



# Shadow Woods Newsletter

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Spring 2004

## Subdivision Board

### Officers:

President:

Gwen Hilton  
375-5159

Vice President:

Terry Lanker  
375-0509

Secretary:

Patricia Mitchell  
375-5469

Treasurer:

Linda Brown  
375-0596

### Committees:

Pat Banaszek  
375-5683

Capital Improvements

Al Wolfe  
375-1706

Communication

Karen Childers  
375-1354

Safety and Security

Brian Holt  
375-9487

Maintenance:

David Reese  
375-1609

## Spring Cleanup 2004

The subdivision spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st from 10 AM to Noon. (Rain date is Sunday, May 2nd at 1 PM). Please come together with your neighbors and make our subdivision even a more beautiful place to live.

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

| Area                                 | Captain                    | Assemble Point   | Phone    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------|
| North Retention                      | Beth Tilove                | Under the willow trees along Brewster                            | 375-1309 |
| South Retention                      | Heidi / Gwen Hilton        | Winter Park entrance to the south commons, near 2675 Winter Park | 375-5159 |
| Brewster Bike Path                   | Joe & Renee                | Hidden Valley entrance at Brewster                               | 375-0705 |
| Tienken Bike Path                    | Champ & Jeanette           | Timberline entrance at Tienken                                   | 375-9510 |
| Keystone Park and Timberline Islands | Michael & Michelle Gibbons | Keystone Park entrance on Timberline                             | 375-2199 |
| Adams Bike Path and Big Tree Island  | Laurie Mueller             | Adams and Powderhorn Ridge entrance                              | 375-9943 |

Trash bags will be provided; any item too large for bagging should be placed at roadside for collection. Anyone with questions regarding the spring cleanup can call Dave Reese at 375-1609.

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. If not properly maintained, the City may clean up these areas and bill all the Shadow Woods Residents for the work. Please consider putting on your

## Subdivision Garage Sale

The annual Shadow Woods Garage Sale will take place Thursday May 6 - 8. Large signs will be placed near the entrances and sale times will be advertised in the local paper as 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. Participation is voluntary and you can participate any days and/or times that are convenient.



## Mail Theft

There have been incidents of mail theft in Shadow Woods Subdivision. Multiple residents have reported that outgoing mail left in the mailbox was stolen. Stealing mail is a method criminals use to gain information for identity theft. The police urge residents to avoid leaving outgoing mail in the mailbox and take it to the post office instead.

## Subdivision Easter Egg Hunt

It was a beautiful sunny day for the annual Shadow Woods Easter Egg Hunt. Eighty children searched for over 800 candy filled eggs and had a chance to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to following volunteers who helped out: Tracy Dreslinski, Eileen Mullin and Robbin Ouimet. Also a big thanks to our sponsors Steve Heinemann and Marie Stoico.



## Grounds Maintenance

The SWSA board has renewed the contract with United Landscape of Shelby Township to provide all of our grounds maintenance. United Landscape is offering Shadow Woods residents a discounted rate for individual lawn maintenance of **\$23 per cut to each resident**. This service includes weekly lawn maintenance using residential size walk behind lawn mowers (better than in previous years), trimming, edging of walks and drives, and removal of clippings from walkways.

Their fertilization programs offer granular applications which include a spring pre-emergent green-up, summer weed and feed, summer slow-release, fall feeding, and spot applications of liquid weed control as needed. The 6 application program is offered at the **reduced price of \$32.00 per application**. If you are interested in either of these programs, contact United Landscape at 586-739-5296 and be sure to mention that you are a Shadow Woods resident.

If you have any questions or concerns about United Landscape's work you may: talk to the foreman on duty, call Dave Reese, SWSA Board Member at 248-375-1609, or call Pete from United Landscape at 586-615-1777

## Letter to the Editor

Opinions expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the Shadow Woods Subdivision Association

Dear Residents and Citizens,

Spring is in the air and the usual armada of True Green and Chemlawn trucks are bound to be shortly on its heels. We are a compassionate, intelligent, and informed community that has the ability, luxury, and duty to affect our surroundings in positive not negative ways. As humans and citizens I beg you to strongly consider the impact of inorganic fertilizers, pesticides and lawn "care" products on our surroundings, families, and general well-being, and to reconsider your use of these products.

Ask yourself some simple questions:

*If your water were drawn from a well in your backyard would you still use chemicals on your yard?*

*Is it ethical to deliberately release non-beneficial and in many cases truly toxic chemicals into the environment? Furthermore, is it ethical to do this for a greener lawn?*

*How much of your lawn care practices are aimed at keeping up with the Jones's?*

*Why do you think that the company is called CHEM-lawn?*

These are simple but fundamental questions that many have either failed to address, or have been afraid to tackle for fear of being the only one with a not-so-emerald green lawn.

