



## ***Lawn Service Fall Clean-up***

The lawn service will make the *last yard-waste pick up for the season on Friday, November 28th (weather permitting)*, so have your yard waste bags ready!! The lawn service contract has a *November 28th end of service date*. The hard-working staff at Clean Cut Lawn Service will *begin fall clean-up of leaves approximately mid-to late October*, or when the trees begin to drop the leaves. This gives the lawn crew time 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 National 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.

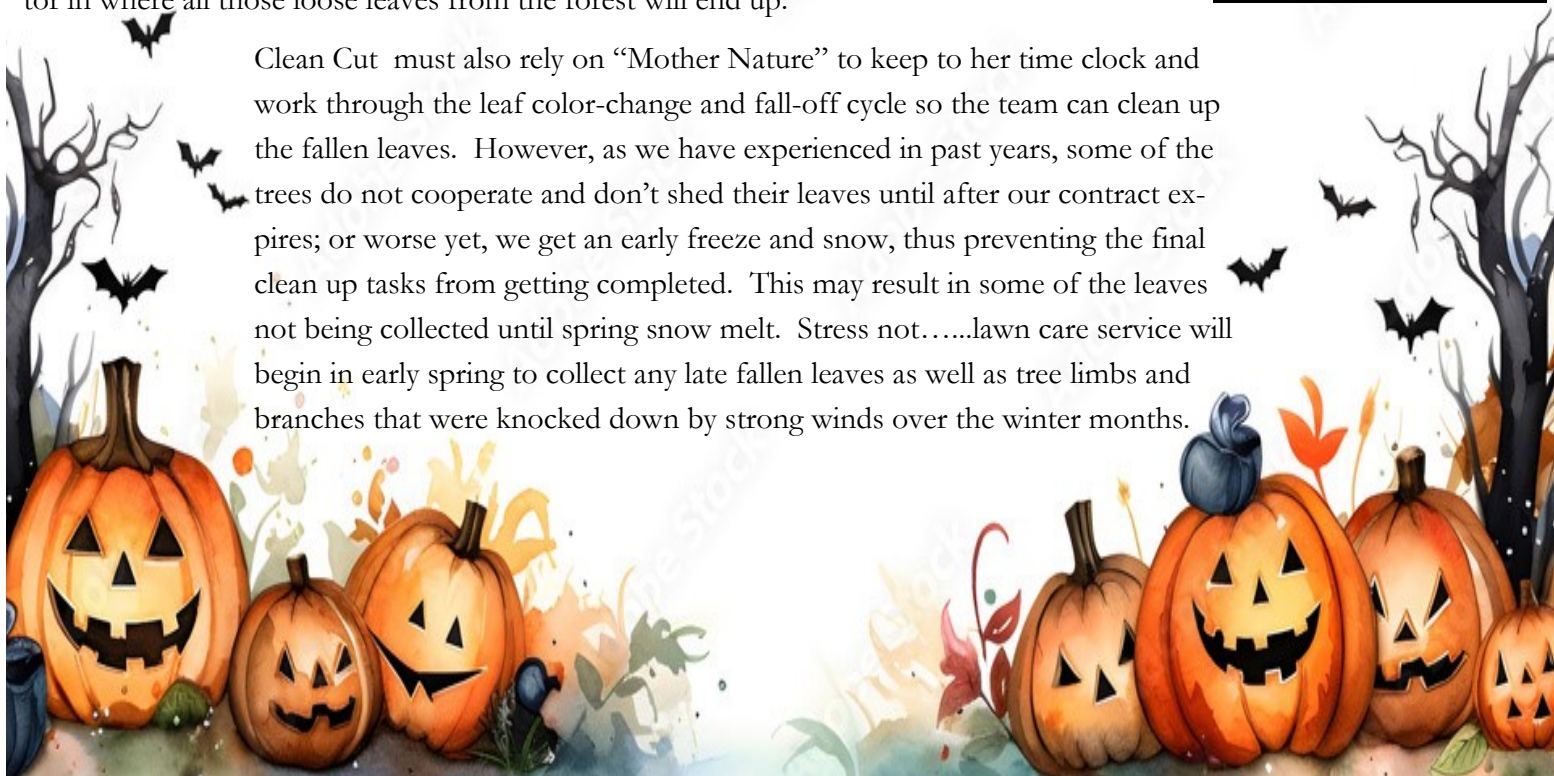
Clean Cut must also rely on "Mother Nature" to keep to her time clock and work through the leaf color-change and fall-off cycle so the team can clean up the fallen leaves. However, as we have experienced in past years, some of the trees do not cooperate and don't shed their leaves until after our contract 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.....lawn care service will begin in early spring to collect any late fallen leaves as well as tree limbs and branches that were knocked down by strong winds over the winter months.

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### *Board of Director's Corner*

Good day to everyone.

