



# Shadow Woods Newsletter

## Subdivision Board

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#### Neighborhood Deed:

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## Shadow Woods Halloween Party and Parade

Hoot, Hoot — the annual Halloween party is here! The Rochester Hills fire department will start things off by leading a short procession with our cast of goblins and ghouls (otherwise known as boys and girls... and a few parents too). Note that this year, the parade and party will be held at the Winter Park Commons (a.k.a. Winter Park Sledding Hill). The parade begins promptly at 1 p.m., followed by fun and games.



Date: **Saturday, October 22**

Time: **12:45—2:00 (parade begins at 1 p.m.)**

Place: **Winter Park Commons (Winter Park, south of Powderhorn Ridge)**

Please RSVP to [craig.stacey@wowway.com](mailto:craig.stacey@wowway.com), or call 248.375.1593 with the number of children that are attending.

If you enjoy our annual events, please consider volunteering your time to help. Please contact Stacey Ferguson at 248.375.1593 for more information.

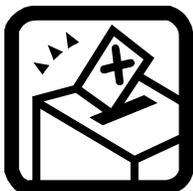
## Annual Subdivision Meeting

All Shadow Woods' residents are invited to attend the 2011 annual Subdivision Meeting. This year's annual meeting of the Association will take place on Wednesday, **November 16 at 7:30 p.m.** within the auditorium at **Rochester Hills City Hall**. The meeting is mandated by our subdivision bylaws and allows every resident the opportunity to meet the board, ask questions and voice their opinion regarding subdivision operations. An annual report and ballot will be mailed at the end of October detailing the expenses and operations for the Shadow Woods subdivision for 2011.

## Get out and VOTE!

**Tuesday**

**November 8th!**



## Changes around Shadow Woods

You've probably noticed our freshly painted "Shadow Woods" signs greeting you at the Powderhorn/Brewster and Timberline/Tienken entrances. Every few years, when they show signs of wear, they are repainted and refreshed. Taking on a look familiar to, as some would say "Pottery Barn" colors, we've updated our color palette to be more neutral. The remaining two signs are slated for revamping in the very near future.

Our Capital Improvements crew has also been busy updating the islands on Sunlight and Timberline Courts. And, our nature trail in Shadow Woods park (behind Keystone Park) has been newly "paved" with 60 yards of wood chips, complements of Al Hart tree service. Take a walk and check it out!

## Letter From the President

Dear Residents,

When this news letter finds you, summer will be over. I hope you have enjoyed our fine Michigan weather. I am thinking about putting away my golf clubs, raking up my leaves and keeping the snow off of my driveway and sidewalk. Unfortunately, these things will soon be at hand.

I am hoping many of you will be able to attend the annual meeting Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM in the Rochester Hills City Hall Auditorium. Your subdivision board can always do with some input on what is working or not working around your home.

Over the summer our subdivision entrances, islands, and cul-de-sac have been reconstructed. Alan Hart Tree Service was contracted to improve these common areas in which the trees were badly overgrown. Some trees were cut down and their stumps ground up, and many others were trimmed. The cost of this work was \$2,825.

In 2011 the board voted to put an additional \$10,000 into a savings account for the Infrastructure-Maintenance Fund. This fund has been established to defer and/or pay for emergency repairs to the private storm sewer system, major cleanups following (ice) storms and/or other unexpected expenses. The fund now has a balance of \$20,036.

Smith Plumbing fixed the broken drain pipe and grate cover problem in the sump line drain collector sewer in the easement between 795 Timberline and 844 Snowmass. The repair cost was \$135. This resolved a resident complaint. Subdivision citizens are asked to please report any missing grate covers or other damage to sewers promptly to prevent any potential accidents.

The path through the subdivision's wooded property just west of Timberline is scheduled to be "re-chipped." **Residents are asked to refrain from placing logs at the edge of the path. These logs obstruct the access of the tractor with the front loader moving the chips onto the path.** Please take a walk through our woods. Access to the wood chipped path can be found on the west end of Keystone Park or across the street where Sunlight Drive ends into Timberline Drive.

I want to welcome new resident James Thomas to the subdivision board. James will become the chair of the Safety and Security Committee. We all need to work together with James to keep our neighborhood safe and secure.

Thanks for reading my note. I respect my neighborhood, my home and my friends and I'm glad to take the time to make Shadow Woods a great place to live. Hope to see you on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting and have a great autumn.

Sincerely,  
Terry Lanker

## Election Information—Elect to Vote!

This year, the Rochester Hills' General Election will have several city office positions, including the mayor and council members, on the ballot. In addition, there is a proposed charter amendment regarding Parks and Open Spaces. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8.