I understand that intensive lawn cutting regimens can sap the life from grass and make "necessary" the use of additives and pesticides, but think of what you are really doing. In many cases you may be investing time and money in mowing your lawn that ultimately forces you to spend even more time and money controlling the damage done. Consider cutting your lawn to a slightly higher length, thus mitigating the need for unnecessary chemicals.

You can benefit all of our lives and save a bunch of money by using a mulching mower mulching mower blade, and/or turning your copious kitchen and lawn scraps into a safer, more balanced, and more effective fertilizer by composting. Composting for lawns of our size requires only a 3 foot cube and a very small investment of time and energy. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support!

Sincerest regards,

Steven M Brown  
842 Timberline Drive  
Questions or comments?  
Steven@stevenbrownfinearts.net

## Letter From the President

Dear Residents,

Spring finally seems to be just around the corner and we've managed (so far) to escape winter's grasp without any ice storm damage to our subdivision this year! Although November seems ages ago I'd like to mention our annual subdivision meeting here, since we haven't had a newsletter since then.

Thanks, in part, to my last article in the newsletter requesting that our residents attend the meeting and offer some support, we had standing room only at the meeting. All of the residents who attended left their email addresses so that we could stay in contact with them. One of the visitors, Dave Reese, joined the board on the spot and has become our maintenance chairperson. He's already acclimated himself to the board and is busy planning the spring cleanup. Dave is already a tremendous asset to our group.

With Dave taking over the responsibilities for maintenance, that left Terry Lanker available to become chairperson of the neighborhood committee. This committee is one of our most important because the committee is responsible for deed restriction violations and general questions that arise in our subdivision. Terry has been on the board long enough for me to know that he is the perfect person for this job. He is thorough and fair and conscientious—pretty much like all of our board members.

We have one more change on the board, and it is with regret that I accepted the resignation of Sue Slates. Sue did an outstanding job as the treasurer's committee for many years, handling the dues mailings and collections as well as filing any necessary liens. Her diligence brought money into our budget that might have been overlooked otherwise. We wish her the best.

As a result of Sue's resignation, two board members, Patricia Mitchell and Linda Brown are sharing the treasurer's committee responsibilities between them for the time being. Inasmuch as we've all received our invoices for 2004 dues, I'd say they're doing a fine job. At this time we would like to welcome our newest board member, Pat Banaszek, who just joined the board recently. We look forward to working with her.

I want to thank those folks who did attend the annual meeting for their interest level. I'd also like to thank those of you who call and/or email the board with questions, complaints, suggestions, etc. It means that you understand that a group of people is available to try to help solve subdivision-related problems. We appreciate the feedback and hope that we can be of some assistance.

With that, I'll close. Here's wishing all of you an enjoyable spring and summer season.

Sincerely,

Gwen Hilton

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### Holiday decorating contest Winners

Congratulations to holiday decorating contest winners!

2700 Broadmoor - Art and Lillie Williams

2776 Winter Park - David and Suzanne Wing

402 Timberline - Robert and Janice Tazzioli

Winners received a \$25 gift certificate good for any merchant at the Village of Rochester Hills

## Classified Ads

Ads will now run for approximately four months on the web site and for one newsletter. To place an ad or to renew a previous ad please call Karen Childers at 375-1354, or visit the shadowwoods.com website.

**Avon Representative and Beauty Advisor:** Contact Donna at 248-601-0271 or [avondonna@myway.com](mailto:avondonna@myway.com)

**Babysitting:** Very responsible 13 year old to babysit. Has a lot of experience with 2 younger siblings (10 and 3). Available after school and weekends. Taken CPR classes and Crittenton Safe Babysitter Class. SWSA references available. [dreslinski@comcast.net](mailto:dreslinski@comcast.net)

**Babysitting:** Hi, I am 10 years old and trying to earn money so I can buy my own piano. I can mow, weed, rake, clean your garage, wash windows, walk your dog, or do most any odd job you can think of.

**Bunko:** Looking for women interested in playing Bunko once a month. Call Kathy Pietrosky at 248-375-1353.

**Social committee members are needed!** It would be great to have a neighborhood summer picnic. However, for events like this to happen, residents need to volunteer to help.. Please contact Karen at 375-1354 if you would like to help the social committee plan and organize future events.

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## Garbage Collection

Waste Management provides special pricing for trash collection in our neighborhood. Be sure to indicate that you are a Shadow Woods resident when calling 248-374-6599.

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## 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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