



News from *The Hills* **Spring 2024**



The calendar says it is Spring – and the weather is finally catching up! The warmer weather has arrived, flowers have started to bloom, and there are plenty of buds on the trees! The RHSA Board hopes that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and hopeful as we welcome this season of renewal. Enjoy the news updates - and as always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to join the Board, we would love to hear from you!



Annual Association Meeting

The Annual Meeting Annual Meeting will be held on May 30th, starting at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth Library. Three new or returning Board members are usually elected as part of the Annual Meeting – so we really hope to see you there! Joining and/or participating in the governance of our beautiful sub makes for a better sub! You can reach out to any current Board member with any questions or to express your interest.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Board member, Mr. Tony Vigliotti. Tony rejoined the Board to fill a vacancy and is part of the Community Standards Committee. If you see Tony, around, please take a minute to thank him for joining and for helping to ensure that our neighborhood is well-maintained.

Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Association

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Communications and Family Connections

Hopefully, everyone received the **Ridgewood Hills Community Connection** flyer that went out in mid-March. There are new and exciting things being planned for our community – be sure to stay up to date, and ready to participate! You can also join the RH Family Group to learn more about neighborhood events, help to plan them and meet and connect with your neighbors! The events e-mail address is rhsaevents@gmail.com - please use to share any ideas that you may have. As a reminder, the website will be updated by May 1st with the survey results – so please check periodically. Hopefully you responded to let your voice be heard!

The first ever Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 23rd, and was a great success! A "special thanks" to Kelsey and Jacklyn for organizing the event.

Up next:

Tuesday, April 16th – Food Truck Tuesday!
4:30-7:30 on Hillcrest (by the little library)

RHSA Legal Governing Documents

1. Articles of Incorporation: **Completed!**
2. Declaration of Restrictions: Pending Township filing,

Homeowner Annual Dues and Drain Assessment Charges

2024 Homeowner Association Dues of \$205 were due by March 31st. If you have not already paid them, please do so as soon as possible and please include the \$30 late fee. Payments can be mailed to: RIDGEWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION P. O. Box 5492, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Or, you can make your payment online:

<https://rhsa-2024.cheddarup.com>

If you were notified of a drain assessment fee and you have not yet paid it, please do so as soon as possible. This payment can be made via the same options as noted for the dues.

*Payments made via e-check do not incur a service fee. Payments made with a credit or debit card will incur a service fee.

Sub-Wide Garage Sale

By popular demand – we will return to hosting a sub-wide garage sale weekend. It is scheduled for May 16-18th. The Board will plan to post on NextDoor and Craigslist the week prior. We will also ensure that the signs at the front of the main entrances will be put out.

Sub-Wide Summer Picnic

The picnic is back!!! After multiple inquiries and a higher level of interest, a resident committee is hard at work on the planning. It will be held in August – actual date TBD - based on survey feedback. Please be sure to reach out to any Board Member if you are interested in joining the planning team – it will take plenty of volunteers to make it successful.



Around the Sub

Snow Season Ends

If you have had damage to your lawn due to snow plowing, please send an email with a photo to Mike Wasserman at Old Village Landscaper, our snow and salt contractor. Mike's email address is ovlandscaper@sbcglobal.net. Mike will review your request and take the necessary action to repair the damage. They have been responsive and fair in the past. If you need any additional assistance, please contact Jon Pilon (jona.pilon@gmail.com)

Speed Limits

They are in place for everyone's protection. As the weather improves, pedestrian traffic will be on the increase. Please drive safely and keep an eye out for your neighbors and fellow residents!

Maintenance

It is that time again - homeowners are reminded to cut back trees/bushes near all sidewalks (front/side/back of lot) and to remove weeds and cut your grass ("maximum legal height" in Plymouth Township is 8", "community standard" is 5"!) where the back or side of your lot abuts a public sidewalk. Branches that overhang sidewalks must be kept at least 8' from the ground – and it is recommended shrubs be cut 1 or 2 feet back from the sidewalk to allow for growth over the summer as shrubs cannot encroach on the sidewalks. This landscaping maintenance is required of all homeowners throughout the growing season to keep sidewalks safe, to control allergens and vermin, and to generally keep our subdivision looking attractive.

Spring Cleaning

Spring is always a great time to do some "spring cleaning" around our homes and yards. With Earth Day on Monday, April 22nd it is a perfect time to do some cleanup! Please take the time to clean up and spruce up – and help to keep our sub looking great!

GOF

If you notice a blockage or any obstruction in either of the Commons GOF's (Gravel Outlet Filter), please contact a Board member immediately! Most importantly, please be sure to keep children away from the GOF's for their safety. These outlets are critical to proper water drainage in order to avoid water damage to property.

Storm Sewer

Please clean leaves/debris from the street storm sewer drain in front of your home if possible. This allows water to drain properly. This includes the street sewers and the "bee hive" drains behind many properties.

Garbage and Recycle Bins

Please be sure to keep Recycling and Garbage bins away from mailboxes to avoid mail delivery disruption. **And, please keep them out of site (except for trash day!). This is not only a deed restriction and Township ordinance; it is also a courtesy to each other as neighbors.** This is one of the most frequent complaints that the Board receives from our residents.

Residential Tree Planting Program

Ready to plant a tree?! Plymouth Township's 2024 Residential Tree Planting program is underway. Please click the link for the application and details regarding the program.

[2024 APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT](#)



April 2024

- 1st – 30th Spring Fever in the Park
- 16th FOOD TRUCK ON HILLCREST
- 20th Downtown Spring Artisan Market
- 27th Mental Health Fair

May 2024

- 11th Plymouth Community Farmers Market (through Oct 19th)
- 16th – 18th SUB WIDE GARAGE SALE
- 24th Music in the Air Concert Series (through Labor Day)
- 27th Memorial Day and Parade

A complete list of events in Plymouth can be found at: <https://www.downtownplymouth.org/70/Special-Events-List>



A Little Comic Relief

Because sometimes, all you can do is laugh.....



Success: The new diet plan that you created works so well that friends all begin asking you for the secret, but you keep your mouth shut, hoping to write a bestselling book about it. The “Keep Your Mouth Shut Diet” is soon number one on the NY Times bestsellers list. You are currently busy writing a sequel, the “Keep Your Mouth Shut Guide to a Happy Marriage”.

Found: Abandoned on the Curb, 27 Empty Amazon Boxes. They’re dry and in almost perfect condition. Looks like they may have only been used once. Would make great large scale building blocks for kids, material for soap box derby or sculpture, useful for anyone moving at the end of the month. Or how about this: Maybe Amazon could pick them up and use them to deliver more stuff to our doors instead of us having to spend our tax dollars for the city to pick them up and take them to the dump. Just a thought.

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