



April 2018

Board Elections

A big thank you to Anne Hill, Morell Boone, and Ryan Smith for volunteering to serve on the HOA Board and fill the three open Board Member seats. Since we did not have more homeowners interested in serving in these positions than openings available, a ballot election was not required. All three have been approved to join the Hawk Nest board for a two year period beginning on 4/1/18.

Building Approvals

It is that time of year when residents are planning projects such as decks, fences, sheds, playsets, etc.

Please remember that you must receive approval from the HOA architectural committee before beginning any improvement project on your property.

We also have an approval form that must be on file with the HOA before you begin work. A copy is attached for your reference.

Contact the HOA for all approvals at hawknesthoa@gmail.com.

2018 Annual Dues

The invoices for annual dues were sent out on March 18th. We have maintained our current \$200/year for 2018. If you did not receive an invoice in the mail, you are set up to receive it via e-mail. Be sure to check your junk folder to make sure it did not end up there by accident.

Payment for invoices is due by April 17, 2018. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to all accounts not paid by that date.

Resident Communications

The Board sends out monthly resident communications via our Gmail distribution list.

If you are a new resident or a current resident that is not receiving these, please be sure to email the Board with your email address.

Recycling Event

Recycle! East Lansing, East Lansing's annual spring recycling event, will take place on Saturday, **June 2nd** from 8am – 3pm, at the Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road.

You may visit the City website for more information on what items are accepted for recycling at the event or to inquire about serving as a volunteer.

Dumpsters

Spring is in the air and so is spring cleaning! Please remember that it is illegal to dump anything in the Granger construction dumpsters located in Hawk Nest without permission from Mayberry Homes. The dumpsters are designated for Mayberry construction materials only.

Street Parking

Just a friendly reminder to please be considerate of where you or your guests park in relation to your neighbor's driveway access.

The City of East Lansing also announced parking between the hours of 2am – 6am is permitted with prior authorization from the ELPD. To request permission, please contact the ELPD at (517) 319-6897. Permission is limited to 20 nights a year per residence.

Sidewalk/Driveway Repairs

The HOA is planning to have work done on common sidewalks (those that run in front of houses parallel to the street) and will pay the \$300 minimum fee as well as the cost for the work done to the common areas.

Hawk Nest homeowners may contact Concrete Raising and Leveling directly at concreterlcorp@gmail.com or (517) 898-9446 to have work done on their driveways or walkways (those that connect the sidewalk to the front porch) at the same time they are doing HOA's work, and the \$300 minimum fee will be waived.

The cost to raise a sidewalk slab is \$150 and a driveway slab runs \$200. Where more than one slab is affected, the cost is adjusted accordingly. The homeowner will work directly with Concrete Raising and Leveling to get a quote and pay for the work on their driveway or walkway.

The HOA will meet with the company on May 1st, and have been told we can expect for the work to be done around 5/14 – 5/21. The date(s) will become more firm after the May 1st walk through.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

The annual Hawk Nest neighborhood garage sale is set for Friday, **June 22nd** from 9am - 5pm and Saturday, **June 23rd** from 9am - 5pm. Advertisements will be placed ahead of time and signs/maps will be posted at the front of the subdivision. Residents may participate at no cost to them.

Tree Trimming

There has been confusion in the past as to who has responsibility for trimming trees alongside the road. Our Bylaws state that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the plants and shrubs on their unit. However, they do not give specifics. The City of East Lansing does not have responsibility for trimming our trees because we are a private Condominium Association.

However, Parking and Code Enforcement can ticket a homeowner if the trees along the sidewalk are not trimmed in accordance with the City ordinance, which is seven (7) feet above a sidewalk.

The HOA recommends following the City of East Lansing ordinance guidelines on trimming (Sec. 48-62), which states:

....“any *tree* which is so located as to extend its branches over the public alley or highway, unless the same shall be kept so *trimmed* that there shall be a clear height of not less than 12 feet above the portion of the surface of the alley or public right-of-way used for vehicular traffic, and not less than seven feet above all sidewalks, unobstructed by branches; and no such person shall fail to remove all dead branches or stubs on such *tree* or *trees* which are, or may become, a menace to travelers on a street.” (Code 1994, Ch. 36, § 3.15)

For the safety of other residents, now is a great time to check the branches on your street trees and trim any that are needed.

Outside Aesthetics

As a reminder during these spring and summer traveling months, yards should be maintained even if you are not home. The City of East Lansing's ordinance reads:

“302.4 *Weeds and plants*. All exterior premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. Trees and shrubs and other plantings shall be tended and trimmed to maintain sight lines, to prevent damage to structures, and to have at least a 7 foot clearance above a sidewalk.”

The process of making a code complaint is to dial (517) 351-4220 Option #2. This is the Dispatch line and they are available 24/7. You will need the address and nature of complaint so they can then dispatch a PACE Officer to the location in question.

Hawk Nest HOA Board and Committee Contact information:

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1404
East Lansing, MI 48826

Email: hawknesthoa@gmail.com

Facebook Page:
Hawk Nest Home Owners – East Lansing

Website:
<http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/149/Hawk-Nest>

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (685 Buteo Drive)

Board Members

Anne Hill – President
T: (517) 410-6534

Morell Boone – Vice President

Howard Heideman – Secretary

Megan Henriksen – Treasurer

Ryan Smith – Member

Committees

Architectural Committee
Ryan Smith, Chairperson

Communications Committee
Megan Henriksen, Chairperson

Maintenance Committee
Anne Hill, Chairperson

Recreation & Outreach Committee
Anne Hill, Chairperson