

## **Haverhill Homeowners Association**

Annual Homeowner Meeting

October 8, 2014

1. Haverhill Road Repair Project Update
  - a. Special guests
    - i. Aaron Staup, Construction Engineering Coordinator, City of Novi 248-347-3270, [astaup@cityofnovi.org](mailto:astaup@cityofnovi.org)
    - ii. Brian Coburn, Engineering Manager, City of Novi, 248-347-0454, [bcoburn@cityofnovi.org](mailto:bcoburn@cityofnovi.org)
    - iii. John Becht, Spalding DeDecker & Associates
  - b. The city apologizes for the length of the road repair project. It should typically take 3-5 weeks and they are disappointed with the contractor.
  - c. They have been told that paving will start tomorrow and typically takes 3 days, although it is weather dependent. After that, they will come through and finish the sidewalks.
  - d. The city wants the project completed before Halloween.
  - e. The crew will fix irrigation problems (broken sprinklers) hopefully this weekend. If you have a sprinkler broken by the construction, please notify the city immediately.
  - f. If you ever want to know the status of the project, call these special guests. Call immediately to inform them if you see a problem.
  - g. The sidewalks were addressed for 1 of 2 reasons. If they were a trip hazard, they will be fixed. The other reason is that every time road construction is done, the city must bring the sidewalks up to ADA (Americans with Disabilities) specifications.
  - h. Extend sidewalks on 14 mile. Please attend the Walkable Novi meeting October 16, 6pm at the Novi Civic Center.
  - i. Neighbors speeding through Haverhill. Feel free to call community policing at the non-emergency police number.
  - j. No speed limit, yield, or stop signs in our neighborhood. This will be looked into.
2. Welcome and introductions, Sig Sjogren
3. Beautification update, Dan Lingeman
  - a. Flowers at the front of the subdivision died because the sprinklers had to be turned off due to road construction. When the construction is finished, fall mums will be planted.
  - b. Main beautification project this year was replacing trees on 14 mile road. We will evaluate after a year and potentially add more.
  - c. Ongoing beautification responsibilities are to keep the common areas mowed, watered, landscaped, and looking good.
  - d. Recent/upcoming projects
    - i. Areas around community fences (several in front of sub and 2 in the back) were trimmed back. The fences will be stained and some boards will be replaced.

- ii. Cedar trees that were planted when the sub was built are all dead. They will be removed and new trees will be planted in the spring. The committee will go through the whole neighborhood to investigate where to plant more trees.
  - iii. Landscaping projects were somewhat limited this year due to construction. The money will roll over to fund projects next year.
  - iv. Discussion on street lighting. Not in the budget and it is a divisive issue. If you want light because you feel people are drinking, parking, doing anything else questionable on the streets, call the Oakland County Sheriff.
- 4. Vice President (At Large), Joe Drouillard
  - a. Wrote approximately 20 letters to residents in violation of by-laws, 95% compliance.
  - b. Cutting down trees is a problem.
  - c. Read the Haverhill by-laws at <http://haverhillnovi.com>.
  - d. If you have a complaint, comment, or compliment, you can contact the entire Haverhill board by using [board@haverhillnovi.com](mailto:board@haverhillnovi.com).
  - e. Waste management. Board will investigate if it's time to renegotiate contract.
- 5. Treasurer, Julie Phillips
  - a. Fiscal year is October 1 – September 30.
  - b. Majority of budget is ongoing maintenance
  - c. Usually have 1-2 big projects a year, but we didn't do too much because of street repair. That surplus will roll over to next year.
  - d. No residents are in arrears.
- 6. Secretary, Jessica Klein
  - a. Communications are primarily through e-mail and facebook (our group is called "Haverhill Residents", ask to join and you will be approved). We are developing a LinkedIn presence. We are discontinuing most paper flyer distributions.
  - b. Welcoming committee provides introductory information and a coffee cake to new neighbors.
  - c. Social committee is planning Halloween party and winter progressive party/holiday walk.
    - i. Halloween party will be October 31, and will provide pizza, cider, donuts. More details to come.
    - ii. Volunteers are needed for picking up a few supplies on Halloween afternoon.
    - iii. Also, we are seeking a tent/canopy to borrow in case of bad weather.
    - iv. Thank you to the social committee (Sommer Yono, Jacqui Gretzinger, Angela Rosenberg, and Elise Kantor). We are always looking for more members!
  - d. Directory. Thank you to Jacqui Gretzinger for all your hard work. We will work together to put this information on-line for residents to use.

7. New business
  - a. Elections
    - i. 2 new board positions are open. Thank you to Sig Sjogren and Dan Lingeman for all your hard work.
    - ii. New incoming board members: Steve Gabel and Arjun Bennur.
  - b. Winter reminders
    - i. Homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks and common areas around your home. Please keep them shoveled in the winter. If you need help hiring someone to do this, please contact a board member.
8. Q & A and conclusion
  - a. Millage renewal on November Ballot. It is on the back side of the ballot, it is nothing new, just a renewal of a millage that has been in place for 20 years. The Walled Lake Consolidated School District depends on a yes vote for the renewal. This millage provides 30 million dollars for the school district's budget.
  - b. There was an attempted break in Monday morning. Please keep your doors locked, use your alarms.