

# LANCASTER NEWS



Lancaster Subdivision Association P.O. Box 183564 Shelby Twp, MI 48318

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## Get Ready for the Subdivision Garage Sale

The Lancaster Sub  
Garage Sale will take  
place on **May 18 & 19**.

We will place newspaper  
ads and put signs at the  
subdivision entrance.



Everyone is invited to participate. So, clean out  
those closets and get ready. Please join in!

## A Message from the President

By Jeanette Menig

Our 2007 Annual Homeowners Meeting took place on Tuesday, April 10. This year we met at the Clinton-Macomb Library North Branch on 23 Mile Road. Thank you to all the homeowners who attended. I felt that the facility was wonderful (I hope you did, too) and future Annual Meetings will likely be held there, too.

As part of the meeting, we were fortunate to have a presentation from Lt. Gary Paoella from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Paoella reminded homeowners about the easy ways we can all reduce our exposure to residential crime. A summary of his presentation is on the back page of the newsletter. The lieutenant will also be assisting us as we set up a Neighborhood Watch program for Lancaster Subdivision. We will need volunteers to make the program successful, so please contact us at [info@lancastersub.com](mailto:info@lancastersub.com) if you would like help protect our neighborhood.

We also had an election scheduled to fill four open board positions. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations. As a result, each of the existing board members agreed to renew their commitment and remain on the board. We still have one vacancy on the board (Secretary), and the board will discuss how we will address the vacancy at our next regular board meeting. I hope next year we have some nominations...

Some issues that homeowners were concerned about this year included the condition of the roads (namely Jamestown), vacant homes that may need extra help in lawn maintenance this Summer, and homes that are still "decorated" for the holidays (still have holiday lights on their home or landscaping).

- Homeowners are urged to contact the Macomb County Road Commission directly to register complaints about the subdivision roads. The Road Commission phone number is 586-469-5125.
- If yards are not being maintained, please report the address(es) to the Subdivision Board of Directors.
- If you still have holiday lights on your home or on your landscaping, please note that several of your neighbors are unhappy about it. **Please remove the lights in a timely fashion.** Thank you.

Again, thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting. See you next year!

### LANCASTER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q** - How do I report a malfunctioning or damaged streetlight?

**A** - Call the Macomb Township Clerk's Office at 586-992-0710. Mention the streetlight ID number on the base of the pole.

**Q** - Is anyone else concerned about the dangerous area on Bannister where the sidewalk is inches from the steep drop down to the Pingle Drain?

**A** - Yes! The Lancaster Subdivision Association (LSA) Board of Directors has contacted the Macomb County DPW to request that they install a fence for safety. They have denied our request. The board is investigating further. We ask that interested homeowners contact the DPW (586-469-5325) to show support for our request.

**Q** - My neighbor is violating an association rule, what should I do?

**A** - Contact the LSA Board of Directors via mail or email.

Complaint forms are available at [www.lancastersub.com](http://www.lancastersub.com).



## ADDRESS LABEL



### Homeowners Dues

If you haven't paid your 2007 dues, please remit payment ASAP to avoid late fees.

Dues are \$110. Please mail to:  
*Lancaster Subdivision Association*  
*P.O. Box 183564*  
*Shelby Twp, MI 48318*

Questions? Write us or email:  
info@lancastersub.com

### Be Smart and Be Safe!

*A summary of Lt. Paolella's presentation from the 2007 Annual Meeting.*

When you are out of town:

- Use light timers, vacation hold for mail and newspapers.

All of the time:

- Install and use deadbolt locks on your doors
- If you have a home alarm, use it *every time* you leave the house and when you go to sleep.
- Keep your garage door closed and lock the service door to the house
- Be aware of unusual/suspicious persons or vehicles in the neighborhood. Report to Sheriff's Department.
- Note that door-to-door solicitors must have a permit. No current permits have been issued for individuals to sell door-to-door. Sometimes thieves pose as solicitors to check out the neighborhood before they strike!

Sheriff's Dept. Non-Emergency Phone Number: 586-469-5151  
For Emergencies always call **911**

## Notes...

Homeowners can download a copy of the Covenants, Easements and Restrictions (a.k.a. the Subdivision Rules) from our website [www.lancastersub.com](http://www.lancastersub.com) or send a request to the PO Box and we will mail a copy to you.

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- It will soon be travel and vacation season – remember motor homes, campers, boats and trailers cannot be stored outside of your garage for extended periods of time.
- Clean up after your pets - it's the right thing to do!
- Trash cans and garbage shouldn't be stored in front of your house - put trash curbside no sooner than the night before pick-up.
- Remove your holiday lights in a timely manner – if they're still up, it has been *too long*.