

Sunflower News

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Board Members

Officers	Term ends	
Chico Rodriguez President	12/25	
Chris Carlisle Vice-President	12/26	
Khalil Khanda Treasurer	12/25	
Mellisa Lichtman Assistant Treasurer	12/25	
Bill Muse Secretary	12/26	
Directors	Term ends	
Ann McGowan	12/25	

There are five open seats on the board. Residents who are Interested in serving on the Board of Directors should attend the next board meeting and advise the board.

RESERVE STUDY UPDATE

Representatives from the Sunflower Board met with Reserve Advisors, the company responsible for updated the Sunflower Village Homes Association Reserve study on April 9th, 2025.

We provided updates on completed works, additional needs, and toured the grounds, equipment, and clubhouses. The board also discussed the disparity of the previous estimates with the actual costs of the projects completed. As previously stated, the prior reserves study was three years ago. We are all aware that costs ballooned as a result of COVID, an unforeseeable event. It is worth mentioning that we have not experienced any reductions since.

We anxiously await the first draft of the updated study which will identify recommended yearly reserve contributions for the upcoming years. We do anticipate a recommended increase in contributions based on the disparity mentioned above. The final reserve contribution recommendation will be included in the planned 2026 yearly operating budgets and forward.



SUNFLOWER SPLASHES

Opening Day - May 24

Red Dot Testing

* Required for all qualified helpers or for children ages 9-11 to swim unsupervised.

- Testing will be done M-W-F from 8-9 p.m. at the GAINSBOROUGH POOL (once summertime hours begin)
- Parents must be on deck during testing and will be asked to sit in the designated area while their child takes the test.
- Parents may not coach their child during the test.
- There is a one-week waiting period if a child needs retesting.
- Parents must complete a "Red Dot Test Form" before their child is tested and must sign up before 7 p.m. on the day of testing.
- Parents must provide an emergency phone number before their 9-11 year old may use the pool without their supervision.

Skills to be tested:

- 25 yards freestyle
- 25 yards backstroke
- 25 yards breaststroke
- 25 yards elementary backstroke
- Dive from edge of pool
- Retrieve ring from bottom of deep end
- Tread water for two minutes
- Knowledge of what to do in a pool emergency
- Knowledge of pool safety rules

Pool Hours

- School Day Hours (5/24-6/11) * 4 p.m.- 9 p.m. (both locations)
- Summer Hours 1 p.m.- 9 p.m. (unless otherwise posted)

Guest Passes

Only homeowners may purchase guest passes and they must accompany their guests to the pool. All guests must check in at the gate.

Passes can be purchased poolside or at the Sunflower office.

- \$10 for 5 passes
- \$3 for individual passes

You can host a maximum of 6 guests per lot. A guest is anyone who does not live in your home.

POOL CLOSINGS

Our pools will close early if the weather dictates or if there are problems that create a health concern. If problems occur, please be understanding. Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the eye of the storm. This is why the pool staff closes the pool when there is lightning or thunder. The pool will remain closed for one hour following the last streak of lightning or rumble of thunder.

We work with the local health department to minimize the amount of time pools will be closed due to a biohazard. The minimal amount of time is 30 minutes but could be extended depending on the pool chemical readings or the type of biohazard that occurred.

Please help keep biohazard accidents to a minimum by following a few simple guidelines:

- Don't let children use the pool if they are not feeling well.
- Wait an hour after eating before swimming.
- Have your child take regular bathroom breaks.
- Follow diaper rules.

SUNFLOWER SPLASHES



SUNFLOWER SWIM LESSONS 2025 Spaces are limited REGISTRATION Lesson sign-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 (6:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Hanford Clubhouse



Swim lessons will be taught

Monday - Thursday mornings from 10-11:40 am at the Gainsborough pool Checks should be made out to "Sunflower Village Homeowners Association"

- Resident dues must be current to register your children on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Children must be at least five years old to be registered.
- The registration will require a parent's signature.
- Cost for a two-week session (Monday-Thursday) are:
 - \$80 if pre-registered May 14 June 14 OR if you are registering the same child for a second session.

- You must register for the second / third session before the Thursday prior to the first day of the lesson.

