

The Village Chatter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

THE VILLAGES OF OSCODA

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To make it easier and more convenient for our homeowners, The Villages of Oscoda, HOA has partnered with Walmart Pharmacy to help make it possible to get YOUR flu shot close to home. Here's what you need to know:

- ◆ Location: Association Clubhouse: 5631 Georgia Dr., Oscoda, MI 48750
- ◆ Date & Time: Friday, October 15, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- ◆ No appointment is necessary
- ◆ Mask **REQUIRED** to enter the building for those **UNVACCINATED**
- ◆ Bring your insurance card with you.

Stop the spread of influenza this winter! An annual flu vaccination is an important step in staying healthy and keeping others healthy as well.

***REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
INSURANCE CARD WHEN YOU COME!***

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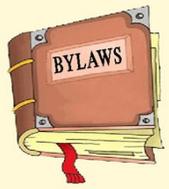
*Board of
Directors*

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Sherry Proulx - Vice President
JoAn Nink - Treasurer
Timothy Morand - Secretary
Trustee—Vacant



Board of Director's Corner

Well, here we are already into Fall. Where did the Summer go?! We hope our co-owners and neighbors had a great summer under the circumstances of Covid. That said, we want to remind everyone that the clubhouse is open, but we ask that anyone who is unvaccinated to please wear a mask when visiting the office. Remember this is for your well-being as well as that of your friends, neighbors and other people around you.



Something else that we need to talk about is the Master Deed and By-laws. As everyone already knows, the vote to bring our Master Deed and By-laws up to date failed. Even though we had an overwhelming amount of yes votes, the required 2/3 of the co-owners votes necessary to pass this was not met. Reason being, not enough ballots were completed and returned. If people do not vote, it is the same as voting "NO".

As you, as co-owners, may or may not know, every time we have a vote it costs the members of our HOA (that is all of the co-owners) up to \$6,000. Eventually, this means that our dues will have to be increased just to meet the expense of trying to bring our Master Deed and By-laws up to date. We are not doing this just because we want to change things. This is being done because it **has** to be done. We would like nothing better than to put this in our rearview mirror, and devote our time and energy on different projects such as repairs and improvements to the common areas. We need your help to make that happen.



This vote needs to pass because we are not compliant with Michigan Law for condominium associations. Now, we will need to go through another vote on this again next year. Hear that flushing sound? That is the sound of your money going down the drain. We need people to vote. We hope to have two **Informational Meetings** for all co-owners before the next vote. If any co-owner has any ideas on things that can help get this passed, please send a note to the office or contact a board member.

On another note, we are sad to announce the resignation of Chad Adams from the Board of Directors. He will be greatly missed. We want to thank him for all of his help and dedication to the HOA Board. He is an asset that will be sorely missed. Thank you, Chad, so much and we wish you good luck in your future endeavors. You will find the new list of Board Officers on page one.

We hope everyone will have a safe and happy Fall and can enjoy the cooler weather. Be safe and stay healthy.

Tim Morand, Secretary

Fall is Here!



The Villages of Oscoda, HOA has been carefully monitoring the recommendations from the CDC and information provided by State and local governments.

After careful consideration, the decision was made by the Board of Directors to keep the Association Clubhouse open.

However, please note that rental of the Clubhouse for events and holiday celebrations has been suspended until further notice.



Fall Home Maintenance



With autumn sneaking in, it's a great time of year to take care of a little home maintenance. This will help prevent costly repairs and safety issues.

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors Replace the batteries. With colder nights just around the corner, your furnace will run more often, and a carbon monoxide detector will detect if the colorless, odorless gas is leaking into your home.

Fire Extinguisher Check that the gauge needle is in the green, the safety pin is in place, and there is no visible damage to the hose and handle. Replace if any of these don't pass inspection.

Furnace Turn on the furnace and run it for 5 or 10 minutes to make sure it's functioning properly. Also, many heating and cooling companies provide cleaning and tune up services at special rates.

