

The PARK BENCH

Parkwood Estates Subdivision

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Smokler-Truesdell Homeowners Association • PO Box 541, South Lyon, MI 48178



Curb Appeal Award Contest

Every summer the Parkwood Estates Homeowners Association gives recognition to those homeowners who make an effort to keep their property attractive and pleasing, by conducting a Curb Appeal Award Contest.

This year's judging will take place the week of July 1 – 7. Each year three homeowners* will be awarded a \$35 prize.

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

The winners will be announced on the [Parkwood Estates website](#) and in the Fall newsletter.

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

Sidewalk Repair Program Update

The township has begun bringing out equipment to do repairs. Sidewalk repairs are expected to begin in early June. Repairs will begin in the sub west of Lilley Road.

Several HOA residents have already asked the township review which walks need to be replaced. Erika Hidalgo, Canton Staff Engineer, has promised to meet with each resident to discuss their walks needing repairs.

If you want the township to review your walks needing repairs contact Erika at 734-394-5150 or by email at erika.hidalgo@cantonmi.gov.

If residents want help scheduling reviews contact the HOA President Bob Fortune at 734-981-0344. For more information call Canton's Engineering Services Division at 734-394-5150 or see [Canton's website](#).

Annual Garage Sale – June 13–15

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](#).

Food Truck Events in Parkwood Estates

The food truck events have been popular with residents. Coming next:

June 18 - Salty Guys
(on Collingham Ct.)

August 15 - Rafiq's Falafel (location TBD)

More information will be posted on [Facebook](#), the [Parkwood Estates website](#) and on signs at the entrances.



Resident Volunteer Needed!

Parkwood Estates by-laws state that a Board is established to manage the affairs of the subdivision. The board is made up of volunteers who are residents in good standing plus any other member who may be needed to conduct subdivision business.

There is currently an open board position that needs to be filled. Would you like to be a part of the group who help manage and shape the future of the subdivision?

Board members must be able to attend the monthly board meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meetings usually last between 1 and 1½ hours. There are also vacancies for [Park Captains](#) of all three subdivision parks.

If interested in applying for a board position, or in helping with the management of the park, please contact the HOA President Bob Fortune at 734-981-0344.



Being a Good Neighbor in the Warm Weather Season

Summer's here, and the time is right for outdoor activities of all kinds. Every neighborhood has its own unique soundtrack—children laughing and playing outside, lawnmowers humming on a sunny afternoon, dogs barking as they enjoy time outside, and more. These are the sounds that give a community its heartbeat.

Sometimes these noises become disruptive, and create tension among neighbors. In evening hours, we should be mindful of our neighbors who have early bedtimes, or who just like some peace and quiet.

On the other hand, being a good neighbor can also mean being understanding about our neighbors who do have children, and living with the fact that they are going to be doing what kids do, and sometimes that can get pretty noisy. Some residents like to have guests over on a nice day, and the sound of a group of people enjoying outdoor time in the backyard can also get loud.



If the noise coming from a neighbor's yard is bothering you, feel free to approach your neighbors politely and respectfully, express your concerns about noise, and seek mutually acceptable solutions.

Contacting authorities to intervene should always be a last resort. In most cases, HOA noise complaints can be resolved amicably through direct communication with the offending party.

In this day and age, almost every community has a presence on Next Door, or some other form of social media. Staying polite and professional on social media is always advised. It's not a good idea air your grievances about loud neighbors there.

Let's all have a great summer and enjoy being outdoors. But also be considerate of how you want others to treat you and how you can respect them in return.

Annual Dues Reminder

Association dues are an obligation of all subdivision homeowners. Dues are used to pay for grass cutting, park & berm maintenance, snow plowing, equipment replacement, insurance, community activities and legal services.

Our Association By-Laws state that assessments are an obligation of all subdivision homeowners. The Annual Dues payment of \$115 was due January 1, 2024. If you have paid, thank you for your payment.

There are a large number of outstanding dues for this time of the year. If you're not sure whether you paid, please check and make sure you have.

If you have not paid at this time, the payment is late and is subject to a \$25 late fee.

Assessment payments should be mailed to:

**Smokler Truesdell Association
PO Box 541
South Lyon, MI 48178**

Please be sure your lot number appears on your check and that you return the invoice with your payment.

A lien may be placed on the homeowner's property or legal action taken for unpaid assessments as specified in our Association By-Laws. This and more information about annual assessments is available on the Parkwood Estates web site at https://www.parkwoodestates-cantonmi.org/annual_assessment.html

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 visit the Canton website at <http://www.cantonmi.gov/216>