



July 2018

Party in the Park

Please join the HOA for a summer Party in the Park on **Saturday, July 21st**. It will be held from **3:00pm – 4:30pm** in the Hawk Nest Park. It will include free shaved ice from the Kona Ice truck.

This is a great opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors!

Concert in the Park

The East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band will be performing a concert in the Hawk Nest Park at **7:00pm on Thursday, August 2nd**.

Hot dogs will be provided free of charge.

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.

LightSpeed Internet

LightSpeed internet is moving forward with installation in our neighborhood. The HOA has granted easement access to install their equipment. A timeline of when this will be complete is yet to come.

LightSpeed internet connects homes to brand new fiber optic lines running at up to 10 Gigabit speeds.

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.

Precaution is the Best Defense

The neighborhood is experiencing a few recent items stolen from inside vehicles at night. Unfortunately, in most of these break-ins the vehicle's doors were not locked.

While there are very few instances of this type in our community, our best defense is to not provide the opportunity. Lock your vehicle doors and keep valuables out of sight. Also, the same goes for our houses – keep your doors and windows locked at night or when you are away.

Sidewalk Repairs

The HOA had work done on common sidewalks (those that run in front of houses parallel to the street). The first phase of sidewalk work was completed by Concrete Raising and Leveling in June. Unexpected equipment problems caused some delays in completing the project.

For repairs that require more extensive work, Concrete Raising and Leveling has stated that it is beyond the scope of what they do, and recommended consulting a company that does this type of more extensive work.

This work would require concrete sidewalk slabs to be removed, and some tree roots would need to be cut before new concrete could be poured (with the potential of damaging the tree). Trees are owned by the homeowner, and we would want approval from the homeowner before doing the work.

Contacts are being made to obtain quotes for the work and details will be provided as they become available.

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.

Payment for invoices was due by April 17, 2018. A \$10 late fee has now been assessed to all accounts that are unpaid. Property liens will be issued in the fall on any unpaid 2018 dues at an additional charge of \$100.

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 and twelve (12) feet above the street.

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 need trimming.

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:

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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)

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