- All fees are due at the time of registration. Checks should be made out to "Sunflower Village Homes Association".
- Fridays are reserved for make-up sessions if a class is canceled due to bad weather. If the temperature is below 65 degrees at 9:30 a.m., lessons may be canceled for the day.
- No refunds will be issued for missed classes.
- Pre-testing will take place the week before each session.
- Any registrations after May 14 will be handled through the Sunflower Office during normal business hours on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Private lessons are not available.
- NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.
- The cut-off for registration is 12 p.m. (noon) on the Thursday prior to the start of Monday's session.
- Non-residents who register will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified by 3 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the start of class if openings are available. The cost for non-residents is \$100
- No refunds will be given unless the session is canceled due to low enrollment.

Session 1: June 16 - 26

- Class A: 10 10:30 a.m.
 - Levels 5 & 6
- Class B: 10:35 11:05 a.m.
 - Levels 3 & 4
- Class C: 11:10 11:40 a.m.

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Discipline Policy

To ensure a safe environment for all swimmers, the lifeguards will enforce our rules. If a child is asked to leave the pool due to a discipline problem, the parent / guardian will be notified by phone and/or written notice. The child may not return to the pool without the notification signed by a parent / guardian. A copy of this policy is available in the Sunflower Office.

Neighborhood Gentle Reminders

Please pick up your pet waste

It is a Canton Township ordinance to pick up your pet waste and discard it on your property. This past winter resulted in quite a large quantity of pet waste being left behind in our commons. Please be respectful of this request and pick up after your pet.

Lawn Mowing Tips

- Please do not blow grass clippings into the street. The build-up of grass clippings at our drains causes blockage and does not allow water to drain properly when it rains.
- Please be respectful of your neighbors and refrain from mowing your grass early in the morning.
- Mowing the island on the cul-de-sacs is the responsibility of the homeowners that border the cul-de-sac. Consider working out a mowing schedule where everyone can take turns cutting that area.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- **Saturday, June 28** at Henry Ford Community College located at 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.
- Saturday, August 23 at Westland Shopping Center located at 35000 Warren Road in Westland (enter at Nankin Blvd).
- Saturday, October 11 at Wayne County Community College District Downriver Campus located at 21000 Northline Road, Taylor.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include: commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55 gallon drums, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste, roofing shingles, & concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734–326– 3936. Visit www.WayneCounty.com for more information.

The Gainsborough and Hanford Tennis/Pickleball Courts are open



Please show respect to

Each other, the facilities, and our residents.

- Tennis Courts operate on a first-come, first -serve basis. We do not reserve courts.
- Please limit your time to one hour if others are waiting to use the court.
- Do not use our tennis or pickleball courts for bike riding or rollerblading as this can cause damage to the court.
- Be considerate of homes bordering the courts.
- Pick up any trash you have accumulated and deposit in a trash receptacle.

HOURS: 10 am - 8 pm

Sunflower amenities usage

Dues must be up to date and paid in full to use Sunflower amenities, such as pools, swim lessons, courts, and clubhouse rentals.

Volunteers Needed

Is there an event that you would like to see happen in our neighborhood? Perhaps there is a committee that calls you, be it the Garden Club, Social Committee or other. Contact the office today to get started!



Board Meetings open to residents

Monthly pubic Board Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Hanford Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- July 16, 2025
- August 20, 2025
- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- December 10, 2025 (This meeting is held one week early due to the holiday season.)

Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Day

On May 14, communities across the State of Michigan will come together for a Day of Impact, an afternoon dedicated to hands-on volunteering such as outdoor spring cleanup (pulling weeds, spreading mulch, planting flowers, applying a fresh coat of paint, cleaning playgrounds, etc.), helping senior citizens with Indoor spring cleaning and more, followed by a high energy celebration.

Volunteers will not only complete essential projects that enhance community well-being but also build lasting connections, increase visibility for participating organizations and help save valuable resources. This initiative serves as a catalyst for the community health improvement, team cohesion, and greater civic engagement. By participating in Community Impact Day, Individuals and businesses alike will experience the power of collective action — strengthening relationships, making a difference and celebrating the spirit of service. Join us in making a lastingimpact on Canton Township!

