

# Shadow Woods Newsletter

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Spring 2008

#### Subdivision Board

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# **Shadow Woods Easter Egg Hunt**

Egg-citing things are happening again in Shadow Woods! The subdivision Easter party is planned for Sunday, March 16. Due to the holiday falling in late March, our annual event is early! Please note that the party will likely be brief due to the weather conditions we typically experience this time of year.

Date: Sunday, March 16th

Time: I p.m.

Place: Keystone Park (Timberline & Keystone)

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 13 at www.shadowwoods.com or call Stacey at 248-375-1593. If calling, please leave your name and the number of children who will be attending. Special thanks to Beth Andreshak for leading up this year's event!

# Spring Clean Up 2008

Spring brings hope, renewal and the subdivision's annual Spring Clean Up. Please plan to join fellow residents on Saturday, April 26th (rain date is Sunday, April 27th) from 10 a.m. until noon in working together to tidy-up the neighborhood. As homeowners, we are responsible for maintaining the common areas in the subdivision. Although weekly seasonal care is performed by outside contractors, the annual spring clean up is integral for preparing these areas for regular maintenance — and it's a great way to meet neighbors and to help keep Shadow Woods beautiful.

#### Volunteer assembly points are as follows:

North Retention

At the willow trees along Brewster

South Retention

Winter Park entrance to the south commons, near 2675 Winter Park

Brewster Bike Path

Hidden Valley entrance at Brewster

Tienken Bike Path

Timberline entrance at Brewster

Keystone Park/Timberline

Keystone Park entrance on Timberline Islands

Adams Bike Path

Adams at Powderhorn Ridge entrance

Trash bags will be provided and any items too large for bagging should be placed at roadside for collection. Please note that large bulk collection is only for debris from the clean-up and should not include any items from residential property.

# Letter From the President

Dear Residents,

Let me begin by thanking those of you who attended the annual meeting back in November. Most of those in attendance were there because of the letter that was included in the annual report. This letter included information about the boards desire to update the deed restrictions. The letter also made reference to the possibility of increasing our annual dues in order to cover some of the unexpected emergencies we may be facing, ie. storm sewer maintenance costs and the continued fall out from removing dead ash trees on subdivision property. Even though the proposed increase wasn't large, most of the people were concerned that there was no "end date" involved with the increase. Other attendees wanted more specifics regarding costs, etc.

As a result of your input at the annual meeting, the board is working to address all concerns and answer all questions regarding any proposed changes in our deed restrictions and annual dues. This is an on-going process, which also includes looking into having one trash-hauler for the entire subdivision. As we've mentioned on many previous occasions, one trash-hauler would be: more cost effective, safer, save wear-and-tear on our newly-paved streets, and be more aesthetically pleasing.

We're working hard to continue to make Shadow Woods a desirable place to live. Thank you for you input and patience. We look forward to getting back to you in the near future with some definite plans for changing our deed restrictions.

Meanwhile, hope to see you at the spring clean up. Here's hoping that the snow will be melted before then! At this rate, we might still be shoveling snow! Let's hope for the best.

Sincerely, Gwen Hilton

## **Subdivision Annual Dues**

It's that time again! Shadow Woods residents can expect to receive invoices for annual dues on or before March I. Dues for 2008 are \$143.00, and will not be past-due until after April 30. Since annual dues are the Association's sole source of operating funds, residents are encouraged to pay as early as possible. Past-due notices will be mailed after April 30, and unpaid dues will result eventually in the filing of a lien. Residents with general questions about dues may contact any board member, and questions about specific dues payments may be directed to Patricia Mitchell at <a href="mailto:patricia@texascooking.com">patricia@texascooking.com</a> or 248-375-5469.

# **Annual Subdivision Garage Sale**

Looking for a way to make a few extra bucks (and an excuse to get rid of that old lamp)? Make plans to set up shop during the annual Shadow Woods Garage Sale Thursday, May 1st thru Saturday, May 3rd. The advertised hours of operation are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.— although participation is voluntary and open to those days and/or times that are convenient to you. The sale will be promoted via local publications, several websites in addition to signing throughout the neighborhood.



## **Entrances To Receive New Landscaping**



While cruising along on our newly-paved, smooth roads, you've probably noticed the addition of the island on Powderhorn Ridge near Brewster. This island was created at no cost during the road construction project and was designed to discourage speeding and passing. As the weather breaks, this area will undergo landscaping in the coming months. You'll also see crews working on the Powderhorn entrance off of Adams as this area will be re-landscaped as a result of the construction project. Both efforts are sure to be a beautiful addition to Shadow Woods!

### Visit the Shadow Woods Message Board at www.shadowwoods.com

Need a recommendation for a roofing company? Want to start a neighborhood book club? Look no further than your own neighbors! Now the word on the street is available on the web via our own neighborhood message board at www.shadowwoods.com.

The message board is a new feature of our redesigned website that encourages residents to participate actively or merely to check out from time to time. It's an excellent forum to inquire about local events ("When is the art fair?"), for a service referral ("Anyone know a good plumber?") or simply to make a comment relevant to Shadow Woods or nearby areas. Please note that the message board is not intended for airing disputes with a neighbor, but as a means to communicate with your community. The board is closely monitored by our webmaster, and only appropriate commentary will be posted.

# Classified Ads

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

Responsible Babysitter I am a very mature and responsible I3-year old girl who lives on Snowmass. I love kids and have plenty of babysitting experience. I have also passed a babysitting class sponsored by the Rochester school district. I can also take care of your pets, plants, and mail while you are on vacation. Please contact me via email at lois I23@gmail.com.

### Just Moved In?

New to Shadow Woods? Welcome! Be sure to call Jim Hudson of the Shadow Woods welcoming committee at 375-0756 for an introduction to our subdivision. Jim will drop off this handy packet of subdivision-related information along with a Shadow Woods coffee mug.



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