

Creek Speak Newsletter

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Annual Dues Collection Process

As the Board wraps up the annual collection process for 2013, we would like to thank all of our homeowners who submitted their dues on a timely basis. Doing so helps the association in many ways. For example:

- 1- It helps to maintain our bank account at proper levels so we are able to pay the bills timely. This is especially the case with our yard maintenance company which is our largest expense.
- 2- This process can be very time consuming and timely submission helps to facilitate an easier dues collection process overall which makes the role of the volunteer Board much smoother.

We hope you understand the importance of this policy. If you have any questions, please contact the Board at messages@arbor-creek.org. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

*Attention Homeowners:
If any of your contact information changes, please send an email to messages@arbor-creek.org at your first opportunity with updates so you do not miss out on any important communications.
Thank you for your cooperation!*



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President's Corner - First Quarter 2013

Dear Neighbors:

As you can see from the neighborhood goal that was set by the Board, keeping our neighborhood safe for our homeowners is very important to us. We have heard a few concerns from some homeowners and we are addressing them. A few of the concerns involve traffic issues: cars speeding through the neighborhood and not stopping fully at all the stop signs, especially at the corner of Spring Ridge Drive and Mystic Drive.

We have a contact at the Pittsfield Police Department that has been assigned to our neighborhood. I have alerted him to these concerns and you may have noticed the result of his efforts. They are patrolling more frequently and are stopping cars who coast through stop signs. In fact, some people have received tickets in our neighborhood for these issues. Our goal is certainly not to have the police hand out tickets, but we do need to help ensure the safety of our homeowners. In the springtime, you may notice an electronic speed monitor around the neighborhood to alert drivers to their speed. We hope that by working with the Pittsfield Township Policy, we can ensure that we live in a safe environment. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the Board at messages@arbor-creek.org or the Pittsfield Police Department at 822-4911.

Let's be safe!
Julie
ACHA President



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Landscaping Contract

On a regular basis we review our contractors to ensure we are getting the most value for your money. Our contract with Yardmasters, our landscaping company, will expire in April. We put the contract service out to bid with three companies. We decided to renew our contract with Yardmaster. We even were able to negotiate a rate lower than the previous contract thus saving the association \$2500 for the year! At the same time, we were able to increase their services by conducting winter/summer sprinkler care. Yardmaster will continue to do all the summer and winter landscaping. Should you have any issues/concerns, please let the board know by sending us an email at messages@arbor-creek.org.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We will once again hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will be on Saturday, March 30th at 11am at the Ann Arbor Hospice. This fun event is for children ages 12 and under. **If you plan on attending, please send an email to messages@arbor-creek.org with the number of children and their ages.** All children should bring a basket to collect their eggs and goodies. We'll also have refreshments. We look forward to seeing you on the 30th!

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ACHA Landscaping Corner

Dear Homeowners:

Landscaping your outdoor home is one of the joys of springtime, which many of us look forward to. Here are some suggestions to keep in mind as we fast approach spring!

Unlike a paint color in our home (once it's up you're done) landscaping requires maintenance and care. From pulling weeds, watering and pruning, fertilizing the lawn to occasional replacement of dead plants, etc. Spring provides a great opportunity to enhance the beauty of our yard.

If you do not have a lawn service, there are simple ways to keep your lawn weed-free and vibrant. Many stores have started selling products such as "Weed & Feed" that can be applied in spring, summer and fall. When applied as directed, these products keep your lawn green, healthy and weed-free.

As snow recedes, much debris becomes visible within our yards, patio/decks and even our trees. Let's keep them free of trash, such as broken pieces of plastic, plastic bags and empty containers.

Please keep trash receptacles in your garage except, of course, during trash days.

For those of us who are dog lovers please keep Arbor Creek a sanitary and attractive place, especially for our little ones. Please scoop up after your dog droppings in the common areas. It makes good sense and our Association By-Laws require it.



We are again looking forward to having our third annual landscaping contest - with the top three winners receiving gift certificates to Main Street Ventures. The contest will take place in Mid-June - more information will be forthcoming on the website.

Thanks!

Maher Salah and Shervin Emadi
Landscaping Committee

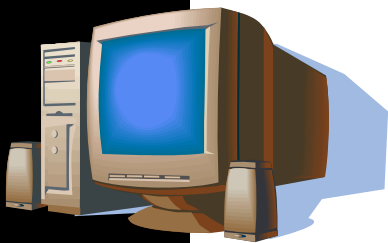
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Arbor Creek Homeowners Association Goal

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*



Arbor Creek Directory

The 2013 Arbor Creek directory will be available shortly. Please watch for website and email announcements. When available, please click on www.arbor-creek.org and log in to view the directory. If you have any changes to your information, please send an email to messages@arbor-creek.org so we can make the changes. In order to save paper and resources and help be a “green” community, we will not be printing and distributing it so please use the website or save it to your personal computer in a secure location.

**Arbor Creek Homeowner's Association
Board Members**

Julie Wigley — President
Maher Salah — Vice-President
Wendy Zhang — Treasurer
Christy Garrett — Secretary
Elango Elangovan — Member —at-Large
Michael Xu — Member-at-Large
Shervin Emadi — Member-at-Large

**Mark Your Calendar for
these
Upcoming Events:**

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt, March 30th
11am, Hospice area
- 3rd Annual Homeowners Landscaping
contest May/June
 - Annual garage sale
 - Annual summer party

View the website for more details
(www.arbor-creek.org)

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To: Arbor Creek Homeowner

Don't forget to RSVP to
the Easter Egg Hunt to
[messages@arbor-
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