



Shadow Woods Newsletter

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Winter/Spring 2003

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2003 Annual Assessment Invoices

The 2003 SWSA annual dues invoices were mailed March 1, 2003. This invoice for \$114.00 will be due on or before April 30, 2003. Membership in the Association is mandatory. No property owner is exempt.

As printed in the Shadow Woods 2002 Annual Report To Membership dated October 8, 2002, *"The Board has approved a 2003 dues assessment of \$114.00. This assessment will allow us to afford ongoing general operations. The Association By-Laws provide that the Board of Directors may increase dues by 5% from the level authorized for the previous year. The Board has approved such an increase in authorized (maximum) due from \$109 to \$114 for 2003."*

-- Submitted by Sue Slates, Dues & Assessments

Lien Activity

The SWSA filed six liens in the Oakland County court system against property owners who failed to pay their 2002 annual dues. Besides owing the \$109.00 assessment, filing fees of \$18 were added. Interest is accruing as of 5/01/2002. Per SWSA By-Laws, all monies must be paid in order to discharge the lien.

As of 3/17/2003, total lien amount outstanding from 1989 thru 2002 is \$2,892.36.

-- Submitted by Sue Slates, Dues & Assessments

Just Moved In?

If you are new to our subdivision and haven't yet received your "New Neighbor" welcome packet, please give John Macumber a call at 375-0064. John will drop off this handy packet of subdivision-related information packed inside a Shadow Woods coffee mug.

Subdivision Garage Sale

The annual Shadow Woods Garage Sale will take place May 1-4. We'll take care of the advertising, and the placing of large signs near our entrances. Participation is voluntary, and you can participate any days and/or times that are convenient for you. The advertised sale times will be 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Shadow Woods Streets

The city is writing the budget for 2004 and as of now they won't be taking the money out of the general fund, as they have in the past, to rebuild the streets of Rochester Hills. We are still inline to have our streets rebuilt in 2005, but the dollars are not there, so more then likely they will not be done. The city is working on ways of putting this issue to a citywide vote. Since there is no money, they will patch the streets the best that they can.

-- Submitted by Al Wofe, Capital Improvements



Spring Cleanup 2003

The sub-division spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd from 10 AM to Noon (Rain date is Sunday, May 4th at 1 PM).

Residents, we all really need to pitch in and help. Lets work together and make Shadow Woods a place where we can be proud to live. Volunteers can meet their area captains as follows:

Area: North Retention
Captain: Beth Tilove
Meet @: Under the willow trees along Brewster
Phone: 375-1309

Area: South Retention
Captain: Dan Wallace
Meet @: Winter Park entrance to the south commons, near 2675 Winter Park
Phone: 375-9679

Area: Brewster Bike Path
Captain: Lois Engelbrecht
Meet @: Hidden Valley entrance at Brewster
Phone: 375-0301

Area: Tienken Bike Path
Captains: Champ & Jeanette Bowden
Meet @: Timberline entrance at Tienken
Phone: 375-9510

Area: Keystone Park and Timberline Islands
Captain: Jan Harries
Meet @: Timberline Island near 624 Timberline
Phone: 375-2232

Area: Adams Bike Path and Big Tree Island
Captain: TBD
Meet @: Adams and Powderhorn Ridge entrance

Trash bags will be provided; any item too large for bagging should be placed at roadside for collection. Anyone willing to captain the group at the Adams and Powderhorn Ridge entrance is encouraged to call Terry Lanker at 375-0509.

As homeowners we are all responsible for maintaining the common areas in the subdivision. Weekly care is performed by outside contractors, but the "Spring Cleanup" is our annual opportunity to prepare these areas for regular maintenance.

-- Submitted by Terry Lanker, Maintenance

Hazardous Waste

Rochester-area residents will finally have a safe and reliable drop-off spot for their hazardous waste this summer. The North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste Inter-local Program will schedule 12 collections this year with a one-way travel time by car expected to be 30 minutes or less for most residents. The first collection is scheduled for May 3.

The collection sites will accept almost any type of household waste, including oil-based paints, photo chemicals, batteries and aerosol cans. Medical waste, asbestos, explosives or radioactive devices such as fire alarms will not be accepted.

Residents will need to call ahead and make an appointment before visiting a collection site. The county will provide a reservation phone number along with a Web site to gather more information sometime in the next few weeks.

Entrance Improvements Planned

We are planning on upgrading the two Powderhorn Ridge entrances at Adams and Brewster. The plans are in the design stage now. We will be keeping some things and replacing others. We will remove the mugo pines and over-grown shrubs on the large island on Powderhorn near Adams, leaving the large pines. The work will be done early this spring.

-- Submitted by Al Wolfe, Capital Improvements

Lead Levels

The Detroit Free Press ran a series in January on the high levels of lead that abound in the soil of Detroit and the metro area. They took samples of various locations in Oakland County. One of the locations they tested was the Karam residence in Shadow Woods. The amounts of lead found in the soil were very low, and in fact were among the lowest levels the Free Press found during this study. A link to the full article is available from www.shadowwoods.com.



Letter from the President

Dear Residents,

As I'm writing this column on Valentine's Day, I can only hope that the weather starts getting a little warmer soon! I feel like we've been in the deep freeze since November!

Even though the holidays have come and gone, I'd like to congratulate our three home decorating contest winners. They managed to get out between the snowflakes to decorate their homes for all of us to enjoy. Many thanks to Tracy Dreslinski for organizing that contest. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday lights at three of our entrances this year. I thought they looked great, although we had some problems with our electrical plugs which caused the lights to go out from time-to-time. Many thanks to John Macumber for working with the company to install the lights.

We've had a couple of new developments on the board. First, Steve Heinemann had to step down from his capital improvements position due to work demands. We're very sorry to see Steve leave and wish him the best. His enthusiasm and innovation were much appreciated. We are, however, very lucky to have current board member Al Wolfe assume Steve's old position. Al had been our safety and security chair. Knowing Al, he will do an excellent job as capital improvements chair. He has decided to make entrance improvement his priority.

Tracy Dreslinski, our communications chair, has also decided that the demands of family and work are making it too difficult for her to continue in her position. Tracy has been instrumental in making our website, www.shadowwoods.com, a state-of-the-art website. I am very proud that we have this communication tool, and I thank Tracy for all her hard work. Tracy has, in fact, offered to continue doing the website for us. Best of luck to you, Tracy.

So now, we are short two board members. As usual, I am asking for new people to step up and become involved in their neighborhood. It's a fulfilling opportunity to shape your very own community. If you're interested, please call me at 375-5159.

I'll close for now. In the meantime, try to stay warm. Health and happiness to all.

Sincerely,

Gwen Hilton

Holiday Decorating Contest

Shadow Woods was shining brightly Sunday, December 15 during the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. There were many beautifully decorated homes to choose, but three homes stood out in the eyes of our judges. Let's congratulate the following winners:

Dave & Sue Wing 2776 Winter Park

Mark & Lisa Rosenberg 2862 Powderhorn

Richard & Barbara Sislo 2510 Powderhorn

Each home received a \$25 gift certificate to The Village of Rochester Hills mall. Thanks to all who participated, and for helping make our subdivision look so festive.