

Arbor Hills Newsletter

Summer 2006



SUMMER

Color has exploded everywhere the eye can see;

Summer is smiling down on us wherever we may be.

Gentle breezes, refreshing rain, and the dancing sun take

Part In giving earth the summer touch - tonic for the heart.

Joan Adams Burchell

Arbor Hills Summer Picnic!

Mark your calendar for **August 26th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm** for our annual summer neighborhood picnic in the park. Come and enjoy time with the many families here in our subdivision. We will have kids activities and sports events. As always, we will have a potluck table. Please bring the following to the picnic per your street name guide below:

Streets

Cromwell and Earlmore
Dunwoodie Rd, Buckhorn
Kilburn Park Circle
Ashburnum, Bayswater
Aldwych, Strand, Elsinore Cts

Dish to Pass

Salads
Casseroles
Casseroles
Desserts
Desserts

See You There!



Friendly Reminders

- Please remember to keep your garbage cans out of sight (in the garage) and not at the front or the side of the house.
- Mow your lawn at regular intervals so we can keep the neighborhood looking nice.

- If you are installing a radon exhaust, please submit an alteration modification form to Select Management. Our guidelines require that it be painted the same color as the siding.
- Please **NO STREET PLAY!** Let's keep our kids safe! This includes removing any basketball goals and toys from the common areas.

Neighborhood/Community Updates

- Pond areas will be treated with an environmentally safe bacteria treatment in July.
- Streets were cleaned mid June.
- Playing surface in our park is still under investigation.
- Street pole painting is underway. Some follow up work is still needed. Thank you for your patience.
- Visit the a2gov.org website to learn more about the recent park millage meeting held June 26th.

A Few Tips for Saving on Your Summer Energy Bills

Use ceiling fans wisely. Ceiling fans create enough air movement in a room to make it feel cooler by four degrees or more. They use only about as much energy as a 100-watt light bulb

Install a programmable thermostat. Set your programmable thermostat to 85 degrees when you are away during the day, and 80 degrees when you are home. Don't forget to turn the system off when you leave for the weekend.

Replace your air conditioning filters once a month. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the coil in your air conditioner to freeze up significantly increasing energy use. Saving up to 5% of cooling costs. Remember to keep your air conditioner outside unit clear. Air must be able to circulate freely around your air conditioner's outside unit. Keep the area around it clear of weeds and debris. Get a tune-up because an improperly charged air conditioner uses significantly more energy than one that is properly charged. Have a licensed heating and air conditioner contractor service your system.

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Install a whole house fan. A whole house fan is permanently installed in your attic and draws cool air into your home through the windows and forces hot air out through your attic vents. These are used after sundown when the outside temperature drops below 80 degrees and in the early morning.

*For more energy saving tips, visit
<http://resources.ca.gov/tips.html>*

Arbor Hills Board Meetings

The AH board meets every other month. Any homeowner is welcome to attend during our upcoming May, July, September, meetings. The upcoming meetings will be held in our park weather permitting. Contact Select Community Management for exact dates and times.

Summer Projects?

If your summer project list includes altering the exterior of your home or yard, you need to submit an **alteration modification form** to Select Management. Contact information is below. Please check the Arbor Hills by-laws for regulations and guideline at www.arbor-hills.com

Management Company

Please direct all your phone calls and concerns to our new representative, Joe Schuirmann, at Select Community Management and not to previous or current Board Members. Joe's contact information is as follows:

Joe Schuirmann
Select Community Management, Inc.
2455 South Industrial, Suite A
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
(734) 663-1900 ext 232

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

Thank you!

Recipe Corner

Mexican Chicken Salad

From [Linda Larsen](http://busycooks.about.com), from <http://busycooks.about.com>
INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 1-1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 whole chicken breasts, skinned, boned, and cut into 2" strips
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 16 oz. pkg. frozen corn
- 1 cup chopped plum tomatoes
- 15 oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 green onions, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 10 oz. pkg. lettuce mix
- 2 avocados, peeled and chopped
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 3 cups slightly crushed blue corn tortilla chips
- 1 cup sour cream
- 10 oz. jar thick and chunky salsa

PREPARATION:

For dressing, combine vinegar, honey, cumin, salt, and pepper and mix well; set aside.

Heat oil in 12" skillet. Sprinkle chicken with garlic salt, then saute in pan until no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

Combine cooked chicken, corn, tomatoes, black beans, onions, and red peppers in large bowl. Stir in dressing. Chill at least 1 hour. (I prepare it up to this point and chill until the next day.)

When ready to eat, combine chicken mixture with lettuce. Serve along with avocados, cheese, tortilla chips, sour cream and salsa. Each diner garnishes his own salad as desired. Serves 6 to 8

Enjoy!