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Subdivision Enhancements Planned

Now that the subdivision passed the vote to increase the dues last Fall, and lighting was desired by the majority of homeowners by the following results:

YES – 95 votes

NO -38 votes

Maybe – 4 votes

Did not answer the lighting question on form – 37 votes

No form submitted -18 votes

... the Board has decided to move forward with the long awaited start to the lighting project. As with everything, costs have gone up since we initially started to investigate this improvement. This will require the lights to be installed in a series of phases.

The initial project will start with four lights at a cost of just over \$20,000. If you want to check out what the lights will look like and the lighting levels, similar lights can be reviewed in the subdivision south of 12 Mile and east of Middlebelt.

Once installed, all future maintenance of these lights will be handled at no additional cost to the subdivision.



The style of light will be similar to the light shown to the left, and is the DTE Grandville series light. Four light locations are being considered and will be posted on the Hunters Pointe Web Site when known after discussing with adjacent residents.

Board representatives will contact property owners adjacent to these planned lighting locations prior to installation to make sure there are no objections.

Additional subdivision improvements under consideration include:

- Updating the landscaping at the Fox Club entrance to 13 Mile Road and at various islands and commons locations
- Blacktop walkway paths
- Improvements to irrigation systems
- Updating bench, picnic tables and playground equipment
- Investigation of the primary drains between north and south ponds

But, prior to the lights being initiated, the Board wants to review and update the subdivision by-laws. There is much confusion on what by-laws are the most current and which portions are outdated.



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The Board will hire a lawyer soon to begin this process.

Subdivision Enhancements Completed

Already improved is the entrance island off of Andover at 13 Mile where soil rejuvenation, new plantings, new lighting and new sprinklers have been added. A big thanks to Scott Woodruff and Maurine Killing for leading this effort.

Additionally, cattails were cleared at the south pond last month.

Road Construction is coming in a big way to are Area

Local Area Construction Projects

The City of Farmington Hills will have construction projects this Spring and Summer that will surround our subdivision. The City recently bid out a \$6,000,000 project to improve the following roadways:

- **Drake Road from 13 Mile to 14 Mile**
- **13 Mile from Haggerty to Halstead**
- **13 Mile from Farmington to Orchard Lake**

This will mean there will be difficulties entering and exit our subdivision, whether leaving at 13 Mile or Drake Roads.

Patience will be key and remember to give yourself extra time as the work and time to exit will vary

throughout the project. These projects will continue to enhance the area long term!

Middlebelt Sewer Transport and Storage Tunnel (I-696 to Northwestern Highway)

This Oakland County Water Resources Commission project will continue throughout 2016. Currently, Middlebelt Road south of 13 Mile is closed.

Continuing Collection Problems...

As of the publishing of this newsletter about 20 lots still have not paid their yearly dues as required in the Declaration of Restrictions. We file liens on the delinquent properties accordingly. When and if the home is sold the liens are addressed. We will soon be hiring a collection agency so collections can be obtained sooner. This could get ugly for the homeowner. It is much easier for the homeowners to keep current with their annual dues.

One option is to hire a collection firm that will not cost the subdivision any out of pocket cost. The firm would get paid only if they collect past dues and they then would get a percentage of what they collect. The board is currently considering this option.

If you are a homeowner and know you are negligent in paying your dues, and have a significant reason why your dues can not be paid now, please contact HPHA13@yahoo.com to state your situation and arrange a payment schedule. It is extremely inconsiderate and unfair to your neighbors to neglect this obligation. HPHA will continue to aggressively pursue negligent homeowners.



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Summer Picnic

The subdivision picnic has more energy than ever. The planning is already underway. Look for an improved menu and activities. The picnic date has been set for Sunday, June 12th, with a rain backup date of Saturday June 18th.

We will try to coordinate the food a little better. In the past we have had too many deserts and not enough appetizers and salads. We will try to coordinate by the letter of last name or by lot location. More to come on this.

The committee is also investigating a Fall event. This event is still being planned, but may consist of a craft beer and wine night at the park, with camp fires, cider and donuts, and/or a chili cook-off.

Nextdoor HuntersPointe

Stay in touch with your neighborhood by joining <https://hunterspointesub.nextdoor.com>. It is the private social network for our neighborhood.

Nextdoor is the best way to stay in the know about what's going on in your neighborhood—whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, learning about an upcoming block party, or hearing about a rash of car break-ins. There are so many ways our neighbors can help us, we just need an easier way to connect with them.

