



DUNBARTON PINES



Homeowner Association Newsletter April, 2017

President's Message

Rod Harris

The long-awaited spring is not far away! With that comes warmer weather and a chance to make some badly-needed improvements to the commons areas. Andy, our VP Maintenance, talks about what's planned inside! Also, we have our Treasurer's report, which presents the current financial condition of the Association. We're looking good!

We have some ideas (or reminders for those old-time landscapers) for spring cleanup and basic yard maintenance as spring blooms and summer looms! See these elsewhere in the newsletter.

We recently obtained a website for our subdivision, rather than continuing to rely on Google sites (although that site has been a big help). This new website is dedicated to the subdivision, and is in the early stages of deployment. Go check out our new site at: www.dunbartonpinesofnovi.com and tell us what you think. We will be migrating our newsletters and other documentation which should provide support to homeowners, new and old! Thanks to Deepa Elangainathan for her help in setting up the site!

Annual Garage Sale

Lisa McCausland

The annual Dunbarton Pines Homeowners' garage sale is coming in May!

This is our sub-wide garage sale, and will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The Association will advertise in the local paper and on Craigslist on behalf of all homeowners!

Landscaping Maintenance and Improvements – Understudy Needed!

Rod Harris

Andy has done a yeoman's job the last 10 years in managing the landscaping maintenance and improvements. If you have a green thumb and have a knack in dealing with contractors – Andy would enjoy the additional help!

We have a well-established routine of activities and contractors. Contact Andy Randall for more information!

DUNBARTON PINES Homeowners' Association

The Dunbarton Pines Homeowners' Association (DPHA) is a non-profit corporation created in 1979 and composed of 341 homes governed by the Declaration of Covenants, Agreements and Restrictions (1979) and Bylaws (1980). These documents are available on the Association website:

<http://www.dunbartonpinesofnovi.com>

The Association has the duty and responsibility to maintain the open spaces, retention ponds, storm sewer system, common areas and entry way monuments for the benefit of the subdivision and the members of the Association. Annual dues are \$150 payable in September.

Current DPHA board members:

Rod Harris, President. Rod continues the President role after returning to the Board last year after a not-so-brief hiatus.
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Andy Randall, V.P. Landscaping. Andy continues his 10-some year run on the Board looking out after all things landscaping.
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Karen Harris, Treasurer. Karen reprises her role as Treasurer, having served on the Board several years ago.
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Lisa McCausland, Secretary. Lisa continues as Secretary, a role she has played for 3 years.
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Fred Schlemmer, V.P. External Liaison. Fred is in his second year on the Board, and coordinates with the City of Novi and other third-party organizations.
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Landscaping Maintenance and Improvements

Andy Randall

Dunbarton Pines consist of 341 homes. Our subdivision is shaped like a large piece of pie with the tip being the corner of 9 mile and Taft and the crust running across the back of the subdivision from the White Pines entrance to the Plaisance entrance. Within the confines of this slice are 341 homes, four entryways and 11 cul-de-sacs.

The entryway boulevard islands and the cul-de-sac islands are the responsibility of your Homeowners' Association. Our concrete streets are the responsibility of the City Of Novi. We are continuing our process of revamping the entryways and cul-de-sacs in your subdivision. As you may know, in 2015 new entryway signs were purchased. Last

year 2016 the entryway boulevard islands were groomed and updated for a new crisp appearance.

This year we will start landscaping improvements on our 11 cul-de-sac islands. This is a process we expect to take two years to complete. Kicking off this effort will be those islands of Alton, Eaton, Exeter and Louvert. Look for a notice in the not-too-distant future when we begin work on the cul-de-sac near you!

Thanks, neighbor, and please feel free to contact me with comments or suggestions concerning our commons property maintenance and improvements.

Novi City Ordinances - Reminder

Your Board

Trash/recycling bins are not to be put at the street earlier than 24 hours prior to collection day. After collection, bins are to be removed within 12 hours. Trash/recycling bins are to be stored totally inside garage or placed in the rear yard.

Those homeowners backing up to Nine Mile Rd and Taft Rd, it is your responsibility to keep your trees and shrubs clear of the sidewalk behind you. This is for the safety of all who use the walkway. There should be a two-foot clear zone on each side of the sidewalk and an 8 foot vertical clearance above the sidewalk.

