# HARWOOD FARMS

## **NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER 2023** 



## **NEWS & UPDATES**

# ANNUAL HARWOOD FARMS PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, September 17 @ 4-6pm
WHERE: Playground common area
WHAT: A time to gather, play, and eat! Jimmy John's
subs, ice cream, water, and juice boxes will be provided.
Please bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on, and

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

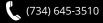
WHEN: November (exact date TBD). WHERE: Pittsfield Township Hall

(optional) a dish to pass.

Two members of the board (Bill Hammond and Brenda Bucholz) are completing their second term. If you would like to serve on the board or wish to nominate someone else to serve, please contact the board or a current board member. Any agenda item(s) you wish to have presented should also be given to a board member in advance of the meeting.

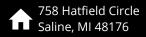
### **SEEKING DONATIONS**

The association is still seeking donations for a picnic table at the playground common area. If you would like to donate, make your check out to "Harwood Farms Association". Donations can be dropped into the HOA Drop Box located at the south end of the mailboxes. This box is checked daily.





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# NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

#### **NEWLY PLANTED TREE AT PLAYGROUND**

We would like to thank the Sonsara family for the oak tree recently added to the playground common area in memory of their wife and mother, Myra, who recently passed away. The Sonsara family moved to Harwood Farms last fall.

#### FRESHLY PAINTED FIRE HYDRANTS

A shout-out to Bill Lyke for suggesting we spruce up Harwood Farms by painting our twelve fire hydrants. Additional thanks to Pittsfield Charter Township Fire Department for moving us to the top of their fire hydrant maintenance list.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

#### BERM MAINTENANCE

Homeowners along the berm are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining the top of the berm. It is to be maintained by trimming, manicuring, and removing any dead trees or shrubs. It is the choice of the homeowner as to whether removed trees or shrubs are replaced.

#### DOG BARKING & FECES

According to Pittsfield Township and Harwood Farms bylaws, frequent dog noise can result in a violation for the homeowner. Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your dog(s) from excessive barking. We have also had several complaints regarding owners leaving dog waste in other's yards. Please be considerate and pick up after your dog(s).

#### **EXTERIOR SIGNAGE/YARD SIGNS**

According to the bylaws, "signs or other advertising devices may not be visible from the exterior of a unit." This bylaw excludes home "For Sale" signs. Security signs are also exempt from this requirement.

#### RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Article VI, Section 8 allows recreational vehicles to be parked at individual units for up to 48 hours for the purpose of loading, unloading, and cleaning. Warning letters and fines will be issued for violations. Please contact the HOA board for special circumstances.

#### **SPEEDING**

Out of respect for the community and safety of our children, please keep your speed below 25 mph while driving through the subdivision.

#### TRASH CANS

According to Article VI, Sections Ik and 7 of the bylaws, "trash receptacles shall be maintained in garages and shall not be permitted to remain elsewhere on the unit or common elements." Warning letters and fines will be issued for failure to comply according to the schedule outlined in "Rules and Regulations" (available on the HOA website). This schedule is based on Article XIX, Section 4 of the bylaws.

#### TREE BRANCH TRIMMING

Pittsfield Township code states tree branches must not obstruct the sidewalk. It is each homeowner's responsibility to keep branches cut so pedestrians can walk on the sidewalk without walking around the tree or ducking under it. According to Article VI, Section 12 of the bylaws, homeowners are responsible for properly maintaining the grass, weeds, bushes, and trees in the area between the sidewalk and road adjacent to their property.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Held as needed. Open meetings are announced on a sign by the mailboxes. Date and link for each meeting can be found on the HOA wehsite.

#### WEBSITE: harwoodfarms.net

Check out our website for information on HOA activities, announcements, meetings, meeting minutes, and important HOA documents.

#### **FACEBOOK**

Harwood Farms Saline HOA:

Official HOA page where the board posts HOA information.

Harwood Farms Community Saline:

Community page for general communication amongst neighbors.

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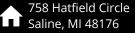
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HOA BOARD MEMBERS

President: Chris Dallas Secretary:

Amanda Melvin

Member at Large: Sarah Lang





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**Vice President: Brenda Bucholz** 

Treasurer: **Bill Hammond**