

# The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivision

Spring 2024 Issue

Smokler-Truesdell Homeowners Association

PO Box 541, South Lyon, MI 48178



## SPRING CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 23rd

10 am to 12 pm

*Rain date: March 30*

Egg Hunt (ages walking to 11)

Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Crafts • Refreshments

Marshmallow Drop (weather permitting)

Join us for the annual Parkwood Estates Spring Celebration, this year held at **Blue Mountain Park**.



The Egg Hunt will be happening between 10:00 am and 11:30 am.

Please check in at the pavilion before participating and bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs.

The Marshmallow Drop will take place around 11:30-11:45 am, weather permitting.

This event is open to all residents of Parkwood Estates; their children and grandchildren.

## Food Truck Events in Parkwood Estates

Be on the lookout for announcements regarding monthly food trucks coming to Parkwood Estates starting in May through August.



Details will be announced on signs, Facebook and the Parkwood Estate website.

## HOA Board Elections for 2024

Elections for the Parkwood Estates Board were held in December. Returning to the Board is **Robert Fortune**, who is now the Board president.

Former Board member **Jeffrey Hall** has also returned, in the vice president slot. **Mike Cappuccitti** returns as secretary, and Daan Berks is now treasurer.

Residents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings to keep informed of HOA events. Meetings can be attended in person at the Canton Township Hall or via ZOOM video conference. Details on how to attend Zoom meetings can be found on the Parkwood web site, at

[https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/attending\\_a\\_zoom\\_board\\_meeting.html](https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/attending_a_zoom_board_meeting.html).

## 2023 Holiday Display Award Winners

*Congratulations* to the winning homeowners of the **Parkwood Estates 2023 Holiday Display Award**.

*The 2023 recipients are:*

**1600 Manton ♦ 1576 Walnut Ridge Circle**

**1640 Manton ♦ 42462 Saltz Road**

*Honorable mentions:*

**1620 Manton ♦ 1716 Walnut Ridge Circle**

**1289 Terrell Court ♦ 42415 Saltz**

**1435 Copeland Circle ♦ 1510 Copeland Circle**

# Inside The Park

By John Kouchoukos, Parks Chairman

*Hello Neighbors!*

We hope that your 2024 is off to a great start. We are excited that Spring is right around the corner! It won't be long until the sounds of birds chirping and kids playing will be in the air. In this month's article we will provide a review of what the Board strives to provide for our residents in our community. A good portion of your yearly dues go to Summer maintenance and upgrades of our common grounds and the Winter maintenance of our streets via plowing.



## Here is a summary of our Summer Maintenance Program:

- Spring Cleanup of the Parks, Cul-de-Sac Islands and Lilley Rd easement.
- Weekly Lawn Maintenance.
- Fall Cleanup of Park Entrances, Cul-de Sac Islands and Lilley Rd easement.
- Mulch installation yearly to Cul-de-Sac Islands and Park/Sub Entrance signs.
- Bi-yearly mulching of Park playground areas.
- Maintenance of Park equipment and Structures.
- Yearly trimming of Park Entrance sign shrubs.
- Bi-yearly trimming of trees along Lilley Rd.
- Trimming of Common Area trees.
- Fertilization of all Common Areas.

## Park Improvements

Over the last several years we have made the following improvements/upgrades throughout our community:

- Removed and replaced old Park/Sub Entrance signs with new appealing signs and plantings.
- Removed overgrown/dead plants from Cul-de-Sac islands and installed new trees, keep existing trees trimmed and now mulch yearly for a more attractive appearance.
- Installed a new Play Structure in Blue Mountain Park.

## Potential 2024 Maintenance Improvements

- There are several existing play structures in each park that are at the end of their life cycle and are planned for removal.
- There are several park benches and garbage cans that are installed in the ground that are heaving and need to be removed and re-installed.
- All 3 Pavilions will be power washed and we are looking at ways to keep the birds from nesting in the joists.
- The wood edging for the play structure in Blue Mountain Park needs to be replaced, we are looking at several different materials for that project.

## Potential 2024 Enhancements

We are always looking for enhancement ideas for the parks that benefit residents. In the past it seems that all ideas and installations have been for our youngest residents. We are looking into ideas for *all age groups* to enjoy a wide variety of activities in our Common Areas. Some suggestions have been: a putting green course; an area Boche Ball; cornhole; Fowling; Community Garden; Outdoor Gym Equipment, and a few others. We will be discussing these and all options over the next several months and plan on conducting a survey among residents to vote on or suggest items.

