

# Shadow Woods Newsletter

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Spring 2011

## Subdivision Board

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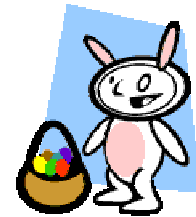
#### Neighborhood Deed:

Bruce Brown  
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## Annual Shadow Woods Easter Egg Hunt

Hop to it! The annual Shadow Woods Easter Egg-stravaganza is right around the corner! Due to the recent digging in Keystone Park, this year's event will be held at the Winter Park Sledding Hill.

**Date:** Saturday, April 23  
**Time:** Noon  
**Place:** Winter Park Sledding Hill



Please rsvp to [craig.stacey@wowway.com](mailto:craig.stacey@wowway.com) by Wednesday, April 20th with the ages and number of children attending!

## Shadow Woods Annual Subdivision Garage Sale

Trash or treasure...you decide! Get ready to turn those unwanted items into cold, hard cash! Mark your calendars for the annual subdivision garage sale **Thursday, May 5th through Saturday May 7th.**

The advertised hours of operation are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.; however, participation is voluntary and open to those days and/or hours that are convenient to you.



The sale will be promoted in several local publications, Craig's list, [garagesale.com](http://garagesale.com), [estatesales.net](http://estatesales.net) and featured on signs placed in high-traffic areas surrounding the neighborhood.

### Top 10 tips for a successful sale:

- A group sale is better than selling alone. More stuff draws more traffic.
- Be prepared. Be ready to go the night before so that you don't have to rush around in the morning.
- Plan your sale layout with customers in mind. Use marketing tricks to make your customers more likely to purchase your stuff!
- Price things carefully.
- Label things well.
- Be friendly. Greet people as they arrive — chat if they're chatty.
- Do *not* bad-mouth your items.
- Be willing to bargain, but be less flexible at the start.
- Keep a ledger. Jot down a description of each item and how much you sold it for.
- Do *not* use a cash box. Keep your money on you at all times.

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Get neighborhood updates, visit the message board and more....  
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**Shadowwoods.com**

## Letter From the President

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Dear Residents,

As we prepare to say hello to summer, we all look forward to outdoor activities and yard work. I look forward to cleaning up my yard and sprucing things up. I hope you will join me in making our neighborhood look "clean and green."

The Shadow Woods capital improvements committee has been working with the city on expanding the new road side trees along Brewster and Tienken. Maybe you have seen the little white flags along the roadside. The goal is to give a "wooded lane" look to our part of the world. Sometime this spring 27 trees will be planted. Because we are leveraging the city's contract, the installed cost to the homeowner's association is less than \$112 per tree. These trees are not only a good deal but will leave a great legacy for future residents.

We would like to know if any resident has any information about the work being done by AT&T along Powderhorn Ridge Drive and Timberline. Please indicate by giving feedback through the web site at <http://www.shadowwoods.com/contactus.html> We will contact you for details.

Unfortunately due to the recent harsh economic conditions, some of the Shadow Woods homes show some signs of neglect. The city of Rochester Hills has a blight ordinance. I have asked the city to have their enforcement officers keep a sharp eye out for violations. The storage or accumulations of junk, trash, rubbish, or refuse of any kind is prohibited. If any resident needs to report blight conditions, please call the city at 248-656-4615.

I want to welcome Bruce Brown to the subdivision board. Bruce is taking over Kevin Drummelsmith's seat on the board.

Thanks for taking your time to read this. I respect my neighborhood, my home and my friends and I'm glad to take the time to make Shadow Woods a great place to live.

Sincerely,  
Terry Lanker

## Subdivision Annual Dues

Annual subdivision **were due on March 31**. Dues for 2011 were \$162.00 and were invoiced and mailed this past January. If you have not already done so, please remit your payment as soon as possible. Past-due notices have been mailed out, and unpaid dues will eventually result in the filing of a lien. Residents with general questions about dues may contact any board member, and questions about specific due payments may be directed to **Patricia Mitchell at 375-5469 or email [patricia@texascooking.com](mailto:patricia@texascooking.com)**.

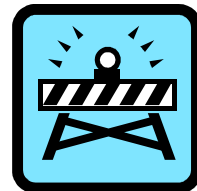
## Secure Your Home—and Your Peace of Mind!

