

# Creek Speak Newsletter

Edition Number Eight, December 2012

## Annual Homeowners Meeting

The annual homeowners meeting was held on October 25th. We had another record year of attendance with 28 homeowners present...thanks to all those that came to the meeting! The meeting kicked off with a social time allowing neighbors to mix and mingle while enjoying some fall refreshments. A review of the year's activities were conducted, Community Coordinator Ritchie Coleman gave a safety update and the new board were officially confirmed. We held our second annual contest and gave three lucky homeowners discounted annual dues for attending. The winners were as follows:

1st place (free dues)

Jude Joseph

2nd place (1/2 dues)

Betsy Vander Zee

3rd place (1/2 dues)

Jim Szewczul

Congratulations to the winners!

### **ACHA New Board**

**November 2012-November 2013**

The following are the newly elected volunteer board members that will be serving your community:

President—Julie Wigley

Vice President—Maher Salah

Secretary—Christy Garrett

Treasurer—Wendy Zhang

Member at large—Elango Elangovan

Member at large—Michael Xu

Member at large—Shervin Emadi



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## President's Corner - Fourth Quarter 2012

Dear Neighbors:

For the last two years I have served on the board; first as a member at large and most recently as Vice President. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the other volunteers to make our community a better place to live and I look forward to another rewarding year!

At our November Board meeting, the Board created a goal for our neighborhood. We felt it was important for everyone to understand why we are serving on the board and to have all of our decisions reflect working towards a common goal. Next, we created the objectives that we want to accomplish for the 2012-2013 year. I think that setting this goal and objectives gives us a good foundation for making this year a great one for the neighborhood! Please review the goal and objectives for the year:

### *Goal:*

To increase or maintain the property values of the Arbor Creek Subdivision and to make a more desirable place to live by:

- \*Creating a safe neighborhood
- \*Maintaining beautiful common areas
- \*Creating a family friendly atmosphere
- \*Enforcing the by-laws

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President's Corner continued...

## *2012-2013 Objectives:*

- \*Complete a landscaping RFP to ensure our vendor is offering a competitive price and quality work
- \*Create good community communication through website updates, email announcements and quarterly newsletters
- \*Create fun and friendly neighborhood activities
- \*Create a vendor recommendation board to help neighbors locate a reputable contractor

I would love to hear your feedback. Please feel free to send your comments to [messages@arbor-creek.org](mailto:messages@arbor-creek.org).

Enjoy the Holidays!

Julie

A Special Thank You!

We want to give our sincere thanks to three outgoing board members who devoted their time and energy over the last year to help make our neighborhood a better place to live!

Bari Brown — President

Bo Shen — Treasurer

Luis Zapata — Secretary



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## ACHA Landscaping Corner

Greetings Neighbors –

In advance of the upcoming wonderful snowy months, please kindly keep a few things in mind.

### **If you have an in ground sprinkler system, make sure you Winterize!**

If you have not yet winterized your sprinkler systems, you should do so **RIGHT AWAY!** This will help avoid expensive repairs and damage to your system. If you need a company to call, you can still contact Yardmaster (our association landscaping and snow removal company), at [\(734\) 439 – 1795](tel:7344391795).

**Sidewalk Snow Removal:** As we all know, it's not always fun to clear the snow that accumulates on our property. However, it is our responsibility as homeowners to be considerate of our neighbors' safety, and the safety of our kids as they walk to and from the bus stops all winter. Please remember that our association policy requires homeowners to promptly remove all accumulated snow from sidewalks adjacent to your entire property within 24 hours after a snowfall. If you know that you will be out of town during these snowy months (especially the Holidays), please arrange for a neighbor or a professional to be on call to clear your walks and driveway.

Yardmaster will continue to handle the snow removal for our streets, common areas, and sidewalks adjacent to common areas. We've been very pleased with their work in the past, and they will perform individual home driveway and sidewalk jobs as requested. If you are interested, contact them at [\(734\) 439 – 1795](tel:7344391795) - their fee is very reasonable.

Finally, as the winter progresses, if you have any concerns with Yardmasters work, or specific areas in the subdivision that are not being appropriately and properly cleared, please do not hesitate to email the board at [board@arbor-creek.org](mailto:board@arbor-creek.org)

Thanks and Happy Holidays!  
Maher



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## Safety Update

There are many things you can do to help keep our neighborhood safe. Consider the following tips:

- sign up for crime alerts at [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)
- sign up for emergency notifications and public safety updates at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)
- light all dark areas, especially around doors and windows
- keep hedges and scrubs clipped down around waist level near windows and other entry points
- keep all windows and doors locked, especially garage doors
- use additional locks and security bars on sliding doors
- consider installing an alarm system
- alert the Pittsfield police when you are on vacation and they will check your home periodically while you are gone

For more information and helpful tips, visit the Pittsfield Township website at [www.pittsfield-mi.gov](http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov) or contact Ritchie Coleman at [colemanr@pittsfield-mi.gov](mailto:colemanr@pittsfield-mi.gov).



## Annual Dues Collection Process

Just a reminder that last year we changed the dues collection policy. Please note the following timelines for the process this year:

- Billing statement sent to homeowners by December 31st
- Email reminders sent on January 7th and 21st
- Annual dues payment (\$250) due January 31st
- Processing charge of \$100 immediately applied after January 31st
- Delinquent account referred to attorney for collection on March 1st
- Lien on delinquent homeowner's property placed for recording after March 31st
- Foreclosure proceedings commence after 30 days from lien date

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Arbor Creek Homeowner's Association  
Board Members

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[www.arbor-creek.org](http://www.arbor-creek.org)

Mark Your Calendar for  
these  
Upcoming Events:

- Annual Homeowner's Association fees due January 31, 2013
  - Spring Easter Egg Hunt
  - 3rd Annual Landscaping Contest
- View the website for more details  
([www.arbor-creek.org](http://www.arbor-creek.org))

To: Arbor Creek Homeowner



Don't forget to pay your  
annual homeowner's asso-  
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31st!

