

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.

Mid-Year State of the Village Updates

I hope all Sunflower residents and families are having a wonderful summer. We live in one of the most prestigious subdivisions in Michigan – none other can boast the amenities we have. We encompass 70 acres, with two clubhouses with attached pools, ten parks with adjacent basketball, pickleball, and tennis courts. And, as your board of Directors, we are doing our job to keep Sunflower pristine and an enjoyable place to live.

Here are some of the important projects that we are tackling. Dorchen & Berlin contracted in January to do blueprints and start a chairlift project for the Gainsborough Clubhouse. The Canton Engineering department okayed blueprints and issued permits in June. The project is slated to be completed in September.

We had a moderate winter and only had six snow pushes out of the eight that were allotted in the contract. The eight was a reduction from sixteen in previous years, which reduced the cost by \$16,000.

We retained our grass mowing firm, and with the rainfall we have had, they did not cut areas where their machines would sink. They followed up within five days to cut the missed areas. Our weed and feed company, Tru green, has also been retained netting a savings of \$5,000 for the season. Also, our new Kabota is being utilized by our maintenance crew to work on various outdoor projects in addition to removing snow on the property.

Office Hours

Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact us:
734-453-2022
svha@sunflowercanton.com

THIS NEWSLETTER SERVES AS LEGAL NOTICE. PLEASE READ ALL OF IT.

We made major replacements to our clubhouse boilers that heat up the pool water at both clubhouses, as well as replaced a 120 gallon water tank that holds the hot water at Gainsborough. Sunflower saved \$18,000 over other bids by awarding the bid to Sharon's HVAC.

There was some exterior repair work completed. We repaired the exterior outer walls at Gainsborough facing the parking lot to stop water leaks. We also repaired the crumbling brick under the cement deck facing the pool at Gainsborough.

We renovated both clubhouses, installing new carpeting, new blinds, and fresh paint. These updates add much needed life to a community feature of which we can all be proud. With that in mind, we have teamed up with a new cleaning company – Jan Pro – who is doing an excellent job at both clubhouses.

We recognize that our website is in need of some tender love and care. In that vein, we hired VR Metro Malls, a website company, which has provided friendly service to our staff as we continue to revamp the site.

On the fiscal side, we retained Tucker insurance at a reduced annual rate of \$5,000, while maintaining complete coverage. Also, Reserve Advisors was retained for our reserve study to comply with Michigan statutes. These studies are available at the Hanford Clubhouse.

There are a couple of items that we are fielding bids for right now. The first is for replacing the concrete at the Gainsborough pool. The second is for new lighting for our two monument entrance signs.

As I close this six month update on Sunflower Villages, I reiterate that new Board Directors are needed. The Board is a friendly atmosphere that welcomes fresh ideas.

Help us Keep Sunflower beautiful.

Chico Rodriguez
President of the Board of Directors



Board Meetings open to residents

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

- 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.*)

Mid-Year Financial Overview

Greetings, we are at the mid-year point of our fiscal year and I am happy to report we are on track to be at, or slightly under budget for 2025. While we cannot predict unexpected expenses, our expectation is that we will be at budget for this fiscal year.

So far we have spent \$116,696 on replacing aging heaters for both pools, water proofing work and new blinds at Gainsborough, and deposits for the upcoming chairlift work at Gainsborough. Chairlift work will start after Labor Day. The new chairlift will enable us to get an updated Certificate of Occupancy for that clubhouse.

We have set aside funds for the chairlift and for a future key-fob lock system for our pools, courts and clubhouses. These projects will not set us back in any way.

We have a new reserve study that was just sent to us. It will require a slight increase in reserve contributions going forward.

It is still too early to determine whether we will ask for any increase in dues next year. It is my hope that we will not, and every effort is being made to be frugal and mindful of what we spend. Our procurement committee has been instrumental in keeping costs down and we thank them for their work.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I am on Facebook and you may message me, or if you have my number call or text me. If anyone wishes to offer suggestions, ideas or hands on help in improving our community please reach out. We are always in need of help and ideas to keep Sunflower a great place to live and thrive. Thank you for reading.

Khalil S Kandah
Treasurer

The financial report can be found on our website, www.sunflowercanton.com, meeting minutes / finances and then under treasurer's reports.



We are launching a discount tree program for Sunflower Residents!

Here are the details. We purchased 25 trees of the following varieties: Autumn Blaze Maple, Green Spire Linden, Ivory Silk Lilac, Debra Maple, American Linden. These trees are identified by the township as hardy trees that do well in our soils.

We offer these at a reduced price of \$386.90 each. The price includes delivery, planting, taxes and staking. This is a significant savings over the normal price. As an added bonus, if a resident plants their purchased tree in the easement (defined as between the street and sidewalk) we offer a conditional \$100 rebate after planting.