Precinct 23—our precinct—voting will be located at Danish Village, 2566 Walton Boulevard (west of Brewster). Voting hours start at 7 a.m. and run until 8 p.m., when polls will officially close. For more information about the upcoming election, precincts, and to view a sample ballot, visit:

[www.rochesterhills.org/city\\_services/city\\_clerk/election\\_information](http://www.rochesterhills.org/city_services/city_clerk/election_information)



## Lawns, Weeds and Blight—Not Just a Subdivision Deed

Although Summer is officially over and lawn mowing will come to an end shortly, we want to remind residents that outdoor maintenance should not. Not only is it a subdivision requirement specified in our deed, but **grass mowing, noxious weeds and blight are all Rochester Hills City ordinances.** Under this ordinance, weeds and grass must be kept under eight (8) inches. Lots not in compliance will be cut and the costs billed to the property owner with unpaid bills resulting in a property lien. If you have a concern, questions, or want to report a violation, you can contact the City Building Department at 248-656-4615, or contact Board Member, Bruce Brown at 375-0596.

## Holiday Decorating Contest

Calling all Clark Griswold wanna-bes: The Shadow Woods Annual Holiday decorating contest is right around the corner! Get your extension cords out and mark down **Sunday, December 18th from 6-8 p.m.** on your calendar! Judges (non Shadow Woods residents) will be carousing the neighborhood for homes that display the best use of creativity, color, visual appeal and theme. The three winning homes will each receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Village of Rochester Hills. If you need a few decorating tips, check out the English Garden's Christmas Shoppe in the Village.



## October is Deer Awareness Month

With our heavily wooded and vast open spaces, the Rochester area is often regarded as home to a high deer population—and unfortunately—a high number of deer-related accidents. As mating season approaches (mid-October through December), deer are very active. If you approach them while driving, here are a few safety tips you should remember:

- Flashing your lights or honking your horn won't deter them. In fact, it may put them in a state of panic, causing them to be erratic and dart out in any direction
- Be especially alert for deer around dawn and dusk
- If you see one, chances are there are others very close by

If it appears that a collision is unavoidable:

- Don't swerve! It's safer to hit the animal rather than oncoming vehicles, trees or poles
- Brake firmly, hold on to your steering wheel and stay in your lane!

After the crash:

- Put on your emergency flashers and be cautious of other traffic
- Do not try to move the animal—it may still be alive or conscious and strike you
- Report the crash to the police and your insurance company

## What's Happening In the Hills...

The Rochester area is bustling with loads of exciting activities in the upcoming season. Remember to buy local as the holiday season approaches; your purchases support our community!

### Local Events to Add to Your Calendar:

10/22—Pumpkin Patch and Carving station, The Village of Rochester Hills  
 10/22—Trick-or-Treating, Downtown Rochester, 4 p.m.  
 10/28 thru 11/12—"Frankenstein," Avon Community Players  
 10/29—Halloween Spooktacular, The Village of Rochester Hills  
 10/29—Last day of the Farmers' Market, Downtown Rochester  
 11/19 thru 12/23—"A Christmas Carol," Meadowbrook Theatre  
 11/29—Last day for yard waste pick up  
 11/28—Lagniappe and Big Bright Light Show kick off 6 p.m., Downtown Rochester  
 11/28 thru 1/2/12—Big Bright Light Show, Downtown Rochester  
 12/2 thru 12/3—Kris Kringle Market, West Fourth St., Downtown Rochester  
 12/4—Rochester Christmas Parade, Downtown Rochester  
 12/18—Shadow Woods holiday decorating contest

## Just Moved In?

If you are new to our subdivision and haven't yet received your "New Neighbor" welcome packet, please give Beth Tilove a call at 375-1309. Beth will drop off this handy packet of subdivision-related information packed inside a special edition Shadow Woods coffee mug.



## Let's be Friends

Friend us, like us, or just check us out on facebook. We're constantly updating our page with relevant postings, pictures and important event information. It's a great way to stay in touch with the community haps—and to engage in some dialogue with your neighbors. We're open to discuss your thoughts, comments and even your recommendations about new siding! Also, remember to check out our website, [www.shadowwoods.com](http://www.shadowwoods.com) on a regular basis. There you'll find updates as well as board contact information, a copy of the deed restrictions, and more. And, as you're driving around the sub, you may see our new sandwich board which will remind you of important events. Whichever communication method you prefer, remember to stay connected!

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