



News from *The Hills* **Spring 2023**



Warmer weather, budding trees, and blooming flowers – yes, Spring has arrived!!!! On behalf of the RHSA Board, our wish is that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and hopeful as we welcome the new season. Enjoy the update 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

We will be back at the “home base” – the Plymouth Library - for our Annual Meeting. It will be held June 1st, from 6:30pm-8:00pm. We really hope to see everyone there! Three new or returning Board members are usually elected as part of the Annual Meeting and there is at least one Board member who will be “retiring” from service. **Please consider joining and participating in the governance of our beautiful sub!** You can reach out to any current Board member with any questions or to express your interest.

RHSA Legal Governing Documents

1. Articles of Incorporation: **This was approved via the Special Meeting (in-person as well as by proxy) held on March 15th. A big thank you to all for your support.**
2. Declaration of Restrictions: Requires 75% of ALL households to consent to approve this. If you have not already done so, PLEASE return your consent in by mail or in person (to any Board Member or to the Lawyer’s Office directly). A stamped envelope was included in your package. We encourage you to reach out to any Board Member with any questions. All nine members are in favor of both documents and encourage your approval vote.

Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Association

P.O. Box 5492 Plymouth, MI 48170

www.ridgewoodhills.org

Homeowner Annual Dues and Drain Assessment Charges

2023 Homeowner Association Dues of \$195 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-2023.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 18-20th. 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

After multiple inquiries and a higher level of interest, a Board member is chairing a resident committee to plan a picnic. The tentative date is set for Saturday, August 19th from 3:30pm – 10:00pm. Please email Nicole Tilley if you have any suggestions for the event or would like to be part of the planning and hosting committee. It will be a great way to meet neighbors and share some community time!

A New “Little Library”

Thanks to our very generous neighbors, the Rauch Family, Ridgewood Hills now has our own “little library”! It was beautifully handcrafted by an uncle of Mr. Rauch and painted and assembled by the Rauch’s! If you are looking for a new book to read or would like to leave one for someone else, please stop by! It is located on the East side of Hillcrest just in front of the entrance to the commons. If you are not familiar with the “little free library” program and are interested in learning about it, you can read about it here: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/> We are so happy to have this in our neighborhood and are grateful to the Rauch’s for their idea and efforts to make it happen.



A Walk on the “Wild” Side - Spring Wildflower Walks at Miller Woods

Join the “Friends of Miller Woods” on the annual wildflower walks, **scheduled for Sunday April 23 and 30th, from 2-4 pm**. The walks are free, last about 60 minutes and require ability to walk on unstable surfaces (extensive roots). Learn about the flowers along with the history of the Miller family from experienced tour guides. Tours leave from the entrance on Powell Road, east of N. Territorial, every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers allowed into the woods. For more information, see millerwoods.com



Around the Sub

Speed Limits

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

This winter packed a few late season storms that created plenty of “debris” and was also “rough” on mailboxes! With Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd it is a perfect time to do some Spring Cleanup! Please take the time to clean up and spruce up – and help to keep our sub looking great!

The Board is planning to update the entry ways off Ann Arbor Road and is looking for volunteers to help. If you have a green thumb or an eye for landscape design, please contact us at rhsaplymouth@gmail.com.

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.

Storm Sewer

Please clean leaves/debris from the street storm sewer drain in front of your home if at all possible. This allows water to drain properly.

Garbage and Recycle Bins

Please be sure to keep Recycling and Garbage bins away from mailboxes to avoid mail delivery disruption. And, out of sight (except for trash day!!). This is not only a deed restriction and Township ordinance; it is also a courtesy to each other as neighbors.

Residential Tree Planting Program

Ready to plant a tree?! Plymouth Township's 2023 Residential Tree Planting program is underway. Please click the link for the application and details regarding the program.

https://www.plymouthtp.org/community/residential_tree_planting_program/index.php



April 2023

- 1st – 30th Spring Fever in the Park
- 22nd Downtown Spring Artisan Market
- 23rd Wildflower Walk at Miller Woods
- 30th Wildflower Walk at Miller Woods

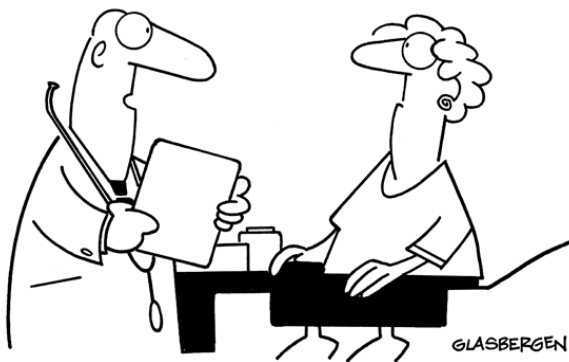
May 2023

- 13th Plymouth Community Farmers Market (through Oct 21st)
- 26th Music in the Air Concert Series (through Labor Day)
- 29th 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



"I looked up your symptoms on Google.
If you want a second opinion, I can check Yahoo."



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