We, as your HOA Board, are dedicated to enhancing your living experience. We take our responsibility seriously and are committed to providing you with the best place to live, work and play. Your input and feedback are valuable to us as we strive to create a thriving community for all residents.



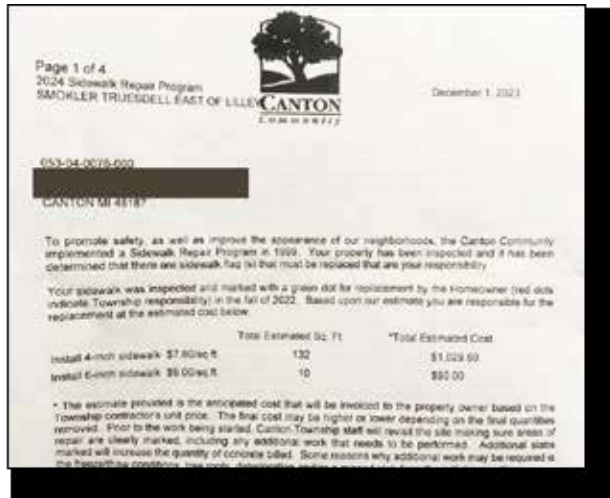
In our next newsletter, we're excited to share practical tips for enhancing your home's curb appeal and insights into township ordinances that affect our community. From simple landscaping ideas to noise and waste disposal guidelines, we aim to empower residents to make informed decisions that contribute to a beautiful and harmonious neighborhood. Stay tuned for expert advice and useful information that will help us all create a more vibrant and welcoming community together.

***Thank you and see you inside the parks!***

## Sidewalk Repair Program Update

The Canton sidewalk repair program will be moving into the Parkwood Estates area this year. To see if your property falls into this year's zone, a link is provided to the Sidewalk Program map on the Township web site at <https://www.cantonmi.gov/214/Sidewalk-Repair-Program>.

Letters were sent out in December to residents who had sidewalk slabs that were determined to be in need of replacement. Below is an example one of these letters.



If you did not receive a letter, and you have slabs of sidewalk flagged for replacement, you can call Canton's Engineering Services Division at 734/394-5150. Sidewalk repair construction is scheduled to begin after Memorial Day and be completed by the end of July. Invoices for repair work will be mailed in the Fall / Winter.

## Ways to keep informed:



**NEWSLETTERS**—hard copy or email copy (request at [https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/subscribe\\_form.html](https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/subscribe_form.html)). 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://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org)— has maps, minutes of board meetings, calendar of events and other information that residents may want to know.



**INFORMATIONAL EMAILS**— Receive email alerts when new items are added to our website. To be added to the list, go to [https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/subscribe\\_form.html](https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/subscribe_form.html)



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



## Annual Subdivision Garage Sale: June 20–22

Our subdivision conducts a neighborhood garage sale each year. This is an opportunity for homeowners to clear out those unwanted items, maybe find items you are looking for at a neighbor's sale, maybe make a little cash, and meet your neighbors! Signs will be placed at the subdivision entrances, and a notice will be placed on the Facebook page.

## Canton Board of Trustees selects new waste hauler

The Canton Board of Trustees has awarded a new five-year waste hauling contract to **Priority Waste**, to begin on August 1. Canton's current contract with GFL Environmental will expire on July 31.

Out of three proposals, submitted by GFL Environmental USA, Priority Waste and Titan Environmental Solutions, Priority Waste came in as the lowest qualified bidder. Priority Waste's weekly curbside collection of refuse service will utilize a 95-gallon cart. These carts will be provided to residents before August 1, and they will replace the current collection protocol of using homeowners' 35-gallon containers and garbage bags.



A comprehensive public education campaign covering the new removal processes and procedures will be launched before August 1 to address all resident questions regarding this change.

For up-to-date information and announcements please follow Canton Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CantonGovernment/>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Board Meetings	2nd Wednesday of month, Sept—May, 7:00 pm
2024 Dues Are Late	February, 2024
2024 2nd Dues Notices Mailed	March 1, 2024
Spring Celebration	Saturday, March 23, 2024     Blue Mountain Park
Subdivision Garage Sale	Thursday through Saturday, June 20–22

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### Park Captains:

Blue Mountain Park—Currently vacant

Loveland Park—Currently vacant

Winter Park—Currently vacant

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