

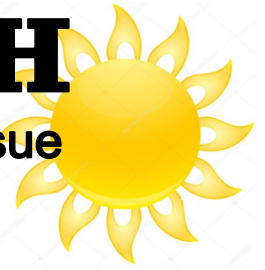
# The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivision

Summer 2017 Issue

Smokler-Truesdell Homeowners Association

P.O. Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187-0066



## Canton's New Automated Curbside Recycling Program

This summer Canton will institute a new automated recycling program that will replace the current 18 gallon bin with a new 64 gallon cart.

Delivery of the new carts will begin the week of June 5. Crews will deliver carts to the end of each resident's driveway – residents do not need to be present to receive the cart.

You may begin using your cart as soon as you get it, however it will take about three weeks to deliver all carts. If you do not receive your cart the week of June 5, please continue using your green bin until your new cart is delivered.

Carts should be placed on your driveway apron and not in the street. They should also be placed on the opposite side of your drive from your refuse, leaving at least 6" around the cart so the mechanical arm on the truck can easily fit around the cart. Hinges and handles should face towards your residence with the lifting bar facing the street. For more information, go to <http://www.canton-mi.org/DocumentCenter/View/6113>.

## Donate your old recycling bins to the Community Garden Pilot Project

Once you have received your new 64 gallon recycling cart, you are free to keep the old green recycling bin. Here's a way to put it to good use: Parkwood Estates will be introducing a Community Garden Pilot Project in 2018. You can donate your old green recycling bin to be used in the community garden by dropping them off at 1630 Walnut Ridge Circle. If you need to have your bin picked up from your home, contact Jeffrey Hall at [jeff3out3@gmail.com](mailto:jeff3out3@gmail.com).



## CURB APPEAL CONTEST

The Parkwood Estates Homeowners Association wants to recognize those homeowners who make an effort to keep their property attractive and pleasing. Homes with curb appeal make us proud of our community as well as help maintain property values.

To recognize homes in our subdivision with curb appeal the association has established a Curb Appeal Contest. The curb appeal contest was created in honor of long time resident, board member and association Parks Chairman Thomas L. Bowden. Tom took great pride in the appearance of our subdivision and worked tirelessly maintaining our three parks, cul de sacs and boulevards.

Each year three homeowners\* will be awarded a \$35 prize. Judging takes place in June. See the association calendar for details.

**... VOTING LAST WEEK IN JUNE ...  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED FIRST  
WEEK IN JULY**

**Curb appeal judged on house exterior, roof, windows, sidewalk, driveway, landscaping, trees, shrubs, flowers and mailbox.**

**... CASH PRIZE FOR TOP 3 WINNERS ...  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON WEBSITE AND IN  
FALL NEWSLETTER**

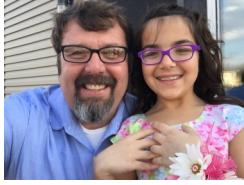
*Board members and residents still owing dues NOT eligible.*

## Block Captains Needed!

Block captains volunteer to represent homes in their neighborhood. They are a key contact for their neighbors and help distribute the quarterly newsletters.

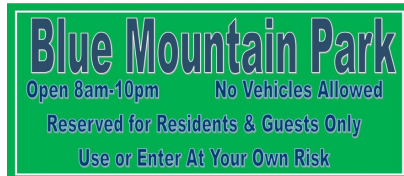
Block captains are currently needed for Copeland East and Walnut Ridge West. If you are interested in taking over the block captain responsibility, please contact one of the [board members](#).

# Inside the Park



By John Kouchoukos  
Parks Chairman

Our first project of the summer season is almost complete, the initial updated park entrance sign/planting area. We have installed the first one at the entrance to [Blue Mountain Park](#) on Copeland Circle West. As you can see from the photo below, we have elevated the planting area to help keep weeds and grass from growing in and shrubs and perennials that will give us color throughout the year. We hope to have the sign installed by the middle of June (see sample below). We encourage everyone to drive by and take a look, please give us your feedback on our Facebook page, through your Block Captain or email one of the Board members. We are trying to also install a new sign/planting area at Loveland and Winter Parks this year.



## New Mowing Maintenance Contractor

As many you may have noticed we have a new mowing maintenance contractor this year. They are also applying our weed control and fertilizer applications. The regular scheduled day for service is Tuesday and so far they have been doing an outstanding job. This is also an area where we would like some feedback, whether it be praise or concerns.

