



THE BROOKSIDE BUGLE



November/December 2023

Brookside Village Homes Association
PO Box 87326, Canton, MI 48187-1536
(734) 448-1312

E-mail us at: brooksidesubdivision@yahoo.com
Website: www.brooksidevillage.wordpress.com

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!



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 5, 2023
2:00:00 am

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 or call (734) 448-1312, leave your name, phone number along with your email address and someone will contact you regarding your participation.

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

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

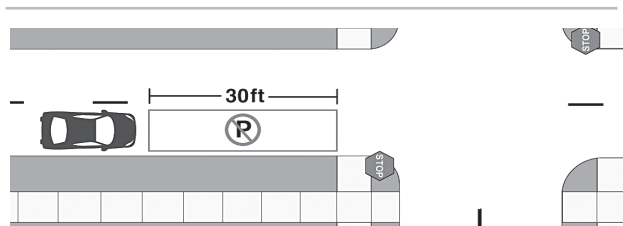
FALL LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, AND MULCH

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!



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.**

LOW-HANGING TREE LIMBS

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.

2023-2024 HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no yard waste, recycling, or trash pickup on Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day. Residents whose collection date falls on the 23th (that's us!) will have their collection on Friday, November 24. **Please note, our subdivision's last curbside residential yard waste pick-up will be on Thursday, December 14, and will not resume until April 2024.**

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

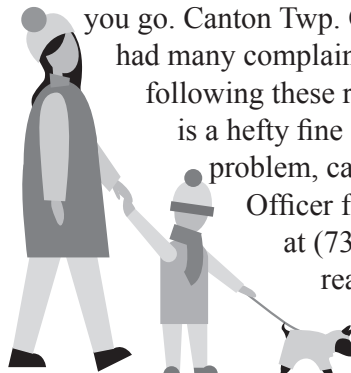
NATURAL TREES will be picked up on your regular trash day during the **FIRST TWO WEEKS IN JANUARY.** Please don't dump them in the subdivision common areas/easements.



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!**



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

PR PREFERRED REALTORS Ltd
Your Real Estate Connection

Cell: (734) 516-1336

Office: (734) 392-6040

bobolson@preferredrealtorsltd.com

- Your Neighbor & Real Estate Specialist •
- Serving Brookside since 1979 •
- Your HOA Director for 14 Years •

Recipient of the 2018 International Diamond Society Award
Top Agent for the 2nd & 4th Quarter in 2022

BROOKSIDE VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving**
Waste pick-up delayed one day

Thursday, Dec. 14 **Last Day For Yard Waste**



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. 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!

NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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.



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