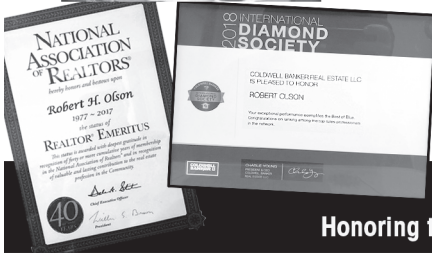


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## BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, August 21 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**  
8:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road

Thursday, Sept. 9 **Brookside Village Sub-Wide**  
to Sunday, Sept. 12 **Fall Garage Sale**

Saturday, Sept. 25 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**  
10:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road

Saturday, Oct. 16 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**  
10:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road



### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 7, 2021  
2:00:00 am



## 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. 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](mailto:brooksideaccounting@yahoo.com). Leave your name, phone number, and best time to be contacted. There is a \$35.00 fee for status letter requests. 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](mailto: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