**Winter 2016**

Welcome to the first edition of the Chestnut Run North HOA Newsletter!  We hope to connect and to inform all of our neighbors with this periodic neighborhood newsletter.

Neighborhood Upkeep

As we head out of winter, please take a few minutes to check the storm drains in front of your house.  If the leaves, sticks and other debris are cleared away now, we will have less flooding and on our roadway during the spring rains.

Take a look at your mailbox.  Is it leaning?  Rotting?  Straighten it and/or replace it once the ground softens up again.

Walking your dog in the neighborhood is great exercise for you and your dog. It also keeps our neighbors safe by reporting any suspicious activity you might observe. But please, remember to clean up after your pooch.

Did You Know?

If you have a house alarm system you need a permit?  Otherwise you will be fined $50 for any false alarms. Please contact the Bloomfield Township offices for further information

If you are thinking of changing cable providers, Bloomfield Township has specific rules regarding the placement of satellite TV dishes on residential property. Please call the Bloomfield Township offices for further information.

If you are like us, you might already be dreaming of new landscaping or remodeling.  Please contact the HOA when your plans are drawn--but before installation begins.  We want to make sure your plans pass Bloomfield Township's muster and you need our HOA stamp as proof of approval.

Help!

In the past, several neighbors created a garden club and helped maintain some of the islands.  If you have a green thumb and would like to help keep the neighborhood looking beautiful, let us know!  The HOA will provide funds for beautification.

Speaking of beautification, we need one or two people to work on our Architectural Review committee.  Limited time commitment.  Primary role is reviewing the landscape and architectural plans for changes in the neighborhood and making sure they fit our bylaws.

Want to party with your neighbors? We are looking for volunteers to help plan social events for the neighborhood. The HOA has money available if anyone is interested in re-starting the social events.

Email the HOA at chestnutrunnorth@gmail.com if you can help.

Looking Ahead

The road paving is still a hot topic for us, but as a new HOA board, we are taking some time to research the facts. We know our roads desperately need repairing and want to make sure we are knowledgeable about the best way/options to get it done since it has been on the neighborhood to do list for almost 10 years!

This year, the HOA board chose to limit some of the landscaping services used in the past in order to re-build the reserve fund that was depleted when we purchased the new entrance sign. As such, we contracted with a new landscape company. Phoenix Landscaping provided our lawn mowing and island upkeep this past season. Hickory Grove subdivision has used Phoenix Landscaping for many years and we decided to give them a try. If you are looking for a new landscaping company, feel free to call Bryan Pritchett at 586-899-0727 and tell him you are in the Chestnut Run North neighborhood.

Additionally, we are switching to all electronic communication going forward. We hope to publish a periodic newsletter to keep everyone informed of the happenings in Chestnut Run North. We will also send out the annual dues and annual meeting minutes via email as well.

HOA Financials

As mentioned above, the HOA Board re-built our reserve fund this year. Going forward, we plan to provide funds for neighborhood beautification, social events, etc. But we need your help and we want your input. Let us know your ideas and how you can help to continue the traditions of our great neighborhood.

We hope you found this first edition informative!  Questions?  Comments? Want to help?  **You can reach the HOA Board at** **chestnutrunnorth@gmail.com****.**

Chestnut Run HOA Board

Lisa Najor, President

Sara Bicos, Vice President

Luska German, Treasurer

Shannon Klapp, Secretary

Dear Neighbor,

The Chestnut Run North HOA is currently updating its email database and we are missing your information. In the near future, we plan to provide all communication from the HOA Board via email, including annual meeting notes and annual dues notices. Newsletters like the one enclosed will also be sent via email and we want to make sure you stay informed on all the neighborhood activities.

Please fill out the following information and send it back to:

Sara Bicos

2910 Meadowood Ln

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Or email this information to the HOA Board at chestnutrunnorth@gmail.com.

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\_\_\_\_ I am the homeowner and I currently reside in my home

\_\_\_\_ I am renting but wish to be included in neighborhood updates

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Kind Regards,

The Chestnut Run North HOA Board