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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

CVA ANNUAL MEETING SET

The 2024 CVA Annual Meeting is set for Thursday September 26 at 7:15 pm at the Southfield Parks and Rec Building, Room 221. (enter by the circle drive, or from the parking garage) Along with the usual business, it is a chance to meet your neighbors and to discuss any concerns or ideas you might have. We also will discuss and vote on some tweaking of the bylaws to better reflect current conditions. (see item below at the end of the newsletter)

HOME AWARDS 2024

This year, we were able to recruit 17 judges, of whom 15 were not CV residents, but from nearby subdivisions. Any home considered had to be nominated by the homeowner or a fellow resident, and the dues had to be current. The judges used a point system, and after the numbers were tallied, seventeen homes came to the top this year:

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| 27291 Shagbark | 27306 Lexington | 27626 Red Leaf | 27312 Spring Arbor |
| 27322 Shagbark | 27055 Lexington | 27285 Red Leaf | 27315 Spring Arbor |
| 27465 Shagbark | 27339 Lexington | 27651 Red Leaf | 27333 Spring Arbor |
| 17231 Sunnybrook | 27400 Lexington | 27727 Red Leaf | 27345 Spring Arbor |
| | | | 27441 Spring Arbor |

We wish we could give out more signs, as there were many homes that just missed the points cutoff. Our sub has not looked this good in many years, and that is thanks to you, our residents, who make it so. With home prices skyrocketing in value, it is a good investment to take good care of your home.

SO MUCH PAIN, YET SO MUCH GAIN

Though we dreaded the three construction projects affecting our sub, they finished early and the results are great. Southfield Rd. is smooth as glass, 11 Mile is now bump-free, and 12 Mile is picture perfect. As bad as it was for us, we got through it. Now if they will just finish I-696 west of here... (supposedly, by November...)

NEXT HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY

Scheduled for Saturday October 26, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Southfield RRRASOC center on Eight Mile and Evergreen, but enter just to the east on Mapleridge, then drive around to the back of the building. There is a list of what is and is not collected here: <https://www.rrrasoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024-HHW-Color-June24-WEB.pdf>. (or, use this: <https://tinyurl.com/WasteDay>.) No "freon"-type appliances accepted. Electronic waste and paper shredding is also available. Call (248) 208-2270 for specific details.

WE LIKE DOGS, BUT

Cute as they may be, complaints are coming in from residents unhappy that some dog walkers are not picking up after their pets. It is an affront and discourteous to not clean up after your pet! And remember, all dogs and cats need to be licensed by the city, renew your license before Jan. 1 of the upcoming year and you can save money.

ANNUAL REMINDER: DON'T LEAF THEM THERE

Warm as it is now, soon it will be autumn and the leaves will fall. Please keep the curb free of leaves, as once winter arrives, these can clog the sewers and cause ice dams on the road. Plus, the muck in spring will be distasteful to deal with. One tip is to rake them back onto your lawn, then run over them with the lawn mower. If there are a lot of leaves, it will shred them enough to simplify putting into the required paper bags or yard waste recycling bin. The upcoming La Nina winter is likely to be colder and wetter than the last few, or be what we used to think of as a "normal" winter.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

With the upcoming autumn and holiday season, darkness will fall earlier (Daylight time ends Sunday morning, Nov. 3) and wise people can deter thieves by maintaining a light on in the living room. This is best done by a timer, so whether you are home or not, the light comes on consistently. And for outdoor holiday lights, consider a timer based on the available light. It goes on at dusk, and goes off when you set it for (6, 8, 10 hours etc.) A power failure can make a timer be off-kilter, but this type is not affected by this. These are not expensive, and these small investments will confuse thieves who hunt for a darkened houses that are ripe for plundering. They cannot take a chance on a lit-up house.

VOTING REMINDER

The next election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. However, you can vote in person early, from Sat. Oct. 26 through Sun. Nov. 3 at the City. Or, you can sign up to get an Absentee Ballot in the mail for every election going forward. If you are not yet registered to vote, you can do so through election day. To help make your choices, take advantage of a site sponsored by the League of Women Voters: <https://www.vote411.org/michigan> (you can also register online via this site). There is a voter's guide which is specifically geared to your address, although it may not be loaded up quite yet.

CARPENTER LAKE RE-OPENS

If you have not yet visited this nature spot, it is worth a visit on a nice day. Located on the south side of 10 Mile, just east of Inkster Rd., the place had been closed for major improvements over the last year. A new parking area and rest rooms have been added. It is particularly enjoyable to walk there during pleasant autumn weather. A "Boulder Garden" rock sculpture there is made up from Northern Michigan boulders said to be over a billion years old. There will be a "Senior Nature Walk" on Sep. 26, 10 am, led by an Oakland Co. naturalist.

SOME FUN THINGS at the City coming up: "**Boo Bash**" Sat. Oct. 19, 1-4 pm; "**Autumn Walk at the Nature Trail**" Thu. Nov. 7, 10 am; "**Jukebox Bingo**" Fri. Nov 15, 1-2:30 pm; "**Southfield Tree Lighting**" Tue. Dec. 3, 6-8 pm; "**Soulful Santa Celebration**" Sat. Dec 14, 12-5 pm. Also planned are two "**Full Moon Walks**" on Fri. Nov.15, 6 pm, and Sat. Dec. 14, 5:45 pm. (dress properly and bring headlamp, lantern, or flashlight.) For more information, call 248-796-4620.

BY-LAWS TWEAKS

There are just a few changes needed to better reflect how the subdivision association is managed. Also, there is a typographical error that needs fixing. It was last amended five years ago, so it is time to review it. The entire proposed document is available online on our CVA website, or here if you wish to examine it:

<https://cambridgevillageassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/Bylaws/Bylaws-Amended-2019-revision2024.pdf>.

An easier version to use: <https://tinyurl.com/CVArevisedbylaws>

- **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS** Section 1. The annual meeting of members will be held [in the month of May]. *change to "once per year."* (Why? Because we are experimenting with a September meeting to see if that is better to improve attendance)
- **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Section 1. The business, property and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors composed of six (6) persons... *change to "up to" six....* (Why? There are times for whatever reason that we do not have six Board members. Sub business must go on anyway under any circumstances)
- Section 5: b. select a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and/ agents;
change to: "and/or" agents; (Why? It is a typographical error, a word was left off)
- Section 7: No officer...shall fill more than one capacity simultaneously. *change to: "simultaneously on a permanent basis."* (Why? There are times that a Board member has to act as Secretary or other positions when a position becomes vacant or the member is unable to attend a meeting)
- **ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 9th Edition)...
change to: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 12th Edition or the most current edition)...
(Why? Since the last revision of our Bylaws, newer editions of Robert's Rules have become available; the newest one, for example, defines how in a pandemic world, how to have an electronic meeting. We will be able to use the updated edition as new ones are released.)