

CARRIAGE HOUSE COOPERATIVE

FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER



Fall Reminders: Cooler days will soon be here. We would like to remind you of the following:

- Put away the kiddie pools and other summer toys.
- Clean up your patio area. Make sure no debris or cigarette butts are on the grounds.
- Remove all annual flowers and weeds from your front flower bed and patio area and cut down perennials by November 1st
- Make sure you shut off the water supply to the outside faucet. Remove and store all garden hoses.
- Close all windows tight.
- Test or replace the smoke detector batteries.

Lawn Maintenance: The staff worked very hard this summer keeping the lawns looking their best. Our staff will soon be working on the leaves. However, if you would like to help by raking up leaves, it is greatly appreciated. If you are in need of some large bags, please let us know.

Money Matters: The 2016 Summer Taxes for this development was \$52,386.63. The water bills paid for this year as of 9-1-2016 total \$41,473.25, Consumers Energy \$44,096.55, and DTE Energy \$8,828.18.

Cement Work: The Board of Directors accepted and reviewed bids from several companies for this year's cement work. Armstrong Masonry was awarded the contract. The cost of the repairs were \$9,840.00. We would like to thank all residents for their cooperation while the cement repairs and replacements were done.

Important Date: Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22, 2016 for the Carriage House Cooperative Fall Family Harvest Gathering. The gathering will be in the clubhouse from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. This is a good day to come out and visit one another. Lunch will be provided but if you would like to add to the festivities by making a dish to pass, it would be appreciated.

Sewer Problems: Recently the City of Utica put out a notice that "flushable" baby wipes and feminine hygiene products have caused serious maintenance issues with the sewer systems throughout the entire area. Although the items state on the packaging that they are flushable, they cause some very costly repairs. Therefore, we are asking that you do **NOT** put these items in the toilet.

Found Glasses: Missing a pair of reading glasses? A pair of glasses were found on the cooperative grounds. If you think these may be yours, please contact the office.

Medical Equipment: Do you have some medical equipment that you no longer need? You may want to consider donating it to St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Shelby Township. They accept crutches, shower chairs, canes, wheelchairs, bandages, etc. They even accept hospital beds. This organization helps many seniors on a fixed income. To donate or request items, call 586-254-4433 ext. 357.

Nature Center: The Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center is located at 4101 River Bends Drive – located east of Ryan Road, between Auburn and 22 Mile Roads. They offer many programs and activities for all ages. The following events are being offered. You can even host a birthday party at the Nature Center! For more information call 586-323-2478.

Spidermania – Saturday, October 15th – 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Learn important facts about Michigan spiders, largest species. Fee: \$3 Ages 4 & up.

The Nature Center Goes to the Halloween Spooktacular – Saturday, October 15th – Noon – 2:00 p.m. Come by and say hello and see some of your favorite critters.

Fall Family Fun Day – Sunday, October 16th – 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$3 per person ages 4 & up. Day includes Campfire cookout, Costumed Characters, and Wagon Rides.

Haunted Nature Center: Friday & Saturday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fee \$2 ages 3 & up. Don't forget to bring a bag for treats!

Window Cleaning: Due to the roofing project, some of your window tracks may have debris in them. Therefore, you should clean out your window tracks. The vinyl frame can be cleaned with any non-abrasive, mild soap or detergent. When the window panel has been removed, the vinyl track that the window rollers sit on may be removed for cleaning out any accumulated dirt that may have settled in the bottom of the frame. To remove the track, simply pry it out with a thin object such as a table knife, inserted anywhere along the thicker side of the track. It is not necessary to use a lot of force to remove the tracks because they pop out very easily. To replace the tracks, simply pop it back in place and make sure that the sloping edge of the track faces toward the outside of the window.

Window Well: The basement window could be your only means of escape in case of an emergency. Please keep this area clean and free of any obstacles.

Slow Down: Please slow down and use caution while driving in the cooperative. Children are out and we would never want an accident to happen.

Appliance Check: Make sure that you do not over load your refrigerator freezer. You need to have room in the freezer for the air to circulate properly. If your stove or refrigerator is not working properly, contact the office.



Take time and enjoy everything that the fall season has to offer!