

Arbor Hills Newsletter



Fall 2005



Arbor Hills Annual Meeting October 27th at Clague Middle School Library at 6:30 pm !!!!

Be sure to **cast your vote** at our Annual Meeting. Don't miss this important event. It is your opportunity to be heard on neighborhood issues. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to place your proxy vote for new board members with Select Management. You will receive a ballot in the mail soon!

Many items will be on the Agenda that are important for neighbors to discuss and vote upon. Most importantly, we will need a **quorum** (35% of the households) in attendance/or in proxies to validate our meeting, so use your proxy if needed! We will be discussing and voting on the following items:

- Nominees for 3 open AH Board positions
- Wetland inspection results and responsibilities
- Neighborhood survey results
- Street lighting cost analysis
- Road Maintenance and impact on budget
- Neighborhood inspection results
- 2006 Budget Plan
- Open items
- Others?????

Halloween Parade

Please join in the fun for our annual Halloween Parade on October xxth at xx p.m. Children will meet at the park dressed in spooky costumes and will walk around the neighborhood with treats to follow!

Trick or Treat!

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day. A few things to remember about this special night were found on <http://www.halloween-safety.com>.

- ⚠ Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof; the eyeholes should be large enough for good peripheral vision and not too long to trip over when running.
- ⚠ If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way...
- ⚠ Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- ⚠ Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.
- ⚠ Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them.
- ⚠ The best bet is to make sure that an adult is going with them. If you can't take them, see if another parent or a teen-aged sibling can go along.
- ⚠ Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties, school or mall functions.
- ⚠ Make sure you set a time that they should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time.
- ⚠ Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun but they need to know the other side of the coin as well, clean up and damages can ruin Halloween. If they are caught vandalizing, make them clean up the mess they've made.

BOO!

Neighborhood Guidelines

You may now access a copy of the neighborhood guidelines at: www.arbor-hills.com

Safety Concerns

We had a recent report that hot embers were found near our park bushes and trees. Please keep your eyes open for this, fires are not allowed in our parks for obvious safety reasons. Another concern recently reported was the theft of a few evergreen bushes from our front entrance landscaping. If anyone has seen suspicious activity, please report it to the city police. It takes all of us to keep the neighborhood safe!

Management Company

Please direct all your phone calls and concerns to Dave Wilson at Select Community Management and not to previous or current Board Members. Dave's contact information is as follows:

Dave Wilson
Select Community Management, Inc.
2455 South Industrial, Suite A
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
(734) 663-1900 ext 230

This information as well as an interactive on-line report for problems such as burned out street lights can be found at the Arbor Hills web site at:

www.arbor-hills.com

Note: Please do not contact the management company regarding power and water outages. You should direct those concerns to DTE and the City of Ann Arbor.



Street Light Situation

The board compared many options for maintaining our neighborhood streetlights. The conclusion of the analysis was that the most cost effective method for street lighting is keeping the current poles and repairing them as needed. The board would like to recommend however, that the two front entrance light poles be changed out to more attractive models in the upcoming year, budget permitting. This topic will be discussed further at the annual meeting on October 27th.

Board Members Needed!

Would you like to join the Arbor Hills board? At our upcoming Annual Meeting there will be a vote to fill 3 open board positions. If you are interested in being or naming a candidate, please obtain an application from Select Management at the Arbor Hills website.

E-Mail Call Again!

Please be sure to notify Select Management of any email address or phone number changes. It keeps our database up to date.

Pets

Thank you to all of the pet owners who are now leashing their pets and cleaning up after them. We all appreciate it!

Alteration Modification Forms

If you would like to make any modifications to the exterior of your property, please complete an Alteration / Modification form. These are available at the Arbor Hills web site at www.arbor-hills.com or from the Management Company. Prior approval is required before you begin any construction and this includes items such as awnings for your deck and any changes to the your ground topography that impacts you or your neighbor's drainage and the wetlands or common areas.

Editorial

The publishing of this newsletter is the responsibility of the Arbor Hills Board of Directors. Each Board member takes a turn at writing it with the content approved by the full Board

The topics covered in this issue are selected because of their relevance to our neighborhood and they are derived from already established by-laws, polices, or guidelines.

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