



# THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



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## ATTENTION ALL BROOKSIDE PARENTS!

It has come to the attention of BVHA Board members that the equipment in both the North Park and the South Park is being abused/mistreated!

The regular swings, baby swings, playscape and the picnic tables is an added benefit to Brookside residents. A portion of our annual dues paid yearly goes toward maintaining the equipment (which is not cheap to replace). So, in order to keep our dues from increasing, we are calling on all parents to have a talk with your children and teenagers regarding reading the **AGE LIMITS** posted on the equipment to refrain from abusing and mistreating the equipment! We have had to call Canton Fire Department to cut loose an **OVER THE AGE LIMIT** person from the baby swing in South Park! An abundance of teenagers continue to abuse both sets of baby swings in both parks!

Please **EMPHASIZE** the misuse of the equipment can compromise the integrity of the equipment for the next infant/toddler that is placed in the swing(s).

The safety to all **AGE APPROPRIATE** children using the equipment is very important especially to BVHA Board members who work very hard to maintain both parks!

Let's work together in order to make every experience at the park a safe and enjoyable one!

## BROOKSIDE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The County cleared out two good sized obstructions in the drain on the west side of the pond.

Midwest Maintenance Inc. cleaned up the area and replaced an animal guard on the east side of the pond.

C J Electrical started some construction work to enhance the electrical in the South Park. Work began May 30th, 2023.



## SPRING CREEK CLEAN UP

You are never too young to help keep your neighborhood clean!

We had a wide range of volunteers this year. We had great weather and the turn out was good, too! And, while it is not a fun job, it is a necessary one. We are happy to report the debris along both sides of the creek and around the pond area was not as bad as it has been in years past.

**A BIG Thank You** to all our volunteers: **Jenna McWherter, Caleb McWherter, Theodore McWherter, Eden McWherter, Chris Fohst, Michele Fohst, Jude Fohst, Amanda Robinson, Jenn Hengesh, Matt Benjamin, Emily Scheer, Landon Scheer, Harrison Scheer, Aiden Scheer, Robert Olson and Sheila Olson**....we couldn't have done it without you!



## FALL FEST 2023

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A FUN-FILLED NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!**



**Brookside residents, if you are interested in having a Fall Festival this year we need YOU in order to make this happen!**

If you have a specialty (such as face painting) that you would like to display...now's your chance! The target date is September 16, 1:00 to 3:00 pm at our South Park.

The event would be similar to our 2022 Fall Festival which provided cookie decorating, a bounce house, hot dogs, chips, water and lawn games.

We are asking all those interested in donating a couple hours of their time to please call or email your name, phone number and/or an email address to: (734) 448-1312 or [brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com](mailto:brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com) and let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you no later than July 24, 2023!

# 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!



## SAFE SUMMER OUTDOOR FUN

As a homeowner's association, the BVHA does not sanction fireworks activities. **Please do not bring your fireworks into the subdivision parks.** If you choose to enjoy a few fireworks at your home, **be considerate of your neighbors:** monitor your noise at late hours and please clean up any debris afterward. Please be mindful of fireworks that leave the ground— if one of these lands on a house, it could very easily start a fire. *For fireworks safety tips, visit [www.FireworksSafety.org](http://www.FireworksSafety.org).*

If you own a **fire pit**, please be conscious of the wind direction and whether the smoke from your fire might bother your neighbors.

**We truly hope every one of our residents enjoys SAFE and FUN-filled summer celebrations!**



## 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.

## 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!



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



Brookside's Fall Sub-Wide Garage Sale will run Thursday, September 7 through Sunday, September 10. The sale will be advertised with entranceway signs. Signs are allowed within the subdivision in front of the home. Good luck with your sale!

## 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! 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.



## 2023-2024 SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

The BVHA Board will be accepting bids through July for the 2023-2024 season of snow removal. The Board will review all bids 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](mailto: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!

## 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!



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## BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Thursday, July 6: **BVHA Board meeting**  
6:30 pm, Township Hall
- Thursday, August 3: **BVHA Board meeting**  
6:30 pm, Township Hall
- Saturday, August 19 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**  
8:00 am–4:00 pm, 42100 Van Born Road
- Thursday, Sept. 7 to Sunday, Sept. 10 **Brookside Village Sub-Wide Fall Garage Sale**
- Saturday, Sept. 16 **Fall Fest 2023**  
(South Park, 1:00–3:00 pm)
- Saturday, Sept. 23 **Canton Cleanup & Recycling**  
8:00 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. 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 <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