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ANNUAL MEETING 2017

It happens every May, this year on Monday May 15, 2017 Cambridge Village Association will gather for the subdivision annual meeting. The meeting starts at 7:15 pm at the Parks and Rec Building, in rooms 220/221, at the Southfield Civic Center. Featured will be a discussion of the visit from the City's Code Enforcement officer who described the newly-enlarged department and their new mandate to take action against violations. There will be snacks and the annual board election, and time for a residents' forum.

WE NOW HAVE PAYPAL

At our website, http://cambridgevillageassociation.org, we now have a PayPal link active and you can pay your dues (and late fees) by any credit or debit card. If you use it and have ANY trouble, do let us know. Just remember to include a note in the space given to describe what the payment is for, meaning your property address.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Several officers including our own Will Banks came to visit the CVA board meeting in March, and it was enlighting for us as we brought up several issues of concern for the subdivision. They described what they are doing and how support for the department has been upgraded. Of local subdivision concern are the new wheeled recycling bins which are being left out in public view between trash days. This is not permissible and is a problem city-wide. Code Enforcement will be cracking down on this, so be forewarned and keep your bin out of sight between pickup days.

YOU DON'T WANT A LIEN

It is easy to avoid a lien on your house...just pay your mandatory \$10 a year dues by April 30 each year. If two years have passed with no payment, you get a lien on your house which must be satisfied before you can sell your property. This lien is now even more expensive because of the large increase of filling fees at Oakland County. This is now at least \$106 on top of what is owed, and that brings the minimum to \$146. This is a lot of money that doesn't need to happen. If you have circumstances about your dues payment, do contact the treasurer Senora Leonard who will try to work with you.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

In order to speed news to you, we are trying to send the newsletters by email if we have your email address. It saves money for both postage and human time (it takes many hours to prepare a newsletter for mailing, printing is expensive, and postage is expensive too.) By the way, if you have an idea for a newsletter article, please let a board member know.

LATHRUP VILLAGE WEDNESDAYS

A short walk to Lathrup Village's city hall park will provide hours of fun for the family. It is an easy to reach via Cambridge St. or San Quentin to Lathrup Blvd. Starting Wed. May 10 through Oct 17, a

farmer's market will offer fresh farm-to-table options from 1:30 to 7:00 pm.

Also, music fans should watch for the schedule of weekly Concerts in the Park on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm that will begin on June 21, 2017.

By the way, Southfield is also offering concerts at the Burgh Historic Site (Civic Center and Berg Rds.) on Tuesday nights July 11 through Aug. 22, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

FLOWER DAY 2017—SOMETHING NEW

This year, Southfield's annual Flower Day will be held on Sat. May 20 from 9 am to 5 pm at a new location on 9 Mile west of Telegraph at the two nurseries, 3D's Gardens and Lavin's Flowerland. The Southfield Garden Club members will offer tips to help us in getting the right flowers. If bring some ID to prove Southfield residency, you will get special discount pricing.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Next Southfield event (Mapleridge, east of Evergreen) is Sat. Oct. 21 from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be other events at other RRRSOC sites, but this one is the closest to us.

FRONT ENTRANCEWAY

The Board has been investigating how to spruce up the front entrance with plantings. We have consulted several garden experts and some ideas include perennials, annuals, ground cover, etc. However, the site is harsh (sunny and dry) and space is small, so we are not sure a renovation would be successful. More on this later.

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