



# 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!

## ATTENTION BROOKSIDE RESIDENTS!

Once again, it has come to the attention of BVHA Board members that the equipment in both the North Park and the South Park and the bridge is being abused/mistreated! The regular swings, baby swings, playscape and the bridge is an added benefit to Brookside residents. A portion of our annual dues paid yearly goes toward maintaining the equipment and the bridge (which is not cheap to replace). So, in order to keep our dues from increasing, we are calling on all residents especially, parents! Please have a talk with your children and teenagers regarding the need to exercise **RESPECT** for community property! The park equipment **DOES** have **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! Also, the beautifully restored bridge is already reflecting abuse, as well. The bridge is **NOT A CARVING STATION!**



Due to all the mistreatment and abuse taking place in both parks and the bridge...**the board will be purchasing cameras to capture the offenders! We will turn over our findings to Canton Police for further handling.** We wanted our residents to be aware of the steps we were forced to take in order to prevent further incidents such as pictured in these photos.

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



# 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!

## BROOKSIDE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Spears Tree Service will be grooming the damaged trees in the park area(s). Please stay clear of the surrounding area while they are working for safety purposes.



## PARK TRASH CANS

Residents **MUST** put the lid on the trash cans after each use! In order to continue having the trash cans in both parks....residents must remember to put the lid on after each use! The company that maintains them cannot lift the bags due to the accumulation of garbage and RAIN! Please be mindful to put the lids on. It a small gesture that can provide big gains!



**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!

### FOR SALE:

Office Desk, Formal Dining Room Set,  
Living Room Furniture & Bedroom Furniture  
Call Pam Tatla for details 734-397-2229

**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 brooksidessubdivision@yahoo.com and **let us know as soon as possible as the number of volunteers will determine if we will be able to have the event this year.**



From Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink,  
Canton Police Dept.:

## PLEASE PAY ATTENTION AND USE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING A SCHOOL BUS

School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school. Riding in a school bus is safer than walking, riding a bicycle, or being driven to school in private vehicles. When approaching a school bus on a bus route, remember to pay attention and use caution:



- When overhead lights are **flashing yellow**: Prepare to stop.
- When overhead lights are **flashing red**: STOP!!!

Unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway in Michigan (only Michigan Avenue in Canton) you must stop in all directions for the school bus red lights. Vehicles must stop 20 feet from the school bus and may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer activated. Our children are our future, please be **PATIENT** as you drive during school pickup and drop off.

## 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.



## 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!

## 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

Thursday, Sept. 7: **BVHA Board meeting**  
6:30 pm, Township Hall

Thursday, Sept. 7 Brookside Village Sub-Wide  
to Sunday, Sept. 10 **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

Thursday, Oct. 5: **BVHA Board meeting**  
6:30 pm, Township Hall

Due to availability we **will not** be able to have  
BVHA Board meetings in November and December.



## 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