

CARRIAGE HOUSE COOPERATIVE

SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Annual Flower Day: We had a beautiful day and a great turn out for flower day. The cooperative provided flowers, dirt, and grass seed. Remember, front flowerbeds and back patios must be maintained by the member. Thank you to everyone here for working together to help keep the Cooperative looking its best.

Remove Flower Pots From Front Porch and Sidewalk: We have received complaints from the mail carrier that the flower pots on the porch and sidewalk interfere with delivering the mail and could also cause someone to trip and fall. We ask that you relocate your flower pots to your front flower bed or patio area.

Patio: Having a backyard patio is really enjoyable in the summer months. If you are interested in having a concrete patio installed call the office for more information.

Items Allowed on Patio: Shrubs (no trees) in movable pots – not to exceed 3 feet in height (including the pot), Members are allowed to have only 1 of each item on their patio: Trellis (no arched trellises), Gliders, Storage shed, Deck storage box, Grill, Awning, Fire Pit, Satellite Dish, Air-Conditioning Unit, Outdoor Table/Chair Set. Keep in mind that some items require and alteration permit. Some items have size restrictions; please refer to your Member's Handbook.

Items NOT Allowed on Patio: Listed are some of the items that we do not allow on patios. Fencing of any type, Lattice work between patios, Motorcycles, Gasoline or flammable liquid/chemicals, garbage cans.

Complaint Letters: All complaint letters that are submitted to the office need to be signed. Complaint letters received with no signature will not be addressed.

Window Well: Please remove all items on top of your window well grate *immediately*. Items that are placed on your window well grate create a safety hazard by blocking your exit from the basement that may be needed in case of a fire.

Love Thy Neighbor: Ask yourself, what kind of neighbor am I? Many people spend numerous years, even decades living next to their neighbor. Sometimes that is difficult and sometimes it is wonderful. These experiences are all what you make of them. In cooperative housing, members live very close to one another. Always remember that kindness goes a long way. Let's embrace our differences and try to be the best neighbors that we can.

Alteration Permit: We love when residents want to improve their units. However, we must ask that the proper procedures are followed. Prior to doing work an Alteration Permit must be obtained from the office. Depending on the improvement, such as; electrical or plumbing, a permit from the City of Utica may also be required. Keep in mind that you do not need a permit for items of decoration such as; paint, wallpaper, and carpet.

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. located in the clubhouse.

Cooperative Website: If you have a friend or family member that is interested in our development, all information is available on our website. As a member, the most current newsletter can also be viewed at www.carriagehousecoop.com

Community Events: The City of Utica Parks & Recreation presents the 26th Annual Old Mill Arts and Crafts Festival. This event will be on July 16th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and July 17th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Grant Park.

Inaugural Pork & Ladders: The Utica Fire Department Fund Raiser will be Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 11 a.m. – Close at the Hogs Hollow Smokehouse located at 45108 Cass Ave

Farmers Market: Saturdays until Oct 22nd 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ 49965 Van Dyke, Shelby Township (between 22 & 23 Mile Roads) Locally grown, farm fresh fruits and vegetables, Amish organic produce, grass fed meats, goat cheese, free range chicken eggs, maple syrup, honey, breads and baked goods. Artisans, local businesses & more!
www.ShelbyFarmersMarket.com

Prescription Drugs: When is the last time that you cleaned out your medicine cabinet or bathroom vanity drawers? Not sure what to do with outdated prescription medicine? The Shelby Township Police Department or the Sterling Heights Police Department has a permanent drug drop-off area in their lobby. They will safely dispose of the medication.

Stand Up for Yourself: Here's a really simple way to help your overall health: Just stand more! In today's world, the majority of people sit – a lot – everyday. The American Medical Association has stated that sitting for extended periods of time can be bad for personal health. The remedy: standing – while you work at a desk, talk on the phone, or do any number of daily activities. Standing is like walking: It can increase energy, burn extra calories, tone muscles, improve posture, increase blood flow, and boost metabolism.

Concrete Work: The Board of Directors approved Armstrong Masonry to repair or replace several areas throughout the development. The work will not commence until mid-August. We always appreciate resident cooperation while we make improvements to the development.

Roofing/Siding Project: We are so happy to report that the roofing/siding project is almost completed. There are just a few minor items to still need attention. Again, a HUGE thank you to all of the residents for their patience and cooperation while the work was being done.

Play Equipment: The Maintenance Staff has numerous tasks to complete during the summer months. One of those tasks will be to paint some of the play equipment. Therefore, when you see that the area is roped off please make sure your little ones do not go on the play structures.

