

The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivision

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WINE DOWN FRIDAYS

In the past, an annual picnic open to Parkwood Estates residents has been held. There were hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by board members, tasty side dishes brought by participants, a rock wall and recreation station for games and activities and opportunity to meet and fellowship with other residents. This year, Instead of one picnic, the Board has decided to encourage the residents of Parkwood Estates to get together with other neighbors, decide a date and time, meet at the pavilion and bring a dish to pass. The hope is that for those residents who desire to have a "picnic", there would be more opportunity to get together. It could be a brunch, lunch or dinner, some have suggested bringing some wine or beverage of choice and meeting on a Friday evening, whatever would work. All that is needed is someone who starts the process by talking to a few other neighbors and making a decision. Then, when a date and time is picked, there can be an open invitation for others to come. The date can be advertised through our Facebook page, on the webpage and by signs that the board is looking into purchasing and put by a park entrance. Let's make this a resident friendly neighborhood and enjoy time spent together.

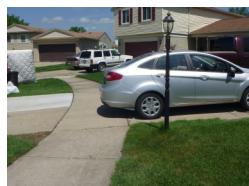
WARNING!!! THIS COULD COST YOU \$80!

No, not the car, the parking job! It is against Canton ordinance to park in a way that blocks the sidewalk. The weather has warmed and out come walkers, parents or grandparents with strollers and small children riding tricycles. There have been several incidents already where sidewalks were block, the residents were politely asked to move their cars and refused. The result was police were called, came out and an **\$80 ticket** was given to the residents.



Parking can be at a premium in our subdivision, especially on the courts where there is very limited parking spaces but it is still the residents responsibility to park in a way that does not block the sidewalks. Not only is it inconsiderate of others but there could be potential damage to both humans and vehicles. As always, it is encourage to **FIRST TALK** to your neighbors face to face or leave a friendly note. If the problem continues, then the only recourse is to call the Canton Police Department and they will come out and give a ticket. The police will not give a ticket out unless someone has called which should tell those who receive a ticket is that they are not respecting the ordinance and are frustrating their neighbors.

Here is a couple of examples of how to park a car so that the sidewalk is still accessible to walkers and bike riders.



LAWN MOWING CONTRACTOR

The Board has approved the contract by J & S Landscaping Service to do lawn mowing for our parks and islands. The contract includes mowing and trimming our three park areas as well as the ten islands for 10,500 for 27 cuttings. The contact for J & S Landscaping Service is Francisco Camarena @ 313-247-3280 or 734-2-7-3002. Due to government regulations concerning fertilizer, J & S does not do any weed control nor fertilization so the Board is in the process of looking for a company that will. Just a reminder that J & S is **NOT** responsible for trimming around homeowners fencing or landscaping that borders the parks.



TOM BOWDEN CURB APPEAL AWARD

This is our 2nd Annual Tom Bowden Curb Appeal Award which gives all the residents an incentive to spruce up the outside of their house, landscape their front yard and make our subdivision an attractive place for people to live in and drive through. There will be three cash prizes given out for the three homes that receive the most votes. Members of the board will be driving through the neighborhood and voting the last week of June to be tabulated and done by July 1st. Results will be in the September newsletter and on website. Last year's award winners and board members are NOT eligible to receive an award for this year. Areas that will be evaluated include:

House Exterior—siding and paint in good condition, clean, storage of wood, trash cans, etc. seen from front is neat, landscaping material in good condition

Lawn, shrubs and trees—planted, mowed, edged, trimmed, no unhealthy or dead plants



Driveway and sidewalk—edged, in good condition, not broken

Windows—clean, in good condition, not foggy or grids broken, inside window treatments neat



Mailbox—straight, paint or wood finish in good condition, grass trimmed around bottom

Flower—flowers planted would rate higher than no flowers



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



The golden rule—treat others as you want to be treated. This is something we should all keep in mind when living in our subdivision. There are many ways to be a good neighbor. Communication is a key to keeping good relationships. Take a few minutes to get to know those living around you. Offer to watch their house when they are going on vacation and get their mail. Make sure when you park your car that you are not blocking the sidewalk or mail box. Drive at the 25 mile per hour speed limit. Maintain your lawn with mowing and keep the weeds away. Take a few moments to say “hello” to those who live around you and make every effort to keep the peace.

PLEASE BE ADVISED.....

A new ordinance is in the works for anyone who blocks a residential mailbox to receive a ticket.



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Business card (1.07" X 1.38")	@ \$35 per year
1/4 th page (2.13" X 2.75")	@ \$70 per year
1/2 page (4.25" X 5.5")	@ \$105 per year
Full page (8.5" X 11")	@ \$140 per year

Payments may be made by check to Smokler-Truesdell, PO Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187.

Classified Ads are available for individuals who will provide a service to the residents such as babysitting, yard work or snow shoveling and are free to any members in good standing of Parkwood Estates and will only be placed on the Website.

You may send your advertisement copy electronically to: roxdefox@eid55.com or Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz or mail to SmoklerTruesdell, PO Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187

VEHICLES IN THE PARKS

It has come to the Board members attention that there are residents who are driving their vehicles into our parks **WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION!** Although our parks are open for any resident of Parkwood Estates in good standing to use and enjoy, there are some restrictions as to their use. One restriction is that no motorized vehicle may be driven in any of the parks WITHOUT authorization from a board member. Furthermore, authorization will only be given when conditions are favorable to be able to drive a vehicle in a park without causing any damage to the grounds, equipment or other residents' property. If a resident has driven in any of our parks and has caused damage to the ground such as ruts, then that resident is responsible for repairing the damage. If the resident does not fix the repairs in a timely manner, then the board will hire someone to repair the damage and the costs will be passed on to the resident.

GO GREEN – PARKWOOD GREEN

There are several ways to obtain information and updates regarding things that affect our subdivision. One is to receive email updates by subscribing to the mailing list on our website—

www.ParkwoodEstates-CantonMI.org or sending an email to Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz

NOTE: be sure your email and security software allows mail from Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz and Rick.Pidsosny@MicroRAP.biz. You can also get information directly on our website or on our Facebook page—Parkwood Estates Subdivision group which is a closed group only for residents.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
EVENT	DATE	TIME	WHERE	NOTES
Tom Bowden Curb Appeal Award	May thru June		Residents' Homes	Will be judged by July 1
Picnics	June thru Sept		Parks	Details on Website or Facebook
Annual Dues 2015 Mailed out	October 1		Mail to PO Box 87066	
Annual Meeting	November 18, 2014	7 - 9PM	Township Hall	Residents Welcome
Christmas Lighting	December 16, 2014	7PM	Residents' Homes	
Dues Late (fee)	January 31, 2015		Mail to PO Box 87066	Add 6% Late Fee to Dues
2nd Notices 2015	February 1, 2015		Mail to PO Box 87066	Add 6% Late Fee to Dues
Easter Egg Hunt	March 29, 2015	10AM	Loveland Park	Rain Date: next day
Garage Sale	May 14-16, 2015	All Day	Residents Homes	
Monthly Meetings Sept—May	3 rd Tuesday	7—9PM	Township Hall	Residents welcome

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