

#### SUBDIVISION NEWSLETTER 2017



Rolling Oaks Homeowners Association

January 2017

# **NEIGHBORHOOD TIDBITS & UPDATES**



Entrance renovation complete in 2011

## **Volunteers Needed!**

The Homeowners Association (HOA) Board has two vacancies that are in <u>immediate</u> need to be filled. The HOA Board oversees the association budget, enforces the bylaws, and coordinates communication throughout the association.

If anyone is interested in hearing more, or would like to volunteer please visit the website and send a message to board members indicating your interest.

Our website continutes to be updated and improved by our webmaster. There is a page dedicated to promoting goods and services provided by fellow neighbors. If you would like to be added to the page, you can email a board member from the website - www.rollingoakssub.com

The website still has great information including by-laws, annual financial statements, as well as previous years of this newsletter.

If you are a new resident to the subdivision, be sure to check out the City of Howell's website www.cityofhowell.org

New residents can visit City Hall to pick up a packet of information including a city calandar and other helpful documents. The city owns and maintains the roads and sidewalks of the subdivision. All city ordinances apply in the neighborhood as well.

# **Annual Neighborhood Gathering**

The annual meeting is planned for April 1st at 10:00 am at Grace Lutheran Church located at 312 Prospect, Howell.

This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and re-connect with old

ones. A continental breakfast and will be provided, so please consider joining us!

The Board will invite a representative from HPD to answer any questions as well.

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to reach out to someone from the board through our website www.rollingoakssub.com

#### **Board of Directors:**

Bob Slobin President/ Treasurer

Marcia Gebarowski, Secretary

Andre Pasini Board Member

John Firestone Board Member

Matt Turco Webmaster

#### **GARAGE SALE**

The annual subdivision garage sale will be June 10th from 9AM to 3PM.

There is no cost to participate!

#### **ANNUAL DUES**

A statement is included with this newsletter. The dues will remain the same at \$75 per house. Payment is due upon receipt of your statement.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD TIDBITS AND UPDATES**

#### **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

Rolling Oaks adheres to bylaws which can be found on the website. These bylaws were established by the developer of the subdivision and are enforced by the Board through a formalized notification and enforcement process which can also be found online.

Bylaws prohibit large items like boats and RV's from being stored in driveways or in the street, as well as prohibit fences with the exception of properties that border M-59 or Byron Rd.

Finally, the bylaws require trash and recycling recepticles to be kept out of sight. Recepticles are expected to be brought up from the curb by the next day after trash pick-up. Trash and recycling receptacles are also expected to be concealed and close to your house/garage or placed in a more courteous location during the week.

We're on the Web! www.rollingoakssub.com



# **Important Message**

## **Natural Gas and Wood Burning Fireplaces**

Rolling Oaks Subdivision

January 19, 2016:

To all Residents of Rolling Oaks Subdivision,

As you may or may not be aware on Christmas Day 2015 a resident in your community suffered significant loss to their home due to a chimney fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be blown in insulation in direct contact with the fire box in the chimney chase. It is our understanding that this was done after the home was built due to frost build up and cold air drafts around the fireplace.

Most wood burning and natural gas fired fireplaces require a minimum clearance between combustible materials and the exterior of the fire box. This was not the case in this instance and it caught fire.

The Howell Area Fire Department is concerned that this may have been done to other fireplaces in your neighborhood and suggest that an effort by each homeowner is made to ensure that there is no insulation materials in direct contact with their fireplace.

This is a reminder that all fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected at regular intervals by a professional chimney sweep or contractor.

Sincerely,

Chief Andrew J. Pless

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Howell Area Fire Department

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