Subdivision Garage Sale

Is there a desire to have another subdivision garage sale?. Last year's event was spoiled by the weather. Let us know if you are interested by contacting us at HPHA13@yahoo.com or Next Door Neighbor at <https://hunterspointesub.nextdoor.com>. Let us know preferred dates. It is always good to coordinate the date with other garage sale dates in the area.

Signs can be set at the subdivision entrances.

If there is interest, a date will be set and noted on the web site and on the subdivision notification boards at the subdivision entrances.

Yard Waste

Yard waste will be picked up starting the week of April 11, 2016. Yard waste pickup will end the week of November 28, 2016.

Do you have a Bored Teenager?

The Social Committee would like to post opportunities for Hunters Pointe teenagers to make a little extra spending money. They would like to try to hook up teenagers looking for work with residents who need help with maintenance or other duties. This would include:

- Winter snow shoveling
- Summer mowing or weeding



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- Watering flowers or pick up mail while on vacation
- Leaf raking in the Fall
- Dog walking

Let us know if your teenager would like to be listed on the web site by contacting us at HPHA13@yahoo.com or noting your desire on <https://hunterspointesub.nextdoor.com> stating your contact information (phone number or e-mail) and we will post in on the web site. Remember to always use good judgement when taking on this type of endeavor as the Board does not provide screening.

If that doesn't fit the need, the City is hiring. The following positions are listed on the City's web site:

<http://ci.farmington-hills.mi.us/Government/Departments-Divisions/Human-Resources/Employment.asp>

- Account Clerk I Until Filled
- Camp Aide Open Until Filled
- Construction Inspector I or II Open until filled
- Crime Prevention Technician Open until filled
- Cultural Arts Programmer Open until filled
- DPW Seasonal Laborers Open until filled
- Engineering Intern Open until filled
- Nature's Way Camp Aide Open until filled
- Nature's Way Camp Leader Open Until Filled
- Police Dispatcher Open until filled
- Police Officer April 22, 2016

- Police Service Aide Open Until Filled
- Seasonal Laborers Open until filled
- Energy Prize Worker Open until filled
- Nature Center Leader Open until filled
- Part Time Police Dispatcher Open until filled
- Senior Division Van Drivers Open until filled
- Ice Arena Attendant Open until filled
- Ice Arena Leader Open until filled
- Senior Adult Day Assistant Coordinator Open until filled
- Staff Planner I April 26, 2016
- Youth Basketball Referee (Power Upper Elementary or East Middle School) Open until filled
- Youth Worker for After School Program (Part-time) Open until filled
- Building Attendant/Zamboni Driver (Temporary/Part-time)



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Healthy Living

The Social Committee (I told you they were motivated) would like to see what interest there is in starting a number of subdivision clubs. This would include:

- Walking Club
- Running Club
- Yoga Club
- Art and Crafts (possibly held in the Park)

Let us know your interest by contacting us at HPHA13@yahoo.com or at <https://hunterspointe.sub.nextdoor.com> along with your contact information (phone number or e-mail address) and we will post in on the web site.

DTE Energy Savings Available

Are you aware the DTE Energy will do a home audit of your energy use and will switch out all of your light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs for free! To get started, contact DTE to schedule your FREE Home Energy Consultation. Simply call the Energy Efficiency Contact Center toll free at 866.796.0512. Be aware that it may take a while to have the audit completed due to the demand.

Babysitter List

Below is a list of babysitters for residents to consider. Remember to check references before hiring:

Name	Phone
Kierra Crockett	248-212-8682
Ella George	248-850-4793
Lucy George	248-850-4793
Ally Sullivan	248-788-8083
Rachel Demcheck	248-592-0076
Chanelle Kajj	248-961-1125
Jordyn Taylor	248-661-1647
Arianna Allman	248-788-9654

Your 2016 Board

Your Current Board Members:

President.....	Rick Ketko
Ponds	Bill Petek
Secretary.....	Mark Loch
VP/Treasurer/Internet Technology	Dianna Rose
Architecture	Howard Nudell
Landscaping	Maurine Killing
COHA.....	Dorothy Kay
Board Member.....	Scott Woodruff

Subs Social Committee:

Kelly Harrison, Nicki George, Laura Raitt, Janelle Woodruff, Ana Bickley, Monica Jackson, Melissa Gedrich, and L. Renae Turner