

SBHIA 2021

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE



Greetings to all residents in the South Bloomfield Highlands Improvement Association (SBHIA), especially those who are new to the neighborhood!

You are encouraged to visit the SBHIA website ~



SBHIA Website... Check out our website, www.sbhia.org - it is **the** place to go for *information about our water system*, SBHIA bylaws and general subdivision information: including outdoor watering restrictions, hydrant flushing, street lights, street repairs, trash and yard waste pickup, open storage regulations, zoning issues, ordinances and much more.

IMPORTANT! 2021 Water Services... SBHIA is the provider of potable water for its residents. As in previous years, residents have the opportunity to prepay annual water service fees by February 15, 2021 at a discounted rate of **\$260**. Each quarter is billed at a rate of **\$70 (\$280/year)**; prepaying this bill saves you **\$20 or 7.1%**.....Don't delay, make your annual payment today to save both time and money!

NOTE: Quarterly statements sent to residents represent water/maintenance fees associated with the management of our two community wells and other neighborhood costs. Costs include street lighting, grounds-keeping of the well houses and common areas, social events, and administrative costs associated with running the system. **SBHIA fees are separate and distinct from the quarterly invoices you receive from Bloomfield Township for sewer charges.** If your last quarterly invoice from the Township was **\$357.50**, your house doesn't have a sewer meter and you are paying a flat rate. The Township bills residences without a meter at the top tier since they are not able to determine actual usage. With a meter, the Township billing for a typical family of four should average **\$170** per quarter. Contact the Township to inquire about the process for installing a meter to measure sewer usage.

Snow Removal...in the event that you contract for snow shoveling and removal services, please make sure your provider does **not** obstruct mailbox access for mail carriers or create piles in front of neighbors' driveways. Postal service regulations require access to the mailbox from the delivery truck. If the mail delivery person cannot get close enough to put mail in the box without getting out of the truck, she/he is not required to deliver it at all.

Did you know? Bloomfield Township's "Dog Ordinance" (Ordinance #423)...Dogs are not permitted to run at-large off owner's property. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when off the owner's property, even if the owner is present. It is unlawful to permit a dog to deposit fecal matter other than on owner's property, unless immediately collected. Violators of this Dog Ordinance are subject to: \$500 fine, plus costs and/or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days. Residents may anonymously report violators to Animal Control of the Police Department at 248.433.7755.

Did you know?... Only licensed operational passenger vehicles are permitted to be parked in a driveway overnight per Bloomfield Township Regulation #1508. Vehicles parked in the driveway may be covered with a tarp. Vehicles are not to be parked on the grass. Commercial and recreational vehicles are not to be parked overnight in a driveway.

Safe Driving..... Adhering to the 25 mile/hour speed limit in neighborhoods and paying attention to posted stop signs is an important step in making sure our streets are safe for our children, walkers, runners, and other drivers. Please make it a point to slow down and observe your surroundings when driving in our neighborhood – all of us will be better off for it!

Voice Your Concerns... Our home is one of the biggest investments we make. Property values remain high when your residence and all homes in the neighborhood are well cared for. If you notice that a home falls into disrepair, or the lawn and garden are full of weeds and overgrown, diminishing its “curb appeal”, don’t hesitate to call the Township to report it: 248.594.2845 (Ordinance & Code Enforcement) or 248.433.7700 (Main Phone Number).

South Bloomfield Highlands Members Covid-19 Update

The SBHIA Board is committed to continuing subdivision activities during the pandemic, as allowed. We want to take this opportunity to provide a status update. Please keep in mind plans may change as conditions change.

The Water System: The system is running without interruption. Mike Roth, SBHIA’s Licensed Well Operator, is managing the wells as normal. Dave Walsh, SBHIA’s Water Director is monitoring the wells, especially for outages. The hydrants were flushed in early November and winterized for the season. The well heaters have been turned on and the Somerset generator is being serviced.

Deeds and Restrictions: Enforcement has been in effect, but is being impacted. As many of the Bloomfield Township offices have been designated work from home, since March, the enforcement officers are working remotely. We still have interactions with them, however, and they are still visiting homeowners, as needed.

Streets and Lights: Our roads are being maintained throughout the subdivision, by the Township, and streetlights are being repaired as needed.

Social Activities: The Association did not hold the 2020 Annual Meeting in June and hope to resume in 2021. Depending on the pandemic, we are discussing ways to host a Zoom or other electronic meeting. Stay tuned for updates. Due to Covid-19, the 2020 Summer Picnic was cancelled and some of the 2021 activities may be cancelled depending on guidance from our leaders.

As we sum up 2020 and look forward to 2021, please stay safe and enjoy our beautiful subdivision. As always, reach out to a Board member if you have questions or concerns.

Calendar of Events... Save these dates to make sure you and your family join with neighbors in Association events. Flyers and/or postcards will be sent out before each event, so watch your mail and the website for upcoming SBHIA events and activities!

EVENT	DATE - <i>Tentative</i>
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday – April 3, 2021 (Weather Permitting)
Annual Meeting of Members	Thursday - June 17, 2021 (Tentative)
Picnic	Saturday – September 11, 2021
Fall Fest	October 2021 (TBD)

Get Involved... If you are interested in becoming a Board member of your Association, please contact a current Board member. We are always looking for new perspectives and involvement from residents of our neighborhood.

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