Here are the conditions for the rebate: Only one rebate per home. The easement must not currently have a tree. If the home is a corner lot, any side easement without a tree is eligible. We are limiting the rebate to 25 homes. Please allow a month after planting for the rebate.

If you are interested, please do the following:

1. Make a payment to SVHA in the form of check or cash. Indicate if you plan to plant on an easement or in your yard. They will plant your tree wherever they can reach.
2. Go to [Lucas Nursery](#) and schedule delivery and planting. They will show you the tree you're getting and give you watering instructions.
3. As we already bought the trees, you will need to show identification to Lucas Nursery to claim your tree. After your payment to SVHA, we will inform them of your pending arrival to claim and schedule planting.

Please direct any questions to Khalil Kandah or Melissa Lichtman.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- **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.

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!

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Township Ordinances – Legal Reminders

As Sunflower gets many new homeowners joining our wonderful neighborhood, it is important to remind people about the township ordinances that are required to keep our area beautiful. The Association receives numerous calls regarding ordinance violations. These complaints should be made directly to the Canton Township Ordinance Department. They will handle the call in an expedient manner. The following are good reminders for summertime:

- Trees should be pruned so public sidewalks have clear headroom of 7 feet. This includes trees that Wayne County planted between your sidewalk and the street.
- Grass is not to be taller than 5 inches.
- No junk or unlicensed vehicles except in a completely enclosed garage.
- Temporary parking of boats and campers is permitted for 48 hours prior to and after use of the recreational vehicle – unless a special permit is obtained from Canton Township (permit is to be displayed on the boat or camper).
- Dogs must be leashed and homeowners must clean up after their dogs. Fecal matter must be disposed of on the owners' property (please do not use the trash cans in the commons to dispose of fecal matter – it is unsanitary and unpleasant).
- Cars may not be parked at the end of the driveway so as to block the sidewalk.
- Be aware of the sides of the street with no-parking signs

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Teresa McCollom

REALTOR

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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.

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.

Commons Sense

We encourage all residents to utilize our commons areas for leisure and recreational needs, but remember these are private parks, not public parks. Homeowners are not allowed to cut down any trees in the Sunflower Commons. Also, our commons are not to be used as dumping grounds for grass clippings, branches, etc.

The commons areas in Sunflower are not an extension of homeowner's backyards. Residents are not allowed to install or leave personal property in the commons areas. This includes, but is not limited to, play structures, tree houses, barbeque grills, lawn furniture, fences and/or invisible fences and any type of recreational equipment. All personal property belongs in the homeowner's yard. Please do not build bike ramps or paths in the commons which destroy the natural landscape. Thank you for observing the rules of Sunflower Village.

Mike Marchese
Builder

(734) 652-7732
mmarche4@gmail.com



Mike Marchese
Licensed Contractor



2026 Board of Directors Elections Friendly Heads Up!

There will be a total of 6 two-year director positions available for the 2026 SVHA Board of Directors election. There is also a vacant seat from the 2025 elections available for finishing the final year of the 2-year commitment.

If you're interested in running for any of these positions and meet the criteria of being a resident in good standing and fully insurable, please prepare a brief bio (not exceeding 400 words) explaining your desire to serve on the board.

Key Points to Consider for Board Membership:

- The board's main goal is to maintain and enhance the association's shared assets, ensure the safety of communal facilities, provide access to amenities, and represent residents' interests while upholding governing documents.
- The 11-member Sunflower Board consists of individuals from diverse backgrounds, all dedicated to the community's well-being. Each member serves a two-year term and is expected to attend monthly meetings.
- Board members contribute unique skills and viewpoints that strengthen the board's ability to serve residents effectively. They may lead committees focusing on various aspects like road issues, social events, communication, and grounds maintenance.
- The collective dedication of members is to preserve and enhance our community as a desirable place to live
- Formal qualifications are not required to join the board; however, members must be in good standing, fully insurable, care for the neighborhood, and have a desire to support fellow residents.

Your bio will be featured in the October/November newsletter and should be a single paragraph under 400 words. Residents interested in running for a position are encouraged to attend upcoming board meetings to gain insight into the responsibilities of the Board of Directors.



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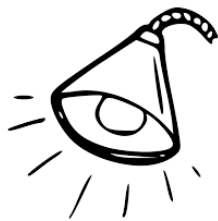
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The sole authorized social media platform managed by the SVHA Board is the official **Sunflower Village Events & Information** Facebook page. Any other pages utilizing the Sunflower name do not have the association's endorsement, and queries or comments made on those platforms may not receive responses. To reach out to us, please contact the office at 734-453-2022 or email svha@sunflowercanton.com.