For more information, visit cantonchamber.com

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SUNFLOWER VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2025

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



LIFEGUARDS

Sunflower is looking for Red Cross certified Lifeguards to work the pools.

Applicants must be 15 or older before May 24. Part-time positions available from early May to Labor Day. Pick up an application at the Sunflower Office. A work permit is required if the applicant is under the age of 18.



MAINTENANCE PERSON

Sunflower is looking for a maintenance person. Job duties include snow removal, garbage removal, landscaping, and other assigned duties. Pick up an application at the Sunflower Office.



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Common Sense in our Common Areas

The warmer weather beckons all for evening walks, visiting neighbors, walking our dogs, flying kites, shooting hoops and playing ball.

With this increase in activity, we ask that our residents please use a little "common sense" when using our amenities.

- Please, no dumping in the commons and/or storm sewers. This includes grass clippings, shrub trimmings, tree limbs, old furniture, and motor oil.
- Please pick up any animal waste from your pets.
- Please do not build tree houses in the commons.
- Please be respectful of others' property. When playing ball in the commons, please hit the balls away from the houses. If the ball goes over someone's fence, ring the doorbell and ask to retrieve your ball rather than climbing the fence.
- Wiffle balls are a good choice for use in the commons for baseball, softball, and golf.







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Helping Hands

A list of those willing to help others in the subdivision.

We try to keep this list as current as possible. For changes or additions throughout the year, call the office (734-453-2022) or contact via email at svha@sunflowercanton.com. If you contact someone on this list who is no-longer providing the service, please let the office know.

Babysitters

- Addison Newhouse 734-945-4783
 14 yrs, CPR certified, nights & weekends
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
 Briatta Luci 724, 725, 0571
- Brietta Levi 734-735-9571 (Red Cross Safe-Sitter, CPR, First Aid)
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381 (CPR & Heimlich certified)

Dog walking / Pet sitting

- Amanda Polydoras 734-890-0173
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
- Callie Schlosser 734-294-2829
- Kelsey Parker (adult) 734-748-2909
- Payton Langenderfer 734-674-3141

Lawn Work

Steven Toth (adult) 313-215-1000

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

Your name will remain on the list for one year. If you want to renew your ad, or sign up for a new ad, return this registration form to the office, or email your information to svha@sunflowercanton.com

Name:	
Year of Birth:	
Phone:	
Email:	

(circle all that you want to be listed under) Babysitting Dog Walking Pet sitting Adult Care Lawn Work Snow shoveling

Classes taken	(for Babysitters):
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Deadline for our	next issue
ls June 30, 2	2025.

Small Business Directory

Business name	Resident	Phone
AMI Services: Automotive Upholstery Repair	Dave Farmer	313-304-0700
Apex Embroidery Inc	Ramya Jayaprakash	734-419-4390
Clubhouse Cleaning Service	Tammy Sivic	734-748-4398
Creative Memories: Scrapbooking & Card Making	Kimberlyn Benjamin	734-776-9004
Laura Chandler RE/MAX Realtor	Laura Chandler	734-421-7700
Rejuvenate Power Washing	Ruben Balavenderau	248-818-6132
Yard Pro Outdoor Services, LLC	Jason Cassar	734-837-4533

Get added to the Small Business Directory

If you run a business out of your home and would like to be included in the Small Business Directory, please fill in and mail this coupon and payment to the Hanford Office. The cost is \$2.00 per issue or \$8.00 for the year.

Business Name:			
Resident's Name:			
Phone Number:		Lot #: _	
Check which issues: January	April	July	October

Please include payment with this form. You can drop this form off at the Hanford Office during business hours or place it in the mail slot on the right hand side of the Hanford Clubhouse entrance at any time.

(Make check payable to Sunflower Village Homes Association.)

Register for SVHA Electronic Newsletter

The Association office offers monthly electronic newsletters and timely notices to keep you informed about your community and subdivision. To receive these valuable updates, all you need to do is provide your email address.

To sign up for the electronic newsletters, please visit: https://sunflowercanton.com/forms/. You must be the Homeowner/Occupant of record and at least 18 years old.