

January 2013



Annual Lighting Contest

Thank you all for the great light decorations this year. Here are our three winners this year!

1st Place

Clinton and Tara Klotz
3633 Kiskadee

2nd Place

Bob and Mary Hotchkiss
442 Anniga

3rd Place

Dennis & Jo Anne Seman
3750 Kiskadee

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hawk Nest Homeowners Association is on March 21st 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Hannah Community Center.

Board Member News

This year we have three board seats up for election at the annual meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board please E-mail your name and contact info to hawknesthoa@gmail.com. We will need to hear from you by February 11th 2013. If there are more than three candidates, ballots must be mailed and returned before the annual meeting.

Help Needed

We are in need of people. The recreation chair needs to be filled. If interested please contact the President.

Sump Pump Blues

At least one homeowner's sump pump has failed, causing flooding in the basement and considerable damage. Consider a battery-powered back-up sump pump, cost \$300+, or a battery-powered sump pump failure high-water alarm, for as little as \$15-\$25+. Please comment and we'll share your comments at the March 21 annual meeting.

Flood Plain Blues

Karol Grove, Professional Surveyor, Alpine Land surveying discussed the updated FEMA flood plain maps at the last HOA Board meeting. Karol explained that for homes on the south side of Anhinga, on the east side of Kiskadee, or adjacent to HN Park (and a few others), a portion of the backyards may be in the flood plain, but it is almost certain that the homes are not and can be excluded from the flood plain. **Karol explained there is no need to buy flood insurance.** If homeowners have purchased flood insurance they may be entitled to a refund if they act now. Even if homeowners want to purchase flood insurance, Karol explained that the insurance is much cheaper if the home is excluded from the flood plain. Karol answered homeowners' questions and concerns. Karol asked homeowners to contact her ASAP if they want to receive the discounted rate for removing their home from the Flood Plain. For further information, contact Karol Grove at 248-887-3722, alpinesurv@aol.com. Note that other survey companies can provide the same service, but may not be able to complete the process as quickly.

Street Trees

Thank you to homeowners who trimmed their street trees this summer! There is still work to be done however. Please check the branches on your street trees and trim any that are not in accordance with City of East Lansing Ordinance Sec. 48-62. Trimming: ... any tree 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 [street] 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) **Please trim your tree branches ASAP!**

Beware of blocking sidewalks while parked in your driveway!

It was brought to the attention of the HOA that the City of East Lansing is ticketing cars parked over the sidewalk. To avoid paying a fine make sure when you are parked in your driveway the sidewalk is not blocked.

Sec. 38-127. - Snow, ice, rubbish or other obstructions

No person having the care, either as owner or occupant of any house, building, or lot, shall fail to maintain the sidewalks adjoining the property in accordance with the following standards:

- Rubbish, including broken bottles and glass, filth, obstruction, or other nuisance shall be removed within 24 hours or as specified by chapter 14 of this Code if the provisions therein are applicable and require sooner removal.
- (b) Ice shall be removed within 12 hours after the same has formed or salt, sawdust, sand, or other abrasive shall be strewn thereon.
- (c) Snow that accumulates before noon on a sidewalk, as the result of a snowfall, shall be cleared from the sidewalk so as to afford reasonably unimpeded passage by the public by midnight of that date and any snow accumulating after noon on a sidewalk, as a result of a snowfall, shall be cleared to the same extent by midnight of the following day.

- (d) Snow that accumulates on a sidewalk as the result of plowing or drifting shall be cleared from the sidewalk so as to afford reasonably unimpeded passage by the public within 24 hours.

Sec. 36-85. Placement of trash containers for collection

...provided, further, that no person shall place refuse containers in the public right-of-way for collection by the city before 8:00 p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection day, ...and the occupant(s) shall not allow the refuse containers to remain in the public right-of-way past 10:00 a.m. on the day following the date the refuse is collected.

Also, please keep your trash container in your garage.

Speed kills

With winter comes snow and ice. So please slow down and watch for ice, people and other cars.

Maintenance Corner

Matt, as the maintenance chair, has three great websites for you to look at to gear up your home for winter.

- <http://inhabitat.com/6-winter-home-improvement-tips-that-will-save-energy-and-lower-your-bills/furnace/?extend=1>
- <http://pets.webmd.com/features/pet-winter-safety-prepping-your-pet-for-winter-weather>
- <http://www.michigan.org/events/#&page=0&sort=&miles=20&ips=G711%2cB582%2cB581%2cG127%2cG687%2cB583&dt=1%2f3%2f2013&dte=03%2f31%2f2013&rpp=0>

Attention Hawk Nest AARP Members!

Would you be interested in forming a social club for those of us over fifty-years-old? This could be designed as a monthly, every second month or a quarterly get-together. We could meet for dinner at a restaurant, schedule special outings, have card parties or game nights; members could give presentations about their work or hobbies, or maybe watch movies at someone's house. I am willing to organize such a group, but I'd like to get your feedback. Also, let me know what types of hobbies or talents you have to share with such a group. Please let me know if you are interested and what your preferences might be. I can be e-mailed at eheideman@comcast.net or you can phone me at 351-0675 if you prefer. Eileen Heideman.

Community Events

- 2/1 & 2/2, Mid-Winter Singing Festival; www.singingfestival.com
- Children's Concert Series, FREE, @ 11 AM Saturdays 2/2, 2/16, 3/2. Hannah Community Center
- 2/8 Pinecrest Heart Hop, 6:30-8.
- Pinecrest Parent Council meetings @ 7 PM 2/12, 3/5, 4/9, 5/14 PinecrestParentCouncil@gmail.com
- 2/12 and 2/13 Daddy Daughter Butterfly Ball 7 – 8:30 PM. Hannah Community Center
- 2/21 E.L. High School Band (7 PM) & Orchestra (8 PM) pre-festival concert
- 3/23 E. L. Education Foundation Theater Gala 6-11 PM
- 4/25 E. L. High School Senior Solo Recital 7:30 PM
- 5/15 E. L. High School Orchestra Spring Concert 7:30 PM

Window Issues

If you have windows or a glass sliding door made by MILGARD nd have a broken seal then give them a call. They warranty their product 100% parts and labor. The contact number is 1.800MILGARD.

Hawk Nest HOA Board and Committee Contact information

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Board meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

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Anne Hill – Treasurer
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- Clinton Klotz – Member
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Committees

Architectural Committee

Chairperson Clinton Klotz
Maintains the aesthetic integrity of the community by regulating structures, improvements, landscaping, etc.

Communications Committee

Chairperson Aaron Irving
Newsletters, Questionnaires, & mailings

Maintenance Committee

Chairperson Matt Benson
Common area maintenance, including landscaping and snow removal.

Recreation Committee

Chairperson Open
Recreational and social events.