



Arcadia Park Homeowners Association

Newsletter

Spring 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Greetings! We are excited for another successful year in Arcadia Park. As we explained at our Annual Meeting in January, the Board and Architectural Control Committee (ACC) continue to find ways to improve our subdivision each year. Whether it is new landscaping, cutting unnecessary expenses, improving social events, responding to maintenance issues, or securing more volunteers, you can be assured that the wheels are in motion! A special thanks to the residents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting and be involved with their community. We would also like to congratulate and welcome two new Board members: Mike Peters (Vice-President) and Amy Fajardo (Secretary). The other Board members, Jeff Lanier (President), Ken Krajewski (Vice-President), and Stefanie George (Treasurer) "volunteered" to extend their positions one more year.

The Conservation Easement modification application was submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) for their review. If this is approved, and the easement is removed from the main pond, we intend to move forward the bidding of the pond excavation this year.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- **Subdivision Garage Sale:** June 24-26
- **Subdivision Block Party** (TBD)
- **Halloween Parade** (Oct 31)

Vandalism and theft occurrences have drastically increased over the last couple of years. Our entrance landscaping and sign lights continue to be vandalized. A couple months ago, a vehicle drove through the lawns of about 80 homes. The cost for us to repair vandalized lights (approximately \$1,000/ incident) is coming directly out of our annual dues you pay. This is money we could be spending on new trees, park benches, etc. If you have any information regarding vandalism please email the website. We will keep your information confidential. In some cases, we will provide a cash reward.

CURRENT ISSUES & PROJECTS

Geese Control: We will continue efforts to control geese presence at the ponds. Similar to last year, we will obtain a state permit and relocate geese.

Mailboxes Repair: We continue to provide assistance to homeowners with damaged or degraded mailboxes. If your mailbox needs replacement/repair please email the website to request contractor/cost information. The owner is responsible for repairs.

Email Us for Electronic Newsletters and Alerts: Printing and mailing newsletters, letters, and notices to all 181 residents is a significant expense. Please email us (info@arcadiapark.org) so we can distribute newsletters, letters, and neighborhood alerts, if any, to you via email and save on publication costs. We will keep your email address confidential and not share it with other parties.

Subdivision Safety: We continue to see safety issues in our subdivision related to speeding cars and unleashed dogs. If you walk your dog, please be considerate of neighbors and other dogs and keep your

pet leashed and remember to clean up after them. We also received complaints of a dog roaming yards west of Enchantment Drive.

Businesses in Subdivision: Complaints have been made regarding increased traffic and parking due to possible businesses being run out of homes (e.g. daycare, education). This is a violation of the bylaws and city code and shall be discontinued.

Long Term Planning for Mailboxes and Entrance Lights: APHA has been working on long term plans for replacing the existing mailboxes and for adding street lights at the two John R entrances. Both of these activities will take considerable time and money. We'll present ideas at upcoming meetings.