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The latest information and happenings in our community

A Quarterly Newsletter

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The neighborhood Board of Directors needs candidates for the upcoming fall elections at the Annual Arbor Hills Meeting.

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Ash Tree Removal

In the early summer, the Board members did a walkaround of the Neighborhood. During this survey, more than 15 dead ash trees of significant size were identified for removal from the common areas. These include trees threatening structures and trees with the potential to block roadways and sidewalks if they were to fall. A request for bids was sent out and responses have been received. This work is expected to be done sometime in the very near future so be on the lookout for workers cutting the trees and also for partial street blockages while the trees are safely removed. Thanks!

Electronic Payments

Automatic electronic payments for dues are available! Further information and a form for setup is available on the website:

<http://www.arbor-hills.com/dues.php>

Ann Arbor School Times and Bus Stops

Believe it or not, the end of the summer is almost here. This also means our children will be going back to school! Ann Arbor Public Schools open for students on **Tuesday, September 2nd.**

Huron High School, (734) 994-2040, hours are 7:40 am – 3:29 pm.

Clague Middle School, (734) 994-1976, hours are 8:10 am – 2:56 pm.

Thurston Elementary School, (734) 994-1970, hours are 8:48 am – 3:42 pm.

Huron High School students will be picked up at 6:57 am on the corner of Kilburn Park Circle & Dunwoodie on Bus Number 81.

Clague Middle School students will be picked up at 7:38 am on the corner of Kilburn Park Circle & Dunwoodie Road on bus number 87.

Thurston Elementary students will be picked up at 8:35 am on the corner of Kilburn Park Circle & Dunwoodie Road on bus Number 92 and the same bus on the corner of Buckhorn Court and Kilburn Park Circle at 8:39 am. A third

stop will be at Kilburn Park Circle & Strand Court on bus Number 118 at 8:30 am. Any questions or concerns, please call Transportation at (734) 994-2330.

Neighborhood Annual Picnic

Saturday August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Kilburn Park

It's time for the Annual Picnic! Please come and join your neighbors for a relaxing and fun-filled afternoon in the park. There will be raffle prizes for those who attend (presence required) and also a large air-filled bouncing gym for the kids. Neighbors attending should bring a dish to pass, as follows:

Street	Dish
Cromwell, Earlmoore & Buckhorn	Side Dish or Casserole
Dunwoodie & Ashburnam	Hors d'oeuvres & Appetizers
Kilburn, Aldwych & Bayswater	Chips & Dip
Strand & Elsinore	Dessert

Arbor Hills Website:

www.arbor-hills.com

Association Board Contact:

www.arbor-hills.com/mail.php

Select Community Management

www.thecondopros.com

AH Committees

Did you know that our Neighborhood has several volunteer committees? The Association is always looking for volunteers to work on any of the following committees: **Landscaping, Social, Welcome** and **Newsletter**. Perhaps you don't feel that you have enough time to be a Board member, but still want to help out in some way. Fresh volunteers are always welcome! The committee members decide upon their own meeting schedule, identify areas for improvement in the Neighborhood and make recommendations to the Board. An excellent example of the results of this process is the front entrance landscaping done this past fall. This project was completely handled by the Landscaping committee and their recommendation was accepted by the Board. The Welcome committee is responsible for developing welcoming materials for new residents as well as actively going out and greeting new residents, which committee members have been doing. The Social committee is responsible for organizing such things as the Annual Picnic, the various holiday parades and similar. And the Newsletter committee is responsible for the production of the newsletter, including writing articles and distributing the final product. There is plenty to do, so please contact the Board via the website to volunteer!

Roadwork

Huron Parkway at Nixon Road Project

The reconstruction of the intersection at Huron Parkway and Nixon Road has been scheduled to commence in 2009. This project will replace the current 4-way stop sign, in favor of a traffic circle or "roundabout." This new traffic control feature will certainly affect access to Arbor Hills both during and after construction. Details on the project can be found at the City's website. From their home page at www.a2gov.org, search for "Nixon" or "Huron Parkway" and you should find the project site.

Looking for Neighborhood Board Candidates

Our neighborhood Board of Directors is looking for people interested in providing input to help manage our community. This year in October at the Annual Meeting, two board positions are up for election. If you are interested in becoming an election candidate for the Arbor Hills Board of Directors, please fill out a candidate information form from the website, <http://www.arbor-hills.com/meetings/ah-nomination.pdf> and mail or fax it to Select Community Management.



Ann Arbor City Stormwater Rates

Recently, the City of Ann Arbor implemented a new stormwater rate as part of our city water bill. Part of this rate is determined each homeowner's "impervious area." From the City: "*A computer analysis of infrared aerial photographs was used to distinguish hard, impervious surfaces in contrast to areas that absorb stormwater, such as lawns and gardens. The computer program assigns each residential property into one of four billing tiers to more equitably distribute costs proportional to use instead of using a flat fee.*" It is a good idea for each homeowner to check the City's assessment of impervious area for errors; features such as decks, planting beds with woodchips, or areas that were in shadow when the aerial photo was taken. Details and instructions can be found on the City's website at www.a2gov.org and click "My Property Information" - The tab to look at is "Storm Water" and then click on the "Click Here" for details of your assessment. The process is easy to do, but does take about 8 weeks for the City to respond.

New Library Branch

The new Ann Arbor Public Library branch is open! The Traverwood Branch is located at the corner of Huron Parkway and Traverwood Drive. It is a welcome replacement for the old branch and well worth visiting!

Open Board Meetings

The August, October and December Association Board meetings are open to all. Please contact the management company if you are interested in attending, and also to submit an item for the meeting agenda if you would like to speak on a particular topic.

Alteration & Modification

It is important to remember that for any summer construction you may wish to do, or any exterior modifications to your property, submission of a Alteration/Modification form to Select Management and the approval of the request is required prior to starting any work.

Contractor Corner

A list of Neighbor-recommended contractors can be found on the website, under the Permits section.

Maintenance

Is a street light out? Do you know of any problems in the common areas, or are you aware of any maintenance issues such as areas not being mowed or similar? These are all issues that should be reported to our management company, Select Community Management. On the Arbor Hills website, you can find links to the forms for reporting such things: <http://www.arbor-hills.com/management.php> or via telephone at (734) 663-1900.

Arbor Hills Community Web Site:

www.arbor-hills.com

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