Thermostat Replace batteries in the thermostat control (they have batteries too).

Washer/Dryer Check that there aren't any leaks around the waterlines and they are free of cracks. If your drain line empties into a utility tub, add a lint trap sleeve. It will prevent lint from clogging the drain, and just replace it as needed.

If you need assistance with any maintenance, contact a handyman. The office has a list of some in the area. Have a safe and worry-free season!



As much as I hate to think about it, we are getting to that time of year when the white cold stuff will fall and cause misery. Please remember that when you plow or shovel, or hire someone to plow or shovel, that **snow should not be pushed onto neighboring properties or into the street**. Please do not park on the street directly opposite a driveway as it makes it difficult to plow that driveway open. Let's all help to keep everyone safe this winter season.

If you see a wild animal acting strangely be aware that it may have rabies and move away from the animal. Contact DNR if you suspect rabies as there have been several confirmed cases in Michigan this year.



Winterizing the Garden



As we all prepare our gardens for the upcoming winter season, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- » You must have your yard waste in brown paper bags with your address number listed on the bag(s).
- » Bags must be limited to 30 lbs. each and no more than 6 bags and/or bundles.
- » **No dirt, pet waste, or garbage should be in the bags or they will not be picked up.**
- » Bags must be out to the curb before 8 a.m. on Friday or they will not be picked up.
- » Branch bundles (shrubs, small tree limbs or branches) must be limited in size to a maximum of four (4) feet in length and two (2) feet in circumference and **must be bundled** together to prevent them from falling out of the trailer.
- » **Your yard waste will not be picked up if these guidelines are not followed.**
- » No yard waste bags should be left in view all week long. We ask that you please store them out of sight until they are placed out for Friday pickup. Thank you!

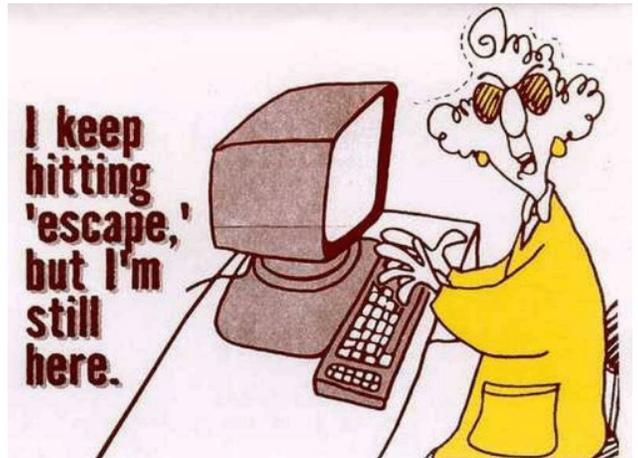
*****The last day for Yard Waste pickup will be Friday, November 5th.*****

PUMPKIN DESPAIR...

DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU



Please don't wait to get a letter from the office before disposing of them properly. It looks messy and draws critters ... and sometimes vampire bats!



Lawn Service Fall Clean-up

The lawn service will make the **last yard-waste pick up for the season on Friday, November 5th**, so have your bags ready!! The lawn service contract has a **November 12th end of service date**. The hard-working staff at G&H Lawn Care will **begin fall clean-up of leaves the week of October 18th**. This gives the lawn crew four weeks before the contract end date to go one-time through the entire Association property. Once that has been completed, if there is still time before the contract end date, they will go back and knock out some of the heavier areas that had dropped leaves after they had gone through initially. With the Association being located on the edge of the State forest, the strength and direction of the autumn winds is an ever-present factor in where all those loose leaves from the forest will end up.

G&H must rely on "Mother Nature" to keep to her time clock and work through the leaf color-change and fall-off cycle so the team can clean up the fallen leaves. However, as we have experienced in past years, some of the leaves do not cooperate and fall to the ground until after our contract expires; or worse yet, we get an early freeze and snow thus preventing the final clean up tasks from getting completed. This may result in some of the leaves not being collected until spring snow melt. Stress not.....G&H will be back on-site in early spring to collect any late fallen leaves.



OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday, November 29th.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Thank You Corner

- ⇒ Thank you Gary R. for taking over as ACC Chairman and doing such a great job finding volunteers to join the ranks of our ACC Committee.
- ⇒ We want to thank Dave S. and Randy M. for always being willing to fill in where needed, thank you for all your help while we rebuilt the ACC Committee.
- ⇒ Special Thank you to Alice Gaertner for all her efforts weeding and adding flowers to the open area near the Basketball court. GREAT JOB!!!

If you would like to thank a special someone for helping you out, please send us an email so that we can put it in the next newsletter. A thank you can go a long way!

October & November 2021 EVENTS

- * Oct 7th—Monthly Board Meeting—3:00pm
- * Oct 8th—ACC Requests Due-date
- * Oct 14th—ACC Meeting—10:00am
- * *Oct. 15th—Flu Shot Clinic Clubhouse 10-am-2pm*
- Oct 31st—Happy Halloween
- * Nov 5th—ACC Requests Due date
- * Nov 7th— Daylight Savings Ends
- * Nov 10th—Monthly Board Meeting—10:00am
- * Nov 11th—ACC Meeting - 10:00am
- Nov 11th—VETERANS DAY*
- Nov 25-26th—Thanksgiving Day—STAFF OFF*



With the recent Board resignation of Chad Adams, the Board of Directors is looking to appoint a homeowner to fill the vacant seat until the next election period in 2022.

Please contact the office if you are interested in helping out your community by becoming a member of the Board, or for more information about being a Board member.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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The HOA office hours are:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 8am - 5pm & Tues. 10am - 5pm.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON**SATURDAY & SUNDAY****Please remember there is always a drop box for your convenience!******In observance of Thanksgiving Day****The Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 25-26th*****Clubhouse Activities*

- ◆ Euchre - Mondays at 12:30pm
- ◆ Pinochle - Fridays at 12:30pm
- ◆ BUNCO– 2nd Tuesday of every month 1:00pm
- ◆ BUNCO - Last Friday of every month - 1:00pm
- ◆ Chair Yoga - Every Monday at 5:30
- ◆ Chair Yoga - Every Wednesday at 5:30

*Classifieds*

Pet Care: Riverside Pet Lodge is a new state of the art boarding kennel nestled in the woods beside the Pine River just north of Oscoda. We offer boarding, daycare and grooming services in a loving atmosphere. Our building has heated floors, indoor/outdoor runs and two play yards. Daily woodland walks also available. Send your pets to “camp” while you are out of town! Stop in and see us or give us a call. Riverside Pet Lodge, 2910 Kings Corner Rd., Oscoda, MI 48750; 989-739-5039; www.riversidepetlodge.com; “Like” us on Facebook!

Handyman Services: Jay’s Handyman Service. Will do small jobs, power washing, trim bushes, haul away brush/trash, and small home repairs. Call 989-569-6176 or 989-310-6763.

For Sale: 22’ Pontoon trailer with spare tire - \$1,500. Contact Jose Lopez 1-248-470-0826. To see it call Jay at 1-989-569-6176.

Real Estate Services:

Sunrise Realty - Sharon Wasielewski, Agent & Resident. Cell# 704-408-0192 - 12 year Village resident and is in Oscoda year around and is ready to help you buy or sell!

Sunrise Realty, Inc. - Penny Lee, Agent & 19 year Resident. Sold many homes in the Villages . Please let me help you! 989– 305-0437

Real Estate One - Looking to sell your unit in the Villages? As a full time Realtor and local real estate investor, I have a pulse on the market to best serve your selling (or buying) needs. Call or text me anytime! Jeff Pukall, 712-852-6190

If you would like a list of contractors in this area, stop by the office and grab your copy! Are you a resident in the Villages that would like to place your ad in The Village Chatter? Contact the office for more info.