

Fall 2013



HNHOA Website

Hawk Nest now has its own website, with many thanks to the City of East Lansing. You may go to the website at URL www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/hawknest. We are working on putting more content on the website, and would like to include some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Please forward suggestions for the FAQs to hawknesthoa@gmail.com or ahill695@hotmail.com. We would like to include information for potential new homeowners as well as those who have been around awhile. If there is something you would like us to include, please let us know.

Park entrances

Just a friendly reminder that as we go to enjoy the park, to be respectful of the yards for homeowners that live along the easement. Please use the sidewalks and walkways while enjoying our park.

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

City of East Lansing News

It was a great year with the New Hawk Nest Park being used extensively throughout the summer. It's great to have so many families enjoying the park!

Storm Drain cleaning

A part of your annual dues go to maintaining the storm drains. Over the next several weeks, we will have Michigan Plumbing come in to clean and inspect the storm drain system in Phases 1 and 2 (Phase 3 responsibilities have for storm drains have not yet been turned over to the HNHOA). Once they start the work, we expect the project to take approximately two weeks to complete. You will see their vehicles parked near the main storm drains, and they may even need to access the drain on your property. The storm drain easements are five foot from each side lot line and 10 foot from the lot line at the back of the property (for more information, reference the Master Deed doc # 5015889 – an example can be found on page 40 of 50 of this document.) This activity is done approximately every five to seven years.

As a homeowner, you can help keep the drain system clean by making sure that grass, debris, and dirt build up are kept out of the drain area. This keeps grass and sediment from flowing through the storm drains and into the storm detention ponds or the Sanderson drain along the North Tier Trail at the far east side of the neighborhood. Keeping this system cleaned out as much as possible will minimize the costs and frequency for dredging the detention ponds in future years (this would be paid for by funds from annual dues). This may be a little noisy at times. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Exterior changes to homes

With summer coming to a close, some homeowners are working to complete projects like fences, additions, sheds, pools, decks, etc before the cold weather arrives. We would like to remind the homeowners that before starting these projects make sure you get the approval of the architectural committee.

Speed

With school about to start soon, the children will be out walking to/from catching the bus. Please slow down and watch out for the kids. We want to make sure all of our kids and families are safe.

**Fun Things Around Town
City of East Lansing**

1. EL farmers' market, Sundays, 10-2, Valley Court Park
2. Free Fall Yard Waste Collection, dates TBA, check EL website.

MSU football home games

1. 8/30, 8 PM
2. 9/7, 12 PM
3. 9/14, 2 PM
4. 10/12, 12 PM
5. 10/19
6. 11/2
7. 11/30

East Lansing Public Schools

1. First day of school 9/3 (morning only K-6)
2. High School: before school activity days: 8/14, 9-11, juniors & seniors; 8/21, 9-11, freshmen and sophomores.
3. 9/18 open house-curriculum night, 7 pm.

Football varsity home games

1. 8/29, 9/13, 9/27, 10/4, and 10/25.

McDonald Middle School

1. 8/26 activities day
2. 9/10 curriculum night, 6:30
3. 10/23 fall band concert

Pinecrest Elementary

1. New principal Lanea Martin
2. 9/12 Picture Day; Open House & Ice Cream Social, 6:30 - 8

City of East Lansing Liaison

The City of East Lansing offers a Neighborhood Partnership Initiative program in which a City staff person is designated as a liaison with individual communities to support active citizen engagement and community building. Wendy Longpre has been designated as the Liaison for the Hawk Nest

Community. She is the Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Arts, and will be working closely with the Hawk Nest Homeowners Association. For more information about the program and how to contact Wendy, please visit her on Facebook at Wendy Wilmers Longpre, or E-mail her at: wlongpr@cityofeastlansing.com or call 517-319-6940. We look forward to working with Wendy on this program.

Board Meetings

Anne Hill has nicely opened her house up for those meetings. Meetings will be at 6:30 PM @ 695 Phoebe Lane, on the first Tuesday of the month.

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.

Stop Signs & No Parking Signs

Do you want them or not? Remember with signs come rules that can and will be enforced by Pace and the Police. Let the HOA know if you do or do not want them. There is a rather lengthy process that the City of East Lansing uses to identify need, get approval for, and installation of signs. We want to make sure we get input from the homeowners to ensure we are working on the things you feel are important for our community.

Board Members Wanted.

We are in need of a few new Board Members and Committee Chairs. Matt Benson, Secretary and Maintenance Chair has put his home up for sale, and will be leaving our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering for this much needed position, please

contact any member of the Board, or feel free to attend a Board meeting. We will have some open positions in the spring as well. This is a great time to stop by and see how you can help keep our neighborhood character and property values.

Also, "Thank You" to Matt for all of his hard work over the past 2 years. It is greatly appreciated. Best of luck in your new neighborhood!

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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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, mailings, Questionnaires

Maintenance Committee

Chairperson Matt Benson

Common area maintenance, including landscaping and snow removal.

Recreation Committee

Chairperson Open

Recreational and social events.