

Villas Vidette

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

From the Board

The Villas look wonderful. We have green grass, leaves on the trees, and beautiful flowers in many of the homeowners' yards and in the common areas.

It is our goal to make sure the Villas look great throughout the coming summer months. Over the last month the following projects have been completed:

Some of the stumps left from last winter's removal of ash trees have been removed.

Joy Phillips and her crew worked very hard putting down our mulch.

All of the mulched areas have been edged by hand.

The Board completed a walk-through of the Villas.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the June 3rd Board meeting has been changed to **Monday, June 8th at 6:00 pm at the REALICO office.**

The REALICO office is located at 2025 East Beltline SE, Suite 208. Directions to REALICO:

1. Go Northwest on Mill Point Court SE toward Mill Point Drive SE.
2. Turn right onto Mill Point Drive SE.
3. Turn right onto S. Grove SE.
4. Turn left onto 60th Street SE.
5. Turn left onto East Paris Avenue SE.
6. Stay straight to go onto Barden Street SE.
7. Turn left onto Broadmoor Avenue SE/MI-37 N. Continue to follow MI-37 N.
8. Make a u-turn onto East Beltline Avenue SE/MI-37 S.
9. Follow the drive to the top of the hill. Park in the lot in front of the Weyhill Building, the six story copper top building. REALICO is located on the ground level (second floor) in the far, right office.

Welcome!



We welcome Phillip and LeAnn Smart to the Villas! LeAnn and her daughter just made the move to Grand Rapids a week ago.

Attached is the Smart's label for our directory. Please place it on Lot # 13.

Social Events and Activities

Men's Club - Geology Series



Villa men will meet on **Monday, June 1st** and **Monday, June 15th** at the clubhouse from 6-8 pm. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring your own drink.

Coffee Hour



The dates for coffee are **Wednesday, June 10th** and **Wednesday, June 24th**. We will meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 am. Please bring your own coffee.

Men's Club Luncheon



The next meeting of the Men's Club will be on **Tuesday, June 9th** at First Wok (located at 2301 44th Street) at 11:30 am. This is a great opportunity for all of the men of the Villas to meet and discuss topics of common interest.

Book Club



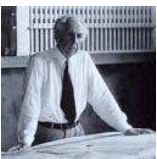
We will meet on **Wednesday, June 10th** at the clubhouse from 2-4 pm. Please bring a list of your book recommendations to add to our list for upcoming meetings. There is NO book club meeting in July.

Happy Hour



Happy Hour will be on **Wednesday, June 24th**. We will meet at the clubhouse from 6-8 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own drink.

Meyer/May House Tour



On **Tuesday, June 30th** we are planning a tour of the Meyer/May House in Grand Rapids. We will meet at the Meyer/May house (see enclosed map for directions) at 10:00 am for a film, tour of the house, and a walk through the garden. **If you are interested, please call Marge LaBreck at 656.8661.**

Thank You!

A big **THANK YOU** to **Connie Balazs, Jerry LaBreck, Bill Landheer, Carolyn and Howard Rubin, Lynne Skripka, and Judie and Jim Thompson** for planting the beautiful geraniums in the entrance to the Villas and several common areas.



Landscaping Schedule

JLH will mow our lawns every Thursday, weather permitting. Joy Phillips and her crew will continue to come to the Villas, bi-weekly, to weed our front yard mulched areas. Please feel free to talk to Joy or one of her crew if you have any questions or concerns about your mulched area.

Weed and Feed Lawncare will apply fertilizer to our lawns as follows:

Application #2 – Beginning of June

Application #3 – Mid July

Application #4 – Late August

Application #5 – Early October

For Your Information

Many of the homeowners have questioned the removal of ash trees that look healthy. We talked with Scott from Bartlett and he gave us the following explanation:

The bore is in our neighborhood and these trees will eventually get it. Once the ash trees are infected, they dry out quickly and become very brittle. Then, these trees are dangerous to the homes around them and pose a real threat to those people who have to remove them.

In the fall, Scott will tell us which ash trees must come down next. Healthy looking ash trees will be given a low priority. The removal of ash trees in the Villas will continue over the next few years allowing the Board to keep the cost of the removal within budget.

Recycling Styrofoam

We found a location where you can take styrofoam to be recycled. The name of the company is Team Industries, which is located on 4580 Airwest Dr. in Kentwood. Take the Beltline to 44th Street, turn left on to 44th Street. Turn on to Airwest (second street on the left). Team Industries is down a few buildings on the left. There is a green dumpster in the front parking lot. If you bring your styrofoam in plastic bags, please take it out of the bags before you put it into the dumpster. Styrofoam cups and plates must be washed off.

Reminders

- Please continue to save your plastic newspaper bags. You can drop them off at Marge's house (5987 Mill Point Ct.) or call Marge at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.
- Please remember to pick up your pet droppings.
- Recycling days are Friday, June 5th and Friday, June 19th. Please remember to secure your recycling bags so we can keep the Villas litter free.
- Please turn on your sprinklers. The recent warm temperatures and strong winds will dry out our grass and plants very quickly. Please water lawns at least three times a week and make sure that areas where turf has been repaired get extra water.

Update from Weed & Feed Lawn Care

Going to seed...What are those white stalks in my lawn? For the next 3 to 4 weeks, your lawn will be undergoing a process that occurs once a year- producing seedheads. This requires lots of energy and causes your lawn to lose its dark green color, and makes it grow like crazy! But don't worry, this is a natural process and only lasts for a few weeks. See enclosed handout for six steps to a better lawn.

Beginning in June, you will start to see familiar creatures flying around; Japanese Beetles. They are bronze in color and like to hang out on small trees, bushes, golf course greens, and home lawns. See handout enclosed with this newsletter for more information.

While controlling beetles is tough, with proper timing and products, controlling grubs is much easier. Japanese beetles will fly around this summer and lay their eggs in turf. These eggs will hatch and become grubs. Grubs feed on the root system of your lawn, causing damage to the turf. To control these pests, we use a product that is applied in June or July and neutralizes these eggs. If you have questions about grubs or need help controlling them, please let us know.

Grubs damage a lawn by devouring its root system. Merit is extremely effective, controlling the summertime eggs that hatch into lawn destroying grubs. Grubs also draw predators to a lawn such as skunks, raccoons, moles, and birds.

And Just for Fun...

Bulb: potential flower buried in Autumn, never to be seen again.

- Henry Beard

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

- Doug Larson

Hoeing: A manual method of severing roots from stems of newly planted flowers and vegetables.

- Henry Beard

The world's largest flower, Rafflesia, can measure up to three feet across.



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