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Canton Newcomers and Neighbors



Whether you are new to Canton or have lived here for decades, joining Canton Newcomers and Neighbors is a great way for you to make new friends and take part in fun activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, September to June, at the Hanford Clubhouse from 6:30-8:30 pm. Our monthly meetings feature speakers, crafts, and special events. In addition, our special interest groups meet throughout the month and include Mahjong, Book and Garden, Euchre, Dinner / Lunch outings, movies, Couples Bunco, Mexican Train Dominoes and more. We also support local charities. We would love to see you at the next meeting! Learn more at cantonwomen.org.

Fall Garage Sale

Our fall garage sale is coming soon. It falls on September 11 - September 13.

This is a great time to declutter your house. Your unwanted items could be someone else's treasure! It is also a great way to meet your neighbors around our wonderful subdivision. You do not need to notify the Sunflower Office. Good luck and have fun!



Community Mailboxes

If you lose your mailbox key or have any issue with the community mailboxes, please contact the Canton Post Office for a replacement key or help with your issue.

Canton Post Office: 734-844-0590

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



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.

Imagine Your Ad Here

Advertising in the Sunflower News makes good business sense. With over 1600 homes, an ad in the Sunflower Village newsletter will have a lot of eyeballs on it. For information and to get your first ad ready, contact the office at 734-453-2022 or svha@sunflowercanton.com.

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12 p.m. – 9 p.m. weekends

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.
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Path use for parents with small children

Keep an eye on children on the path. Be mindful that kids (on foot or bike) sometimes veer into the path of oncoming traffic — especially cyclists who may not be able to slow down. If your child is cycling, be sure they are skilled enough to control the bike, and maneuver as needed to safely pass. Teach children to share the path.

Path use for runners

When approaching slower traffic from behind, pass on the left side and loudly say “On your left.” This will give them time to clear the way.



Sunflower Book Club

Please join us for our 14th season this September at the Hanford Clubhouse. Any and all Sunflower residents are welcome! We would love for new members who enjoy reading. For Information, call Kathy Wanamaker at 734-459-3369.

We meet from 12:30 – 2:30 pm on the following upcoming dates:

- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- January 19
- February 16
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18



Path use for walkers

Walk on the right side of the trail (slower traffic keeps to the right); pass on the left. As busy areas on the path, avoid walking three abreast. Two people walking side by side fills up a lot of the path. When faster traffic comes, switch to in-line positioning to give room for them to pass you safely. Lastly, be sure pets are under control at all times.

Path use for cyclists

Very fast riding is inappropriate for the paths and should be done on public roadways. Warn slower moving traffic that you are passing. Sound your bell or say loudly before you get to them “On your left.” The speed of a bike makes it possible to startle other path users, so don’t wait until you are right next to them to warn them.

Path use for in-line skaters

When approaching slower traffic, move to the left side of the path and loudly say “On your left.” This will give them time to clear the way. *Special note: Watch for cracks and tree roots that make the path less safe.*

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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
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
(CPR & Heimlich certified)
- Kennedy Janka 734-890-9363
(CPR certified, First Aid)

Dog walking / Pet sitting

- Amanda Polydoros 734-890-0173
- Brianna Hodge 734-447-6141
- Chloe Carn 734-718-9381
- Callie Schlosser 734-294-2829
- Kelsey Parker (adult) 734-748-2909
- Kennedy Janka 734-890-9363
- Payton Langenderfer 734-674-3141
- Riley Langenderfer 734-674-3733

Lawn Work

- Steven Toth (adult) 313-215-1000

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

Your name will stay 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 info 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
other

Classes taken (for Babysitters): _____

**Deadline for our next issue
Is September 30, 2025.**

Small Business Directory

Business name	Resident	Phone
AMI Services: Automotive Upholstery Repair	Dave Farmer	313-304-0700
Amway, Nutrilite, XS Energy	Lori Levi	734-323-0886
Apex Embroidery Inc	Ramya Jayaprakash	734-419-4390
Clubhouse Cleaning / Party Help	Tammy Sivic	734-748-4398
Creative Memories: Scrapbooking & Card Making	Kimberlyn Benjamin	734-776-9004
Free Notary Services	Teresa McCollom	313-600-1629
Laura Chandler RE/MAX Realtor	Laura Chandler	734-421-7700
Political or Custom Buttons & T-Shirts	Lori Levi	734-323-0886
Rejuvenate Power Washing	Ruben Balavenderau	248-818-6132
Spanish Tutor	Lindsey Mattson	734-740-0469
Tutor: English, Science, Math, et al.	Shawn Peterson	248-881-3920
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 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.