



# The Bailey's Grove Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWS & NOTIFICATION FORUM OF THE  
BAILEY'S GROVE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

### SINGLE FAMILY HOMES TO ELECT NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Residents in the single family home phases of Bailey's Grove will be asked to vote for four members to the Property Owners Association (POA) Board of Directors in November. The POA Board of Directors consists of nine members: five representatives from the single family homes, and two representatives from each of the condominium associations (north, south and Villas).

The condominium associations appoint representatives to the Board of Directors every two years. Additionally, the single family home phases elect representatives yearly. Four single family home seats are up for re-election this year, and the remaining one single family home seat will be up for re-election next year. Board members serve two year terms.

The Board is responsible for the management of all activities and common areas in Bailey's Grove, and typically meets quarterly. In addition, each Board member is asked to be active on a committee or task force. The time commitment typically ranges from one to four hours per month.

If you are interested in representing the single family home phases on the Board of Directors, please submit a brief biography (200 words or less) to REALICO, Inc. by November 5, describing why you would like to be on the Board. Please include your address with the submission. The biography of each candidate will be included with the ballot materials that will be mailed to each single family home. Mail your biography to: REALICO, Inc., 2025 East Beltline SE, Suite 208, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Voting will take place through November 23, at which time the votes will be tabulated by REALICO. The nominated Board members will be invited to attend the November 24, 2009 meeting. New Board members will take office at the end of the annual meeting on November 24, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding the Board of Directors, please contact any current member of the Board or REALICO.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**September 3**

Happy Hour (1st Thursday of every month)

**September 7**

Pool Closes for the Season

**September 19**

Garage Sale

**October 10**

Oktober Fest

**November 24**

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Bailey's Grove Property Owners Association will be held on **Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM** at the Bailey's Grove Clubhouse, located at 5353 Bailey's Grove Drive.

[www.baileysgrove.com](http://www.baileysgrove.com)

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## GARAGE SALES

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The fall garage sale is right around the corner. On Saturday, September 19th, Bailey's Grove will hold its community wide garage sales. Sales are expected to be tremendous this year – lots of bargain shoppers!

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## HAPPY HOUR

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Happy Hour is held the first Thursday of each month at the BGPOA clubhouse at 6:30 pm. BYOBverage and an appetizer to share, and meet your Bailey's Grove neighbors. All adults welcome.

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## BGPOA ON FACEBOOK

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Did you see the Bailey's Grove facebook group? Check it out!

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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Many thanks to State Farm, SOS Office Supply, Bailey's Grove Creamery, Kentwood Fire and Police and the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni. Once again, Bailey's Grove was featured in the Kentwood Advance newspaper with many color pictures. Considering that there were over twenty National Night Out events that night in Kentwood, we are happy to get the recognition.

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## POOL UPDATE

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The pool season concludes on Monday, September 7th at 5:00 PM.

**Thanks to the many people that supported the pool this summer. Thank you to the staff and volunteers that helped keep it afloat one more season.**

If you are interested in helping with the pool in 2010, contact REALICO now, as planning will begin soon!

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## ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WOW! We are getting a new road! We were just as surprised as you to see the signs and barrels. The bonus aspect of the construction is that we are getting curbs the entire length of Bailey's Grove Drive. No more dumb drivers "accidentally" driving on our grass.

The project should be completed by September 17, 2009. For more information about the road construction season in Kentwood, visit the cities' website at <http://kentwood.mi.us/>. Then click on this icon:



**Road Construction  
Updates**

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## GOT TIME? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

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*"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."*

*Harriet Naylor*

In the July 2009 newsletter, you were asked to consider supporting your neighborhood by volunteering for various committees and events. **From nearly 1,000 homes, only 1 person was willing to take the next step and get involved.** These results were very disappointing, so we will try asking again for your help.

Your help is needed in the following areas:



Pool



Social Committee



Newsletter Distribution



Event Planning & Staffing



Architectural Control



Rule and Regulations Complaints



Board of Directors



Sign Letter Changer



Flag Master

Please get involved! If interested in volunteering, please contact REALICO at 616-942-7055.

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## OKTOBERFEST

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Bailey's Grove will host our first annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 10th from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The location is the Clubhouse grounds. What to expect? Music, Food, and Fun. This is a BYOBeverage event. Plan on joining this neighborhood activity before we all wave good-bye until the snow melts. Watch the Bailey's Grove website for updates as plans progress. Want to help? Please contact REALICO at 942-7055.

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# PARKING REMINDERS

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There is no overnight residential street parking in Kentwood. Violators may be ticketed.

Vehicles may not be parked on City streets between 1 AM and 8 AM from Nov. 15 to March 15 (whether there is snow on the ground or not), or at any other times when on-street parking could impair or impede snowplowing, cleaning or maintenance operations. The fines for parking tickets in violation of this ordinance are \$20.00. Thank you in advance for your attention to this ordinance! It greatly eases the work of our Department of Public Works employees in cleaning our streets.

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## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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### Install and Maintain Smoke Detectors

Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Test smoke detectors once a week and replace batteries twice a year, or when the detector chirps to signal that the battery is dead. Don't ever take the battery out for other uses!

### Crawl Low Under Smoke

If you encounter smoke using your primary exit, use your alternate route instead. If you must exit through smoke, clean air will be several inches off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees, and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

### Plan and Practice Your Escape

If fire breaks out in your home, you must get out fast. With your family, plan two ways out of every room. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone should gather. Once you are out, stay out! Have the whole family practice the escape plan at least twice a year.

### Be Careful Cooking

Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles, and don't leave cooking unattended. Keep your pot's handles turned inward so children won't knock or pull them over the edge of the stove. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames, then turn off the burner.

### Use Electricity Safely

If an appliance smokes or begins to smell unusual, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Check all your electrical cords, and replace any that are cracked or frayed. If you use extension cords, replace any that are cracked or frayed; and don't overload them or run them under rugs. Remember that fuses and circuit breakers protect you from fire: don't tamper with the fuse box or use fuses of an improper size.

### STOP, DROP, AND ROLL

Everyone should know this rule: if your clothes catch fire, **don't run!** Stop where you are, drop to the ground, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs.

### Practice Candle Safety

Never leave a lit candle unattended in any room of the house; Never leave candles burning when you go to bed; and never use candles near combustible materials such as curtains, drapes, bedding and cabinets.

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/safety/firesafety\\_tips.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/safety/firesafety_tips.shtml)

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