Recreational equipment (camper, travel trailer, boat, boat trailer) may be parked no more than 72 hours for loading and unloading. See Sec. 2504 Commercial and Recreational Parking and Storage for more information.

Commons Rules

Your Board

With Spring rounding the corner, it is important we remind Homeowners about the Commons Area Rules!

The Commons will be open sunrise to sunset. Access to the Commons is only allowed on the easements (Lightsway, Exeter Court, Dunbarton Dr. and Midway are the locations of the easements. Easements are marked by large boulders at the road. Please stay between the boulders.) Removal of any trees, flowers, or undergrowth from the Commons or easements is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors in writing. Planting of trees, flowers, shrubs, or grass in the Commons is prohibited, unless authorized by the Board of Directors in writing; and if approved, becomes property of the subdivision.

All personal property (swings, gardens, wood piles, sprinkler heads, etc.) are prohibited in the Commons. Any equipment left on the Commons will be considered the property of the subdivision and subject to removal or relocation. Smoking or fires are prohibited in the Commons except when authorized by the Board in writing.

All types of guns, firecrackers, golf balls, and archery equipment are prohibited. Softball is permitted only at a safe distance from the houses. Tree houses, forts, etc., may not be built anywhere in the Commons. No motorized vehicles are permitted in the Commons. (snowmobiles, scooters, mopeds, etc.). No dumping of grass clippings, dirt, stones or debris. No bikes are allowed in the woods. Camping is prohibited.

Permission to use the Commons for "special" occasions, (graduations, receptions, etc.) must be obtained from the Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Harris

At the end of March, the financial health of Dunbarton Pines Homeowners' Association is looking good. There are still 9 homeowners who have not paid their 2016-17 dues. The third past due notice has been sent to those that are delinquent. If payment is not received, the next step is to proceed to place liens on the properties of those delinquencies.

With the additional funds we have in the bank, the plan is to start updating/repairing some of the islands within the sub. This will be a multi-year effort, all dependent on the surplus funds available. A reserve amount will be maintained for unexpected expenditures (tree removal in commons/ entrances/ islands, sign damage, etc.).

The financial statement does NOT show budget amount for island improvements project given our favorable reserve position. We will be finalizing our 2017 budget at our next meeting.

**Dunbarton Pines Homeowners Association
Statement of Activities and Financial Positional
March 2017**

	2017 YTD	2017 Budget
Revenue:		
Annual Dues - collected 2016-2017	\$ 49,800	\$ 51,150
Other Income (past dues collected)	75	-
Total Income	49,875	51,150
Expense:		
Communications	358	2,000
Fees and Insurance	3	2,200
Landscaping Maintenance	2,899	39,000
Office	212	
Mailbox Program	-	1,000
Electric	478	1,900
Water	-	1,400
Total Expense	3,949	47,500
Contribution (Reduction) to Reserves	45,926	
Reserves - Beginning of Year	25,049	
Reserves at End of Period	\$ 70,975	
March 31, 2017 Bank Balance	71,054	
Checks outstanding	(80)	
Deposits outstanding	-	
Checkbook Balance at End of Period	70,974	
	(0)	
Estimated Reserves at End of Year		27,424
Outstanding Accounts Receivable	\$1,350	9 homeowners

City of Novi – COP 20 Communication

Excerpt from Officer Rachel Meier's Association eMail

Officer Rachel Meier is assigned as liaison to the local Novi homeowner associations. Periodically, Officer Meier sends communications to the associations' boards regarding events and activities in the area. Here's some communications we have received: "Here are a few upcoming events in the city - Novi's Spring Palooza is being held May 19th from 6-9pm at the Civic Center Campus, after which there will be a movie at dusk. The Novi Half Marathon will be held April 29th at 8am at the Novi Middle School. Hope everything in your neighborhoods is good. Please let me know if there is anything going on of concern or issues that you may be having. Let's hope that this great weather is here to stay!"

Neighborhood Babysitting Co-op

Hey, moms! Have a haircut appointment? Want to have your nails done? Don't know what to do with the kids?

The babysitting co-op is a group of 20 mothers who share caregiver responsibilities to Dunbarton Pines, Royal Crown, Autumn Park and Barclay Estates neighbors. The Co-op is geared to provide daytime care for children ranging in age from newborn through kindergarten. Call Nikki VanDis @ 248.790.7894 or email nvandis@hotmail.com for more information.

They are welcoming new members right now!

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