

Villas Vidette

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

UPDATES & UPGRADES

At the Annual Meeting last November, questions were raised about each homeowner's responsibility for the maintenance of their sprinkling system and for the watering of Limited Common areas that can be reached by their sprinklers. Further research by the Board into the Master Deed and the Villa Condo By-laws has confirmed the following:

- The way we have been handling the lawn sprinkling responsibilities as individual homeowners is correct and no change is needed to the By-laws. Each homeowner is responsible for maintaining their sprinkler system so it is ready for start-up in the spring and that it is properly drained at the end of the growing season.
- Each homeowner is responsible for irrigating the landscaping around their Unit and surrounding Limited Common area. This means that there can be no future reimbursement for watering of a large Limited Common area surrounding a Unit – with the exception of General Common areas like the island on Mill Point Court and the dead end of Mill Point Drive.

Jim Thompson, Board President

VILLA WALK-THROUGH

At the beginning of May, the Board of Directors and our landscaper walked through the Villas to check on a variety of landscaping items. The following items were addressed:

- The Boxwoods planted around the electrical boxes will not be trimmed this year. The trimming last year was to encourage the growth of a good root system.
- The patches of mystery grass in some of our lawns have been brought in by bird droppings. We cannot treat this grass without damaging the surrounding grass. It will soon blend into our lawns.
- This spring, our budget allowed us to add fresh mulch to the Villa entrance, the island on Mill Point Court, the dead ends of our streets, the mulched areas in the front yards, and the mulched areas along the fence line behind Mill Point Court. We encourage homeowners to consider either stones or grass under their decks. This would help the Board keep mulching cost down in the future.
- Another round of Ash tree removal was done the second week in May. There were some Ash trees and damaged trees threatening the safety of a Villa on Mill Point Drive.

HAVE A PROBLEM? CONTACT REALICO

Again, we ask all homeowners to contact REALICO with any problems or concerns. Call our Property Manager, Mary Harrison, at 942.7055 ext. 8 or email her at maryh@realico.com.

Please don't contact or bring concerns to individual Board members. Our Property Manager will forward your concerns to the Board.

BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCED

There will be a Board meeting on June 2nd at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm. Homeowners are welcome to attend the meeting.

If you wish to speak to the Board about a specific item, please contact Mary Harrison at 942.7055 ext. 8 or by email at maryh@realico.com no later than NOON on the day before the meeting so your item may be placed on the agenda.

FOUNDATION BORDERS

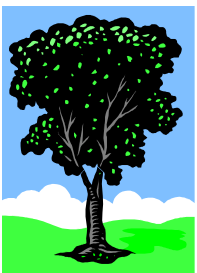
Some homeowners have been concerned about damage to siding due to the weed whips trimming close to the foundation of their Villa.

Justin Hickman from JLH Lawncare & Landscaping is suggesting a 6" border or bed around the foundation of the Villas to help prevent this damage. His crew would make a 6" wide bed by 4" deep of 2" round stones bordered by aluminum edging that would give the lawn a definite edge. Commercial weed fabric would be put down beneath the stones to help prevent weeds from growing through the stones.

The cost of this project would be \$4.25 per foot for both materials and labor. This stone border is OPTIONAL and will be at the homeowners' expense. If you are interested, please contact Justin at 616.262.4706 (cell).

Another company may have a quote for this type of border in a few weeks. We will pass the information on to you as soon as we have it.

TREE & SHRUB TRIMMING



When our original landscaping was planted, the goal was to make the Villas look good at that time, without consideration for the appearance of the future landscaping. Many of the shrubs and trees selected were probably not the best choice for our property, as they have grown quite a bit and cannot be properly trimmed without being destroyed. Joy Phillips of JP Landscaping and her crew are willing to help you solve these problems. If interested, please contact Joy at 890.3099.

Lake Michigan beaches are known for their beauty. The region is often referred to as the "Third Coast" of the United States, after those of the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. The sand is soft and off-white, known as "singing sands" because of the squeaking noise (caused by high quartz content) made when one walks across it.

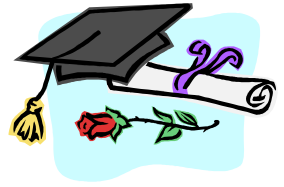
Lake Michigan beaches in Northern Michigan are the only place in the world, aside from a few inland lakes in that region, where one can find Petoskey stones, the state stone.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!

Congratulations to *Brianna Hutchinson*, who graduated from East Kentwood on May 28th!!!!!!

She will be starting GVSU's honor's program in the fall and has been accepted into their School of Nursing.

An Open House in her honor is scheduled at her home (3545 Mill Point Dr.) on Saturday, June 12th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.



SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Happy Hour

Our next Happy Hour will be on Wednesday, June 30th at the clubhouse from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage.

The Villas Men's Club – Educational Series

The Villas men will meet on Monday, June 7th and 21st at the clubhouse from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring your own beverage.

The Villas Men's Lunch

The Villa Men will meet for lunch on Tuesday, June 8th at El Arriero (2948 28th Street) at 11:30 am.

Book Club

We will meet at the clubhouse from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 9th to discuss the book The Help, by Kathryn Stockett.

Villas Ladies Lunch

On Thursday, June 17th, the Villa ladies will meet at Brandywine (2844 E. Beltline) at 1:00 pm.

Please note the new time.

REMINDERS

Parking

Please have all of your visitors park in your driveway before parking on the streets. We must keep our roads open to all homeowners, service vehicles, and emergency vehicles.

Save Plastic Newspaper Bags

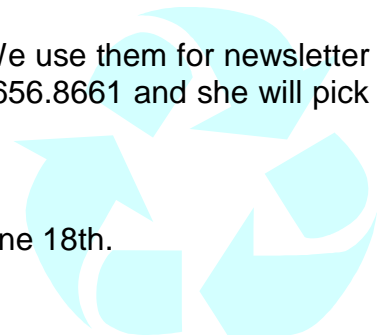
Please continue to save your plastic bags from the Sunday newspaper. We use them for newsletter delivery. Bring them to Marge's house (5987 Mill Point Ct.) or call her at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.

Recycling Dates

June recycling dates are Friday, June 4th and Friday, June 18th.

Site Approval Forms

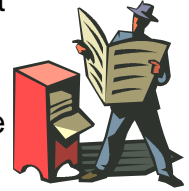
Homeowners planning any changes to the exterior of their homes or to their landscaping **MUST** submit a Site Approval Form to the Architectural Review Committee. These forms are available on the Bailey's Grove website, or give Marge LaBreck a call at 656.8661 and she will drop one off to you. Completed forms should be sent to Mary Harrison at REALICO at 2025 East Beltline SE, Suite 208, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have an item that you would like included in the Villa newsletter, please drop it off at Marge LaBreck's house (5987 Mill Point Ct.).

Newsletter submissions must be received by the 20th of each month at 5:00 pm to be included in the following month's newsletter.



Butterflies can only see the colors red, green, and yellow.

The butterfly can fly up to the speed of 12 miles per hour.

“A day without laughter is a day wasted.” Charles Spencer Chaplin

WATER CONSERVATION

WHY CONSERVE? Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. Using less water also puts less pressure on our sewage treatment facilities, and uses less energy for water heating.

HOW TO CONSERVE:

Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. **Saves 500 to 800 gallons per month.**

Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This beats the wasteful habit of running tap water to cool it for drinking. **Saves 200 to 300 gallons a month.**

Don't defrost frozen foods with running water. Either plan ahead by placing frozen items in the refrigerator overnight or defrost them in the microwave. **Saves 50 to 150 gallons a month.**

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