



Shadow Woods Newsletter

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Fall 2005

Shadow Woods Halloween Party

Come join us for some great Halloween fun! Children in costume are invited to march in our parade (Parents are welcome in the parade also). The fire department will be sending a fire truck to lead a short parade (provided there are no fires) on Timberline. The parade will begin and end at Keystone park. After the parade there will be crafts, snacks and games. If you'd like to donate decorated cupcakes for our party's popular cupcake walk, please call Eileen Mullin at 375-5645. You may also make a small cash donation for future sub parties at the Halloween party

Date: **Saturday, October 29**

Time: **11:45 - 2:00** (Parade starts at 12:00)

Place: **Keystone Park** (Timberline & Keystone)



Please **RSVP** by October 28 through the website at Shadowwoods.com or call Karen at 248-375-1354. If calling, please leave your name and the number of adults and children who will be attending.

Annual Subdivision Meeting

All residents are invited to attend the Shadow Woods subdivision meeting. This year the meeting will be located at 2789 Winter Park on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00. This annual meeting is mandated by our subdivision by-laws, and gives every resident the opportunity to meet the board, ask questions and voice their opinion regarding subdivision operations.

An annual report and ballot will be mailed to your home at the end of October with complete information on the expenses and operations of Shadow Woods for 2005.

Capital Improvements Committee

This year we have decided to limit spending and save the capital improvement money for work that will be required when our roads are replaced. I have been working with Dave Reese on cleaning up our inner islands and planting of flowers for our entrances. Also weeding entrances, inner islands and sprinkler repair.

Please vote YES for our roads this November.

In my opinion we have no choice. Either a yes vote or there will be a special assessment placed on all of us in Shadow Woods for new Roads.

Thank you, Al Wolfe

- **Subdivision Board**
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Maintenance Committee News——Dave Reese, Maintenance

As a cost saving measure, in 2004 we entered a three year agreement with United Lawnscape, Inc. of Shelby Township. This contract gave us the same rate for 2004 that we had the previous year. We had a 3% increase in 2005 but this rate remains the same for 2006. The contracted services include mowing, trimming, edging, fertilization and weed/crab grass control of grassy areas. They also provide for trimming, feeding, insect control and pruning of trees and shrub areas. We have contracted with MCA Landscaping, the company that plants and maintains the flowers at our entrances, for weed control and weed removal in all mulched common areas to maintain an attractive appearance, Due to the dry conditions during the late summer and fall, lawn cutting for some weeks was unnecessary and therefore skipped.

We had to have some major tree trimming work done recently to the willow trees in our commons areas and to a large tree that fell and blocked the nature path in our woods. We also had to have a dead Ash tree and its stump removed.

We had favorable comments from residents regarding our holiday lighting last year. We will be contracting with the same company again this year for the holiday lighting at our entrances

Holiday Decorating Contest

Don't forget to turn on your holiday lights for the decorating contest taking place **Sunday, December 11 at 6 PM**. All homes are entered in the contest. You do not need to be home during judging. Judges are non-Shadow Woods residents. Judging will be based on creativity, color, eye appeal and use of theme.



Yard signs

Contractors who post signs in the neighborhood advertising work they have done don't realize that these signs detract from our lovely neighborhood and are not very appealing. Please be advised that the only yard signs permitted in our subdivision are those for elections or those offering your home for sale. The signs for window companies, gutter companies or craft shows, etc are a violation of our deed restrictions and should not be displayed.



Thank You

Rochester Hills Herald

Be on the lookout for the Rochester Hills Herald, for news and info on the Road Millage it should be in your mailbox about October 10th.

CHECK OUR FANTASTIC WEBSITE

Please check out our newly updated shadowwoods.com regularly to find subdivision-related news on the home page. Our website also show you how to contact Sub Board members, has a resident directory, includes our by-laws, deed restrictions, and links to websites for our community. This website is created and maintained by our own Eileen Mullin. If you haven't seen it you're really missing something.



Letter From the President

Dear Residents,

As a result of the failure of the road millage passing in last November's election, several Shadow Woods residents attended the annual meeting to voice their concern and see what could be done. That was the beginning of a citizen's committee called ROAR—Repair Our Aging Roads.

This committee has roots in Shadow Woods but worked closely with residents throughout the city and with city hall to come up with a better millage proposal for November 8, 2005. This 10-year millage begins at 1.5 mills and increases slightly each year by .33 mills for five years until it reaches a maximum of 2.75 mills. This is less than what was requested in the last election. It is a 10-year millage dedicated to local roads and will also restore snow plowing to previous levels.

No one wants to pay more taxes, and indeed, Rochester Hills has the third lowest tax rate in Oakland County. Our City Charter was written with a small General Fund tax, only 3.1 mills, and does not provide the city with enough revenue to reconstruct our aging roads. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Shadow Woods. Our roads are not only detrimental to our property values they are a safety hazard. Therefore, it is in our best interest to vote yes on the November 8 millage for roads and urge other homeowners throughout the city to do the same. After all, who's to say their roads won't look like ours in five years? And don't forget, if our roads get bad enough, the city can legally make us a Special Assessment District, or SAD, which would require homeowners to pay the full amount of the reconstruction. It seems much more fair to spread the cost over the entire city. If you'd like more information, please email supportroads@aol.com.

Gwen Hilton
President

Classified Ads

Ads will run for approximately four months on the web site and for one newsletter. To place an ad or to renew a previous ad please visit the shadowwoods.com website.

Update your important Memories. We transfer VCR and Camcorder tapes to “digital” DVDs. Call 375-3225 for more details and pricing

Need a Cake for a special occasion? Contact Michelle and Hillary 375-4605

Free Rocks We have 20 Cu Ft of 1-2' rocks. Misc. granite yours for the taking. I will containerize and you take away. Great for landscaping, French drains etc. Call Eileen at 375-5645

Thank You!

Special thanks to Linda Brown and Keith Kreager (both Shadow Woods residents) for sponsoring our subdivision Halloween party! Linda is an Accredited Tax Advisor and Accredited Business Accountant. Her business is Linda M. Brown Accounting.



Just Moved In?

If you are new to our subdivision and haven't yet received your “New Neighbor” welcome packet, please give Terry Lanker a call at 375-0509. Terry will drop off this handy packet of subdivision-related information packed inside a Shadow Woods coffee mug.

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