**Harwood Farms Spring 2024 Newsletter**

Harwood Farms Home Owners Association

758 Hatfield Circle

Saline, MI 48176

**Spring Cleanup, Saturday, April 6, 2024**

Please join your neighbors in our annual spring cleanup on April 6, 2024 at 9 am. We will meet at the playground on Applewood Way. Coffee and donuts will be provided. This spring we need to walk Michigan Ave. to pick up trash before lawn mowing begins (trash bags provided). We plan to spread topsoil and grass seed on either side of the sidewalk by the playground. Bring your wheel barrows, rakes, and shovels (topsoil provided). Check the Harwood Farms Saline HOA Facebook page for updates and rain date info.

**Sidewalk Repair**

Dexter Builders will be in our neighborhood in 2-3 weeks to repair our damaged common area sidewalks. If you are in need of concrete work, they will provide a discount if you schedule the job while they are here. Feel free to reach out to them at: 734-426-3852. If you reach out to Dexter Builders, please let the HOA board know so that we can make sure that you get connected with our project.

**Annual Harwood Farms Picnic**

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the Harwood Farms get together picnic from 4 -6 pm, September 15th. It offers a time to chat, eat and make new friends! More information to follow.

**Friendly Reminders:**

**Tree Branches:** Pittsfield Township bylaws state tree branches must not obstruct the sidewalk. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to keep the branches cut so pedestrians can walk on the sidewalk without walking around the tree or ducking under it.

**Berm Maintenance:**  As spring begins, we want to remind everyone that you are responsible for the maintenance of trees and shrubs on top of your berm. They are to be maintained by trimming, manicuring, and removing any dead trees or shrubs. It is your choice if you want to replace the dead trees or shrubs that are removed.

**Trash Cans:** According to the bylaws, (Article VI, sections 2k and 7) “trash receptacles shall be maintained in garages and shall not be permitted to remain elsewhere on the unit or common elements.” The HOA board will be issuing warning letters and fines for failure to comply according to a schedule outlined in “Rules and Regulations” available at Harwoodfarms.net under HF Documents/Rules and Regulations. This schedule is based on Article XIX, section 4 of the by-laws.

**Recreation Vehicles:** Article VI, section 8 allows recreation 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.

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**Speeding:** Out of respect for the community and safety of our children, please keep your speed below 25 mph while driving through Harwood Farms.

**Signs:** According to the bylaws, “signs or other advertising devices may not be visible from the exterior of a unit.” This bylaw excludes “For Sale” signs for the house. The board has agreed to allow security signs.

**Excessive Dog Barking:** According to the 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.

**Dog Feces:** Please be considerate and pick up after your dog(s). No one should have to pick up after your dog(s) in their yard. This includes the area along Michigan Ave. where a lot of dogs are walked. It is no fun stepping in doggy do while cleaning up after your dog. If you are caught without a bag for pickup, ask another dog owner (thank you Natalie) or return to clean up after your dog. “Be a good citizen!”

**Annual Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the Nov 5nd, HOA annual meeting are now posted at HarwoodFarms.net, along with the 2023 Financial Summary and the 2023 winter newsletter.

**Donations:** The Association is still looking for donations for a picnic table at the playground. If you would like to donate, make your check out to “Harwood Farms Homeowners Association”. It can be dropped in the HOA Drop Box located at the south end of the mailboxes. This box is checked daily.

**Communications:**

**Board Meetings** are held as needed. Open meetings will be announced on the sign by the mailboxes. Date and link for each meeting can be found at the HOA website, <https://www.harwoodfarms.net>

**Board Members Needed** The board will have 3 spots to fill at the November, 2024 Annual Meeting. Please consider running for the board. The involvement from our community is essential to keep Harwood Farms a desirable place to live and our dues low. If we can't keep a full board, we would be forced to hire a management company which increases everyone's dues A LOT!

Serving the board does not take much time. We meet quarterly with little work between those meetings. Things are currently in good order and we have SOPs in place to assist all current and new board members. To help increase interest in serving our wonderful community, we would like to offer anyone who is interested in serving on the board the opportunity to "shadow" us this summer and fall. This will help you learn more about how we operate and offer you full access to all information so there are no surprises once you decide to join the board.

If you are interested, please send us an email at harwoodfarmssaline@gmail.com.

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**Website:** https://www.harwoodfarms.net Please check out our website for information on HOA activities, announcements, prior meeting minutes, newsletters, and important HOA documents.

**Facebook:** Harwood Farms Saline HOA is the official HOA Facebook page where the board posts HOA information. Harwood Farms Community Saline is the community page for general communication and is not an official HOA managed site.

**HOA Board Members**

President: Chris Dallas

Vice President: Brenda Bucholz

Secretary: Amanda Melvin

Treasurer: Bill Hammond

Member at Large: Sarah Lang

**Get in touch with us:**

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