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NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL MEETING 2023 SET

After several years of COVID that restricted gatherings, CVA is confident it is safe to schedule an Annual Meeting for residents again. We are experimenting with a new date, **Tuesday September 12, 2023**, at 7:00 pm in Southfield Parks and Rec Building, room 223. Though traditionally held in May, it is possible a September date might be easier for people to attend...meeting attendees will decide which month they prefer!

If you are receiving this Newsletter by postal mail, consider including your email (CVA keeps your email private) so anytime a quick communication is needed, you will be included in the message.

HOME AWARDS 2023

Ten judges recruited (a few from our sub, the rest from other subdivisions) rated the 28 nominated homes and assigned point values. The total of highest points netted ten homes this year. It is extremely hard to choose homes, as there are so many very carefully maintained homes in our sub, but the number totals determine which are chosen. This year's group:

27291 Shagbark

27322 Shagbark

27465 Shagbark

27055 Lexington Pkwy

27400 Lexington Pkwy

27285 Red Leaf Ln.

27727 Red Leaf Ln.

27333 Spring Arbor

27345 Spring Arbor

27441 Spring Arbor

UNDERSTANDING THE STOP SIGN CONCEPT

Residents who live near the sub corners are horrified at the number of drivers who are speeding or just breezing past stop signs without stopping. This is incredibly dangerous no matter what time of day. A stop sign means STOP, then proceed if safe.

If you notice a pattern of this happening, do not fail to notify the police via the new **Southfield Solutions** (it used to be known as "Got M") at 248-796-5500. An officer will respond and you can explain the situation. They can have a car patrolling when this might happen and then issue a ticket. Sometimes it is a teenager, sometimes it is someone coming to visit YOU, or even be a family member. It does not matter who is ignoring traffic safety rules, it is deadly dangerous.

You can also add an app to your cell phone or tablet:

Android at: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.qscend.report2gov.southfieldsolutions>

or iPhone at: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/southfield-solutions/id1500931950>.

The City of Southfield also launched the "Eyes on Southfield" program to enable residents to notify the City with ease when a **code** or **blight** issue is observed. Residents may simply call (248) 796-EYES (3937).

AND, THE NOISE, NOISE, NOISE!

Other complaints the board hears about is **NOISE**...from loud music and thumping car radios or from indoor or outdoor parties. Southfield has a noise ordinance as well which forbids noise under a variety of circumstances. Residents must be mindful and respectful of our neighbors' peace and quiet...noise can be an ear-grating nuisance. It is simple courtesy to be careful against noisy situations. If the noise continues, use the information above to report offenders. The authorities in Southfield are the ones who can help.

THEY GO, BUT THEY COME

While it is sad to see stores like our Bed Bath and Beyond close, we are glad to welcome a new Harbor Freight store on Southfield Rd. south of 13 Mile, near the CVS. Our local restaurants have bounced back, though some have limited hours. Having the only Costco Business Center in Michigan at Northland is a coup for Southfield (should open at the end of the year). It is amusing that a house for sale in Canterbury Gardens to our immediate north advertised "walking distance to Downtown Berkley" which no one would do because it is so easy to park there! It is fun to see formerly quiet Berkley become a hot spot with shops and many good restaurants. The old McDonald's site on Greenfield (it moved to bigger digs by Kroger) is becoming a Jax Car Wash to open soon. Our Walgreen's is moving two blocks west on 12 Mile, should be open about Labor Day. Curious to see what goes into their old building on the corner of Greenfield.

AUGUST NOTES

Southfield Schools go back on Monday August 28, 2023, so note that traffic and patterns of children's movement will be different than during summer vacation. Remember, if you pay your own taxes, they are due at the City by August 31. The Dream Cruise on Woodward is Saturday August 19, 2023 (Berkley has a cute parade for "CruiseFest" westbound along 12 Mile on Friday August 18th at 6:30 pm). If you dislike all the hubbub, you have been warned to avoid points east.

If you missed the August 8th primary, remember the next election is November 7, 2023 which includes mayor, city council, clerk and several ballot proposals. You can sign up for **permanent** no-questions-asked absentee balloting, contact the Southfield clerk's office for more details.

PIERCE IS BACK

After a tough spring, all of the streets in Tanglewood are newly repaved and Pierce is open to us again (easiest way to get to eastbound 11 Mile Rd.). Though it was miserable for most homes on Shagbark, the new streets are wonderful and look great. We never did understand why those black coils were there on San Quentin?

CVA BOARD

We are looking for several more board members who are interested in service to the subdivision. While it is not too demanding of time, the candidates must be interested and involved with different projects so that all the work does not fall on the current board. If you are interested in learning more, contact a board member for more details.

DRIVER'S LICENSE TIP

If it is time to renew your license, the Sec of State may let you renew without going into the office. If your mailed document permits you to renew online, do so: the regular \$18 online fee requires a credit/debit service charge, but that is only 31 cents to renew online! This is cheaper than a stamp to mail a check. You do have to set up an account first, and give it an hour or so more to get it set up before you renew. Also, if you have not converted your ID to the new "Real ID", you may run into issues in 2025 if you wish to take an airplane flight. Check into the Sec of State website for more details (<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/license-id/real-id>).