



*Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Association*

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*Winter 2021-22*

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR RIDGEWOOD HILLS**

*On behalf of the RHSA Board, we hope that your holiday was filled with peace, love, and joy and that the year ahead is filled with good health and good blessings. As always, we send a special note of gratitude to those who serve our country and were away for the holiday. As unbelievable as it is, we have been through another year of COVID. We continue to have deep gratitude to all healthcare and essential workers who have unwaveringly served our community and our Nation during this pandemic. Let's continue to show our appreciation by wearing our masks.*

### **2021 Reflections**

Maintaining the year-end newsletter tradition, we want to take the opportunity to pause and reflect on what we have and what we have been able to accomplish. In spite of another untraditional and extremely challenging year, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings that surround us. Specific to our subdivision community, there were not too many projects undertaken, yet we did accomplish a few things:

- We continued taking down and removing dead trees and again contracted to have all cul-de-sacs maintained for a noticeable improvement.
- As with all other years, the contract negotiation and management of the winter road and the summer Commons area maintenance is the major priority and workload for the Board. We are indebted to and thankful for the commitment, efforts, and hard work on the part of the Maintenance Committee members of the Board who are responsible for these efforts to keep our sub both groomed and safe.
- A hearty “thanks” to every homeowner in our community for abiding by the deed restrictions and township requirements to maintain lawns and sidewalk trimming, as well as keeping garbage bins out of site.

- A significant undertaking of the AUI drain inspection, cleaning, and repair has been completed. This was a fairly large expenditure, with just over \$33,000 spent to-date. **PLEASE NOTE: The total cost of this work will be shared by the homeowners whose property is part of the drain. We expect the final bill in the coming weeks and will plan to distribute the individual bills shortly thereafter.**

The Board is continually looking for ways to cost-effectively maintain and improve our neighborhood and create opportunities to spend time together as neighbors. We welcome the engagement, suggestions, and volunteerism of all homeowners in this effort. If you have some time or talent to contribute, please thoughtfully consider joining the Board or even just volunteering to help with a specific project. All participation is welcomed and appreciated.

## General Updates

- The week of January 10<sup>th</sup> will be the last yard waste pick-up until the first full week in April. Reminder: Plymouth Township does not do curbside leaf pick-up. All yard waste must be bagged or in a trash container with a yard waste sign.
- Christmas trees will be collected January 3<sup>rd</sup> - January 14<sup>th</sup> during normal trash pick-up day. Here are a few tips on Christmas tree disposal:
  - \* Be sure to remove all tinsel, garland and non-organic materials from the tree.
  - \* Do NOT place the tree in a plastic disposal bag.
  - \* Place the tree with the trunk facing the street for easy collection.

## BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!

- 2021 Dues
  - \* After holding dues flat last year, dues for 2022 will increase 2.7% and are set at \$190.00, payable by March 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late fee. Dues received late will need to include a \$30.00 late fee.
  - \* We are very pleased to announce that, at the request of many residents, we can now offer an online payment option for dues payments!! Our treasurer, Mike DiSalvo, worked with Cheddarup to set up an account and custom page for Ridgewood Hills. The link is noted on our website as well as here for your reference: <https://rhsa-2022.cheddarup.com> Payments made via e-check do not incur a service fee. Payments made with a credit or debit card will incur a service fee. Checks can also be sent directly to RIDGEWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION at P. O. Box 5492, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

## Winter Is Here!



### Friendly reminders for the season:

- When the snow comes, please keep your vehicles in your driveway or garage so that the streets can be plowed efficiently.
- Residents use our sidewalks during the winter as snow and ice accumulation can be a serious safety hazard. **Please remember to shovel, clear, and/or salt the sidewalks for safe passage.**
- Plymouth Township requires that all sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours, and infractions can result in fines of \$85 per day. When clearing your driveway and sidewalk of snow please do not to throw snow into the street. We all need to work together to make our streets, sidewalks and driveways more passable and safer.
- **If you are going out of town for a few days or somewhere warmer for the winter season, please be sure to make arrangements to have ice and snow removed from your sidewalks within the 24-hour time limit.** We also recommend you use timers for both inside and outside lights which will help your home appear lived in, thereby reducing the possibility of break-ins. The lights not only protect your residence but also your neighbors around you.

- Please watch the storm drains in the streets near your homes and in your back yards. Keep them clear of debris and leaves to prevent storm water runoff from turning into ice. This can cause flooding due to water backup and ice accumulation.



### **Maintenance Corner/Sub Improvement Updates**

The maintenance team continues to work hard to keep our sub in great shape. Thank you for managing the landscaping and snow removal throughout the year and ensuring that our drains remain in good condition!



- **January 2022**  
17<sup>th</sup>: MLK Day  
(Banks and Post Offices will be closed)
- **February 2022**  
11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: Plymouth Ice Festival (Downtown Plymouth)  
  
14<sup>th</sup> - Last day to pay winter taxes without penalty  
Valentine's Day  
  
21<sup>st</sup> - President's Day

## *A Little Comic Relief*

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts that they were able to give to their elderly mother for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The first said: "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said: "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said: "I've got you both beat. You know how Mom enjoys the Bible and you know she can't see very well. I sent her a brown parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took twenty monks in a monastery 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000 a year for twenty years but it was worth it. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks.

She wrote to the first son: "Milton, the house you built is too big. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

She wrote to the second son: "Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home all the time, so I never used the Mercedes and the driver is so rude."

She wrote to the third son: "Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious!"

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