# 2020 Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter

# Milford Heights Association

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# Dues are due!

The annual Milford Heights Association fee is <u>due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020</u>. The fee for the 2020/2021 fiscal year is <u>\$150</u> per household. The budget was approved at the Milford Heights Association Annual Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Treasurer's Report can be downloaded here: <u>http://milfordheights.weebly.com/newsletters-andcommunication.html</u>

Per MHA policy, payments received after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will incur a \$25.00 per month late fee.

### **Payment options**

Check or Cash: Make checks payable to <u>Milford Heights</u> <u>Association</u> Deliver check or cash payments to our Treasurer:

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- PayPal: There is no additional fee for this service as long as funds are transferred from your bank or PayPal account. Be sure to select, "Send money to friends and family" to avoid fees. Our PayPal account is milfordheights@gmail.com. There is a ~3% fee if a credit card is used. More details can be found here: https://www.paypal.com/en/webapps/mpp/paypal-fees
- Venmo: Similar to PayPal, Venmo offers no additional fee for payment transfers when sending money from your bank. More info can be found here: <u>https://venmo.com/about/fees</u>.
  - Username: @Milford-Heights



# **Neighborhood Events**

#### All subdivision events are canceled or TBD due to Cov19

- Egg Hunt [canceled]
- MHA Ladies Night
- Neighborhood Block Party
- Subdivision Garage Sale

# **Special Thanks!**

#### Kristin Neering + Susan Lavery

Thank you for figuring out a way to bring some holiday cheer to the front entrance, even with power only on one side!

# Helen Adams - Community Sharing

Since Community Sharing is closed, Helen Adams is working to collect summer clothing and shoes for kids (infant to 18) for local families. Items can be dropped off on her porch, 585 Dorchester Way.

#### Families around the Ponds

Thank you for helping keep the ponds clean!

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# **Annual Meeting Discussion**

#### Budget

The Board proposed a slight reduction in dues for this coming fiscal year due to the stresses of Cov19. The attendees at the Annual Meeting agreed and voted for the proposal since we have money in the reserve.

#### Front Entrance Repairs

As communicated previously via email, the front entrance suffered quite a bit of damage during the Oakland County repaving project that occurred during the summer of 2019. The Oakland County crew ripped out our electrical power, sprinkler lines, sprinkler control lines, and destroyed the lamppost on the north side of the entrance. We were able to get the sprinklers repaired before winter but the replacement lamppost took a very long time to arrive which delayed reinstating the electricity. Unfortunately, the electricity only worked for a few days before failing. It was finally repaired and seems to be working ok now, knock on wood. The landscaping still requires some maintenance since this was not possible until all the repairs were completed.

#### Mailboxes

Believe it or not but the mailboxes are 10 years old. Some have aged more gracefully than others. We will begin the process of replacing groups of the boxes over the next couple years starting with the ones which are very rusted or dented. The process is not particularly difficult but due to the quantities, we would love some help. Please email to help!

#### Sidewalks

The Village of Milford has flagged quite a few of our sidewalks as hazards. The squares will be addressed during the summer. We are currently working with the Village in order to coordinate the repair/replacement.

#### Dog Waste

It was noted that dog waste seems to have been somewhat routinely dumped on the landscaping in the front. Dog waste is not a useful fertilizer and is not the aesthetic appeal that we prefer. The Milford Police have been notified in the event that they observe this activity.



# Looking for Volunteers

#### **Future MHA Board Members**

Even if you missed the Annual Meeting, fear not, you are still able to get involved. The Board has opportunities for membership and we can train you too!

#### **Mailbox updates**

The Board would like to start replacing boxes as they age. See mailbox discussion notes for more detail.

# Job Offerings

#### **General Maintenance**

Do you have a particular skill or are generally handy? Let us know! We would love to have you on speed dial!

Email if interested: milfordheights@gmail.com

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#### Waiver for Dues for the MHA President

In order to encourage residents to consider volunteering for the role of MHA President, it was proposed that the President could choose to have their dues waived in compensation for their service. The proposal was brought up for a vote and passed.

#### **Staying in Touch**

For some years we have an MHA email list for communication. Recently we have also included the App/website Nextdoor as well as Facebook Group: Milford Heights Association Group! If you want to join any of these groups or have email address updates, please let us know.

# **Our Mission Statement**

The MHA Board is committed to providing an opportunity for all residents of our neighborhood to voice their concerns, seek out solutions, and maintain a safe, happy place for everyone!

Lydia Ziegler, President Melissa Schrader, Vice President Barb Stafford, Treasurer Laura Jennings, Secretary Dayna Smedley, Member at Large