Although Rochester Hills—and Shadow Woods—is among the safest places to live in Michigan, there have been reports of break-ins in our community and our neighborhood. As summer vacation season approaches, so does the threat of residential break-ins (The Insurance Information Institute that July and August are prime months). In addition to common-sense precautions, here are several additional tips to consider before you leave:

- Request a “vacation check” from the Oakland County Sheriff Department. A patrol will be alerted that you’re away and be sent periodically to check on your residence. You must complete a form in advance of your vacation, and it must be physically turned in at the Rochester Hills substation at 750 Barclay Circle. To download a pdf of the “house check” form, visit:  
**<http://www.oakgov.com/sheriff/substation/rochesterhills.html>**
- Refrain from sharing your itinerary or travel plans on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter.
- Notify a trusted neighbor of your plans and request that they pick up your mail and newspapers. According to Intelligence.com, when you request a “stop” delivery or “hold” from the mail and paper, you may be at risk.
- Consider investing in an alarm system. While not completely fool-proof, it does deter intruders, and it may equate to as much as a 15-20% savings discount on your home insurance.
- Shut off your water to prevent the possibility of leaking or bursting pipes. Not only does this eliminate any potential damage, but any plumbing fiasco could be a tell-tale sign to strangers that you are away.
- If you notice any suspicious activity around the neighborhood, notify the Oakland County Sheriff at 248.537.3530

## Road Construction Alert

Walton will undergo some overdue construction this summer. Expect intermittent lane closures along Walton from east of Adams to east of the city limit (east of Livernois). Resurfacing is scheduled to begin April 18th and conclude around August 12th. In addition, M-59 construction from Adams to Crooks is also underway. For construction alerts and updates, log on to:  
**[www.rochesterhills.org/home/announcements/](http://www.rochesterhills.org/home/announcements/)**



## Online Neighborhood Directory

The Shadow Woods directory of residents is on the subdivision web site at [www.shadowwoods.com](http://www.shadowwoods.com). Inclusion in the directory has always been optional; however, many residents are unaware of its existence. The directory is password protected, so only Shadow Woods residents have access to it. If you wish to be listed and/or obtain password information, please contact Patricia Mitchell at [patricia@texascooking.com](mailto:patricia@texascooking.com) or 248-375-5469.

## Neighborhood Deed Committee Update

This is a general reminder to all residents; There are City ordinances and Shadow Woods homeowners restrictions against leaving trash and recycle containers visible from the street. Your board has been auditing our subdivision and will soon send letters to those homeowners who do not comply with these rules.

Please find a way to store these containers in your garage, as most homeowners do, or at the least hide them behind the house or in some type of enclosure or privacy fence. Your cooperation will be appreciated by all your neighbors.

In addition, there have been some recent complaints about residents dumping large trash items in our surrounding woods. Please note that this is not only a violation of deeds, but can be considered illegal. If you observe anyone participating in these activities, please contact a member of the board immediately.

## Annual Subdivision Spring Clean-Up

Once again, the Shadow Woods Subdivision Association Board elected to hire a landscaping firm to head up our annual spring clean up effort. The company will be responsible for cleaning up the major common areas: north and south storm retention areas as well as the bike paths.

In previous years, we relied on residents pitching in, however we still highly encourage residents to conduct a spring clean-up around the perimeter of their homes as well as any common areas or islands. Your help can aid in maintaining our home values as well as continuing to make Shadow Woods one of the best places to live in the Rochester area!



## Shadow Woods is on Facebook!

We know you like us, now make it official on Facebook! Shadow Woods has an official Facebook page complete with informative news, updates, event postings and pictures. Find out all the latest happenings in and around your neighborhood by liking us and checking in frequently!

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

## What's Happening in the Hills...

May 5th - Girls' Night Out, Downtown Rochester

**May 5 thru 7 - Shadow Woods Annual Subdivision Garage sale**

May 7 - Farmers' Market opens, Downtown Rochester

May 14 - Opening Day - Rochester Grangers old-time baseball, VanHoosen farm

May 21 - 22 - Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills

June 29 - Festival of the Hills, fireworks and more, Borden Park, Rochester Hills

July weekends - Movies in the Moonlight, Downtown Rochester

July 8 - 10th - "Alice in Wonderland," Avon Players Theatre production

July 14 thru 16 - Sidewalk Sales, Downtown Rochester

August 6 - 7 - Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills

September 9 - 11 - Arts and Apples, Downtown Rochester

## Just Moved In?

If you are new to our subdivision and haven't yet received your "New Neighbor" welcome packet, please give Jim Hudson a call at **375-1086**. Jim will drop off this handy packet of subdivision-related information packed inside a Shadow Woods coffee mug.



## Shadow Woods Classifieds

Shadow Woods classifieds are exclusively for the use of Shadow Woods residents. Ads will run until their removal is requested. Ad submissions should include a telephone number should there be questions about content. Ads will not include telephone numbers; email addresses only will appear in ads.



Minors are welcome to post ads but, for safety, the email address listed in the ad must belong to an adult.

Ad submissions for the website, newsletter or both may be sent to Patricia Mitchell at [patricia@texascooking.com](mailto:patricia@texascooking.com).

Posting: **Sojin Baby Grand Piano** with black lacquer finish in excellent condition. \$4,500. (On Snowmass Drive.) Email [annvc@comcast.net](mailto:annvc@comcast.net). (Posted 3/14/11)