

May 2013



Hawk Nest Garage Sale

Mark your calendars! It is time for the Hawk Nest Annual Garage Sale! As always it will be the first weekend in June, which happens to be May 31 and June 1, 2013. The sale will officially be from 9 AM to 5 PM. The late start time is so people and kids can get out of the neighborhood for school and work before it gets too crowded, but that being said please give yourself a little extra time those mornings as garage sale shoppers are early birds. Even if you are not planning to participate in the sale you should be aware of these dates, in years past the neighborhood has been FULL of extra people! Please be friendly and tolerant of the extra crowds, this is only one weekend out of the year. If you have questions or want more information, contact leanne@mikeandleanne.com or visit the Hawk Nest Facebook page. Thanks!

House Additions

Now that spring is here home owners will want to be doing some work on their house. We would like to remind you that when you are doing additions to your house, or adding that new fence that you need the approval of the architectural committee. So please contact Clinton Klotz and/or send an email before you begin to hawknesthoa@gmail.com

Street Trees

As spring is here, 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.

City of East Lansing News

It was a great year with the New Hawk Nest Park being used extensively throughout the summer. For the latest updates added in August 2012 please visit the City of East Lansing website at <http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/Home/Departments/ParksRecreationArts/AboutFacilitiesParks>

Floodplain Update

In May 2011 the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated a portion of the HN neighborhood to be in a 100-year floodplain. For homes on the south side of Anhinga, on the east side of Kiskadee, and homes 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. There is no need to buy flood insurance. If you have purchased flood insurance you

may be entitled to a refund. Even if you want to purchase flood insurance, the insurance is much cheaper if your home is excluded from the flood plain. Fourteen HN homeowners have already successfully hired a survey company to remove their home from the floodplain. For more information, contact HNHOA President Howard Heideman, 351 0675, heideman@comcast.net.

Speed

With spring come children playing outside. So please slow down and watch children and others walking in the street.

Fun Things around Town

- May 15 E.L. High School Orchestra Spring Concert 7:30 pm
- May 16 E.L. High School Band Concert
- May 18-19 East Lansing Art Festival. Art and Music!
- June 1 Project Pride, 8 AM to 3 PM Recycle! Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road

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 second Tuesday of every month.

Dues

The Dues are being mailed out and are due May 31, 2012.

Maintenance Corner

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

- http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/04/getting_ready_for_spring_winter.html
- <http://www.outdoor-michigan.com/Birds.htm>

- http://michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570.7-153-10370_12145---.00.html

Sec. 36-85. Placement of 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.

Rentals

- Any rental of a Hawk Nest home must be approved by both the City of East Lansing and the Hawk Nest Board.
- An owner living in an E. L. home can rent out only one room to only one tenant. This room rental must be approved by the City of East Lansing.

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.

Free Things to Homeowners

Please remember that we get free driving range at Hawk Hollow and we also get free putting. Plus we get 25% off at Eagle Eye.

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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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 Jennifer Benson
Recreational and social events.