

Villas Vidette




The Official News and Notification Forum of the Villas of Bailey's Grove

From the Board




Can't believe that it is August already! Where did the summer go? The Villas continue to look wonderful. A big thank you goes to **Joan and Dave Jekel** who have been dead-heading all of the flowers at the entrance to the Villas and in the island on Mill Point Ct.

Our lawns look very green. Please continue to turn your sprinklers on at least 3 times a week (not on Thursday – grass mowing day), and check your lawns for any dry spots that may need some extra water. The Board has contacted the owners of the some of the vacant Villas and reminded them to make sure their sprinklers are turned on and working properly.

The Board has completed several projects in our continuous effort to keep the Villas looking great:

-  Superior Asphalt patched a hole in the road on Mill Point Ct.
-  Bartlett Tree Experts removed several dead or diseased trees in the common areas. They also sprayed a number of birch and pear trees for Japanese Beatles. Joy Phillips provided Bartlett with a list of trees that had problems with Japanese Beatles last summer.
-  JLH planted several pine, pear, or cedar trees in the common areas.

The Board reviewed the Villas By-laws on street parking and provided the homeowners with guidelines for visitor parking. Our goal is to allow family and friends to visit the Villas while respecting our neighbors and their properties. Please remember that there are several things homeowners can do to provide parking for large groups of visitors:

-  Use the overflow parking on Mill Point Ct.
-  Check with your neighbors to see if there are any driveways available for use by your guests during your event.
-  Ask guests NOT to block any driveways or mailboxes, park on lawns, and to keep our roads open to other homeowners and emergency and service vehicles.

Our Summer Block Party will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2009.

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with more specific information.

See you there!!

Social Events and Activities

Meyer May House Tour

On June 30th, twelve homeowners took a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house on Madison Ave. in Grand Rapids. It was a wonderful tour and we learned many interesting facts about the house and the people who have lived in it over the years. We had lunch at Meijer Gardens and many of us got to see the new ceiling in the café. Thanks to Vern Herring, our docent at the Meyer May house, and Marge LaBreck for a great day.

We are thinking of doing the Heritage Hill Tour in the Fall. Look for more information in an upcoming newsletter.

Coffee Hour

We will meet for coffee on August 5th and 19th at the clubhouse at 9:00 am. Please bring your own coffee.

Happy Hour

There will NOT be a Happy Hour in August because of the Block Party on August 26th.

Book Club

The book club will meet on August 12th from 2 – 4 pm at the clubhouse. We will be discussing the novel, The Girls from Ames by Jeffery Zaslow. This is a story of a group of ordinary women who built an extraordinary 40 year-old friendship with both universal insights and deeply personal moments. It is a book that every woman will relate to and be inspired by.

We still need to complete our book club list. Please bring your suggestions to our August meeting.

Men's Club Luncheon

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be on Tuesday, August 11th at 11:30 am. The men will meet at New Beginning's Restaurant located at 4415 Broadmoor SE in Kentwood.

Men's Club Geology Series

There will be NO men's club geology series meeting in August. We will start up again in September.

Reminders

Recycling days are Friday, August 14th and Friday, August 28th. Please remember to secure your recycling bags.

Please continue to save your plastic newspaper bags. Bring them to Marge's house (5987 Mill Point Ct.) or give her a call at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.

Reasons to Celebrate the Month of August

Admit You're Happy Month

Peach Month

Family Fun Month

Romance Awareness Month

National Catfish Month

Water Quality Month

National Eye Exam Month

National Picnic Month

National Golf Month