

DEERFIELD FARMS SUBDIVISION

Winter 2011

Board Announcements



During our last Subdivision Meeting – which was held on November 7th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. – we re-elected (2) 2-year positions of Treasurer and Member at Large. Nominations were accepted at the meeting itself with an election process during the same meeting. The results were unanimous (re) electing Dennis Schnabel as Treasurer and Mike Sturtz as Member at Large (Mike was serving an interim position as one of the previous board members moved from the subdivision). The meeting was held at the Clinton-Macomb Library North Branch, 16800 24 Mile Road (just West of Romeo Plank). Eight total residencies (out of 52) were represented. In addition to the board member election, we reviewed last years budget and actual expenses, presented the budget for 2012, provided a re-cap of the front entrance maintenance that was performed this past year, and presented the front entrance maintenance requirements for the up-coming year. Time was also allotted for an open discussion. The current Board members will remain as: Todd Hermann, Pearl Tormeno, Dennis Schnabel, Ken McAllister, and Mike Sturtz.

Snow Removal



We will be utilizing the snowplow services of Rictor's Landscaping this year. This is the same company who has maintained the front entrance and plowed the snow for us for the past few years. Once the snow starts to accumulate, the board would like to request that all homeowners park all vehicles in their respective driveways on predicted "snow days". This will make the snow plow activity easier and more complete. Also please keep in mind that it is a township ordinance that each homeowner cleans their respective sidewalks. But more importantly, it is a courtesy to our neighbors who enjoy walking on a daily basis. Please be responsible and courteous to all of your neighbors.

Holiday Decorations

The board members decorated the front entrance as opposed to hiring an outside firm again this year. This is a result of the continued sensitivity to the economic conditions that surround all of us. Decorations that have been purchased and are owned by the Subdivision were utilized and are stored at one of the board members homes annually. The board has budgeted to replace the Holiday Decorations as needed.

Dues Application

All Deerfield Farms residents should have received their dues notices via the United States Postal Service. The board requested that they be returned and received by November 17th, 2011. The annual dues will remain at \$140. To date, only 56% of the dues have been received. If you haven't already submitted your Annual Dues, please remit them to Deerfield Farms Subdivision Association, P.O. Box 182425, Shelby Twp, MI 48318. Please note that the dues that are collected from all of the residents are applied toward the landscape services for the front entrance, snow removal services, legal services and operating expenses that the subdivision realizes on a perpetual basis. The timely payment of the annual dues by all residents will aid the board in making sound and accurate decisions with regard to the expenses that are incurred annually.

Communication with the Board

Please feel free to visit the subdivision website to review the by-laws of our neighborhood. There are links for both an html version and a PDF image of the current by laws. The website address is <http://www.deerfieldfarms.org>. You can also send your questions and comments to the board at association@deerfieldfarms.org. Please use this email address as the means to voice your questions and comments and the board will respond expeditiously.

Subdivision Garage Sale



Several members of our subdivision have expressed an interest in a subdivision garage sale. This would be a great opportunity to better utilize the traffic that other garage sales attract in our community. We will publish a date in early 2012 once we get closer to spring. Please feel free to email the board with your suggestions for a date and use this winter to get prepared!!!!!!!!!!

General Staff

During this past year, there were a couple of reported theft and vandalism incidences. One possible deterrent is to keep your outdoor lights on during the night. A second deterrent, and probably most important, is to make sure that you report any and all incidences to the local authorities. They use this information to watch trends and they schedule their patrols accordingly.

A reminder to all residences: ensure that vehicles do not become permanent fixtures in the streets. The subdivision by-laws discuss vehicles under repair. They also become an unsightly item in our neighborhood.

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