## Curb Appeal Contest

As the weather finally breaks, I hope everyone is finally getting a chance to get outside, clean things up and plant some flowers. Our annual Curb Appeal Contest is fast approaching! Board Members will be out evaluating homes June 18th-30th and the 3 winners will be announced in the beginning of July. Each winner will receive a \$35.00 prize and have a lawn sign placed in their yard announcing them as one of this year's winner (Thanks to my daughter for that idea). We recommend winners based on several factors, including, landscaping, home maintenance (roof, siding, paint condition), lawn condition and most importantly, overall curb appeal. Good luck everyone and enjoy the outdoors!

## Fun Family Outing Idea

With the curb appeal contest in mind, Saturdays are a great time to visit Eastern Market in Detroit. In addition to the great seasonal fruit and vegetable vendors there are also a ton of Landscape Nursery vendors selling not only annual flowers, but trees, shrubs and perennials. There are local food trucks there and local restaurants that are a great experience. It is also a great way to show the kids where to buy local products and to give them a small amount of money to buy things that they see.

For more information visit <https://www.easternmarket.com/>

## Driveway Parking Reminder

Did you know the Canton police will ticket you if your car is blocking the sidewalk in front of your house? Please be considerate, and save yourself some money, by making sure your car is parked far enough up in your driveway so it is not blocking the sidewalk.



## Parkwood Estates Facebook Page

If you have a Facebook account, visit the Parkwood Estates Subdivision Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/281286568706497/> and ask to join the group.



When posting and commenting, remember that everyone here is your neighbor. Please treat each other with respect. Keep all content and activity family friendly and legal.

## Keep Informed...Get Involved

Residents are invited to attend our [Monthly board meetings](#) (see details below); opinions and views will be shared.

The **Smokler Truesdell Home Owner Association** (HoA) [board of directors](#) have adopted the following statement to guide our HomeOwner Association operation:

**Smokler Truesdell HomeOwner Association** is a volunteer assembly of residents who strive to respectfully work together:

- To promote the welfare of our local community subdivision so it continues to be a desirable environment for its residents
- To prudently, honestly and openly receive and allocate the annual dues toward these purposes

HoA board members want to hear from residents and work toward managing the HoA in the best interest of the residents. Differing viewpoints will be recognized but not all can always be accommodated to accomplish the common good for the subdivision.

Respect should guide communications with the board or other residents at board meetings, on the Parkwood Estates Facebook group page, and in all other interactions.

### Ways to keep informed:

**NEWSLETTERS**—hard copy or email copy (request at [webmaster@microrap.biz](mailto:webmaster@microrap.biz)). Be sure your email and security software allows mail from [Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz](mailto:Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz) and [RickPidsosny@MicroRAP.biz](mailto:RickPidsosny@MicroRAP.biz).

**WEBSITE**— [parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org](http://parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org)— has maps, minutes of board meetings, calendar of events and other information that residents may want to know.

**FACEBOOK**—search for “Parkwood Estates Subdivision” and ask to be invited.

**BOARD MEETINGS**—3rd Tuesday of the month at the Township Hall. All residents are welcome.



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### ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Sponsor Ads** for the newsletter range in cost depending on size as follows:

- 1/8 page (business card -1.07" X 1.38")  
@ \$35.00 per year
- 1/4 page (2.13" X 2.75")  
@ \$70.00 per year
- 1/2 page (4.25" X 5.5")  
@ \$105.00 per year
- full page (8.5" X 11")  
@ \$140.00 per year.

Sponsor ads will be published in the newsletter as soon as payment is received by the Treasurer for one (1) year from date of payment. Payments should be made to **Smokler-Truesdell** and mailed to PO Box 87066, Canton, MI 48187.

The cost of the ad will include an ad approximately 242 wide by 136 high pixel size published on the website.

**Classified Ads** are available for those individuals who would like to 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.

Send classified ad copy to the webmaster at:  
[Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz](mailto:Webmaster@MicroRAP.biz)

Send your ad copy (Sponsor ads) to:  
[cjmcgorey@hotmail.com](mailto:cjmcgorey@hotmail.com)

Or mail to:

**Smokler-Truesdell**  
**PO Box 87066**  
**Canton, MI 48187**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	April 8, 2017 at 10am	<b>Blue Mountain Park</b>	
<b>Garage Sale</b>	May 18-20, 2017	Subdivision Wide	
<b>Curb Appeal Award</b>	June 2017	Subdivision Wide	Judged by July 1
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	November 15, 2017	Township Hall	
<b>Dues Notices Mailed</b>	December 1, 2017		
<b>Christmas Lights Contest</b>	December 17-22, 2017	Subdivision Wide	Judged by December 22
<b>Dues Late</b>	January 31, 2017	Add 6% late fee	
<b>Monthly Board Meetings</b>	<b>3rd Tuesday of month, Sept—May, 7:00 pm, at Canton Township Hall</b>		

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