

The Upland News

From the board of the Upland Condominium Association
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The Uplands has decided to implement a “cyber watch” system. Sergeant Lisa King of the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department is our liaison. She will e-mail the Upland board reports of crimes in our area as well as crimes in neighborhoods similar to ours. This knowledge is critical in helping us protect ourselves and our property. To receive these reports, simply add yourself to the Upland e-mail list. (See below.)

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Thank you to everyone who has added their e-mail addresses to the Upland mailing list. This is an ongoing effort, so please participate and ask your neighbors to do so as well. At times, it is useful to contact homeowners quickly, such as the case of the neighborhood watch. Please send your e-mail address to Steve Hastings (slhastings33@yahoo.com) with the word “Uplands” in the subject line and your name and house address in the body of the e-mail. We will not spam you and we will keep your e-mail private.

SNOW REMOVAL

Our roads are public, and are plowed by the Washtenaw County Road Commission. However, the highways and main roads are plowed and salted before secondary roads are considered. Recent heavy snows have made travel in our neighborhood difficult. At the Annual Meeting of the Upland Condominium Association in January, many homeowners showed a strong preference for hiring private snow removal on a contingency basis. Our contracted landscaper, Twin Oaks Landscape, has agreed to provide snow removal for an additional fee. They will come in when the snowfall is over four to six inches. Starting twelve hours after the snow stops falling, it will take them one to two hours to finish our roads. We would also like to remind residents that snow should be cleared from sidewalks 24 hours after each snowfall.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Upland board would like to welcome new members Julie Weintraub and Molly Lipham, who will focus specifically on social aspects of the neighborhood. Getting to know your neighbors enhances safety, cooperation, and quality of life. It is a busy world we live in, and a strong community benefits us all. We'd like to thank Julie and Molly for volunteering for this important role.



BOARD MEETING

Residents are encouraged to attend board meetings. If anyone has a specific issue or concern, please contact Fred King beforehand so we're sure it is on the agenda.

Fred can be reached at frking@comcast.net. The next meeting is March 18, 7:00pm at 1844 Chicory Ridge. All are welcome to attend.

Walking Trails

The Scio Land Conservancy is nearly 90 acres of wetlands, woods, and meadows bordered by walking trails. It is shared by the surrounding site condos, including the Uplands. A small amount of our dues (\$14 per house per year) goes to maintain the conservancy. In 2008, three hundred cubic yards of mulch was added to the trails, a bridge was rebuilt, and new signs added. In January, Linda Hastings joined the Conservancy board. The board still needs more members to help manage this precious resource. For a map of the trails as well as more information please see their website at www.scioridgec.org.

Sidewalks

Once a year, the Upland board walks every sidewalk in the neighborhood, paying special attention to the safety of our sidewalks. The next inspection will be in April. Our main concern is identifying one inch or more discrepancies between slabs that could cause walkers to trip. Our goal is to make our whole neighborhood safe for walking. A letter will be sent to homeowners who have sidewalks that are in need of repair.

Common area maintenance

Just as you maintain your property, the Upland Condo Association maintains the common areas, entrances, and cul-de-sac islands. In 2009, Rockcress Ct., Hedgenettle Ct., Bellflower Ct. and Woodlily Ct. will get new and updated landscaping. Other areas will have funds allocated for ongoing maintenance. We are also developing a plan for the Rosemallow entrance. Keeping the neighborhood beautiful and wisely using Uplands Association dues on landscape projects is a priority for the board.