Our *Amended & Restated Consolidating Master Deed & Bylaws* have been signed, sealed but not delivered! We would like to encourage everyone to **pick-up** their copy of the new Master Deed & Bylaws from the office as it will cost approximately \$10.00 per booklet to mail. This would save the Co-owners roughly \$7,000. Please use the sign up sheet located in the Clubhouse to indicate that you will be picking up your copy or send an email to the office to let them know. **OR...** if you are unable to pick up your copy, we will be happy to deliver it to you. It is imperative to let the office know what your choice is. Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Sherry Proulx - Trustee



## TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY TIPS



*Trick-or-treating is Friday, October 31, from Dusk to 8:00pm*

- Do not trick-or-treat alone. Go with parents or adult friends.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing after sundown.
- Wear flame-retardant materials.
- Avoid billowy costumes and wigs.
- Props such as magic wands and swords should be made from cardboard rather than metal or wood.
- Do not wear a mask that blocks or restricts your vision.
- Obey all traffic safety rules. Do not text & walk.
- Walk on sidewalks; do not walk in the street. If you must walk in the street, walk on the left side facing traffic.
- Carry and use a flashlight.
- Trick-or-treat only in your own neighborhood.
- Do not go into any stranger's home or car, even if you are offered candy.
- Do not eat any candy or other food until your parents examine it.
- Homeowners should have outside porch lights on where trick-or-treaters are welcome.
- Drivers should be especially aware and observant when driving through residential neighborhoods.
- Drivers don't text & drive. Be alert!
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.







### Carbon Monoxide Danger: Check Those Older Furnaces!

A local contractor recently reported replacing **about 50 cracked heat exchangers** in the older tan furnaces commonly found in homes here. And that's just one contractor—we suspect many more have been replaced by others.

Why does this matter? A **cracked heat exchanger** is no small issue. Furnaces that are 15 years or older are most at risk, and once a crack forms, dangerous gases like **carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrous oxide** can leak into your home. Carbon monoxide is especially dangerous—it's odorless, colorless, and one of the leading causes of poisoning in homes.

The tricky part is, you may never know there's a crack until your **carbon monoxide detector goes off**. That's why it's important to have your furnace inspected by a licensed HVAC technician, especially if it's more than 15 years old.

#### Protect your family's safety:

- Schedule a professional furnace inspection.
- Install a **carbon monoxide detector** on every floor of your home.

***Don't wait for the beep—take action before danger strikes.***

### ***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). **Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be picked up.**
- » 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 piles (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" or tied** together to prevent them from falling out of the trailer during transport.
- » 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 by the road for Friday pickup. Thank you!

**\*\*\*The last day for Yard Waste pickup will be Friday, November 28th.\*\*\***

***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.***





## 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 down the line.

**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. It is recommended to clean out the dryer lint trap after every load.



*Due to recent changes in Walmart's policy for hosting off-site vaccination clinics, there will NOT be a vaccination event in the Clubhouse this year.*

## News You Can Use



- ⇒ Holiday decorations must be removed within 10 days after the holiday. This includes Halloween decorations, pumpkins, hay bails and Jack-o-lanterns.
- ⇒ Beginning in October and running through April, the ACC will only meet once per month, on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- ⇒ ***Parking on all streets is strictly prohibited between November 1st and April 1st from 8am to 5pm*** in order to facilitate County snow removal. This will also help prevent the ice and snow build up from becoming a hazard to other drivers and pedestrians. (See Bylaws Article VII, Section 2(a)).
- ⇒ **4-Plex Owners**: Remember to trim the bushes by the trash shed so that the snow removal crew is able to access the area to clear a path to... and in front of the shed door.







As much as I hate to think about it, we are getting to that time of year when the cold, white 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 work together to help keep everyone safe this winter season!*



*For Sale by Owner*

- \* 8' Mirror Closet Doors. All tracks included. Good shape from Duplex unit. \$50.00. Contact 313-622-6100.
- \* Kirby 100 Avalirs Vacuum. All accessories included. Like New—Never used. \$500.00. Call: 989-747-0146.



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## Office Hours:

The HOA office hours are:

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

**OFFICE CLOSED ON**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Please remember there is always a drop box for your convenience!**

## Clubhouse Activities

- ◆ Pinochle - Mondays & Fridays at 12:30pm
- ◆ Hand & Foot Canasta - Wednesdays at 12:45pm
- ◆ BUNCO- 2nd Tuesday of every month 1:00pm
- ◆ BUNCO - Last Friday of every month - 1:00pm
- ◆ Chair Yoga - Every Monday & Wednesday at 5:30pm
- ◆ Stampin' Up Card Making - 1st Friday of every month 1-3pm
- ◆ Quilters - 2nd Monday of every month - 9:00am



**CLASSIFIEDS**



**Sewing & Alterations:** Contact Deborah at 989-254-2377.

**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](http://www.riversidepetlodge.com); "Like" us on Facebook!

**Pet waste removal:** D&L's K9 Pooper Scoopers is a new business located in Oscoda, serving the east Michigan area from Tawas to Harrisville and as far west as Glennie. We specialize in dog waste removal. We will take care of your pet waste so you don't have to! Our courteous staff will come to your home, remove your best friend's lawn ornaments (doggy poop) and bring it to our facilities for earth friendly composting. Free quotes are available upon request. Call Now! (989) 820-1671 or visit us on Facebook and don't forget to give us a Like!

**Professional Pet Sitting & Pet Nail Trims:** in your home. Call Veterinary Technician, Amber Cowan, 989-278-7019

### Real Estate Services:

**Perfect Landing Rentals & Real Estate** - Anne Giori, Broker/CEO. Established in 2005, providing professional and quality Property Management services and professional Real Estate services since 1998. Over 20 years experience as a landlord and real estate investor. Our services cover Northeastern Michigan. 989-362-3300.

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