

The Uplands News

From the board of the Uplands Condominium Association
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Crime watch

Uplands has a “cyber neighborhood watch” which means we get updates from the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s department about crimes in our area or crimes in neighborhoods similar to ours. Did you receive the three most recent crime updates via e-mail? If not, please add your e-mail address to the Uplands roster. Just send an e-mail to Steve Hastings slhastings33@yahoo.com and put “Uplands” in the subject line. We will not spam you and we will keep your e-mail private.

There has been recent vandalism in the Uplands. A bench in the children’s park has been broken, street signs have been broken, and our Neighborhood Watch sign has been spray-painted. Dangerous or suspicious activity should always be reported to the Sheriff’s department.

Garage sale

The annual Upland garage sale is June 6, 8:00—2:00. If you would like to participate, please fill out the yellow form that was distributed, or contact Barb Christensen at BLChristensen@earthlink.net. Those who are selling will have balloons tied to the mailboxes to identify participating houses. Each house will have its own sale, advertised jointly.

Maintaining our neighborhood

Our goal for the Uplands is to have each beautiful home surrounded on all sides by other beautiful and well-maintained homes. Neighbors should be proud of the way our neighborhood looks. However, home, yard, and sidewalk maintenance is an ongoing job. Your Uplands board has completed their walking tour of the neighborhood and found that a few homeowners have sidewalks or driveways with cracks or displacements that need to be repaired, or have trees that are in need of trimming. Very few houses need paint or yard clean-up. These homeowners will be contacted by our management company and given some product advice and potential reduced costs through group purchases.

Overall, the neighborhood looks great and we should take pride in how our homes look. *We’d like to thank all the homeowners who are caring so well for their properties!*

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Trees

The Upland board has heard many complaints about tree branches overhanging sidewalks. Since it's better to have a consistent policy than to deal with complaints one at a time, the board has determined that trees should be trimmed as follows: seven feet high (to allow for some drooping branches) and side branches cut to the edge of the sidewalk. Please keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to walk by pruning trees.



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 July 22, 7:00pm at 1844 Chicory Ridge. All are welcome to attend.

Social committee

Knowing your neighbors helps safety and quality of life, and we'd like to make it easy and fun for Uplands residents to get to know one another. Molly Lipham and Julie Weintraub are our adjunct board members in charge of social activities. Our neighborhood is wonderfully diverse, and the social committee would like to plan activities that appeal to a wide range of neighbors. Want to get involved? Have an idea to bring the neighborhood together? Contact Molly at mflipham@yahoo.com or Julie at julesww@aol.com. Our first neighborhood-wide activity will be a summer picnic on August 8.

Yard waste removal

Our trash hauler picks up bagged yard waste every Thursday morning from April through the end of November. The truck comes through the neighborhood before the regular trash pick-up, so it's a good idea to put bags out early or the night before.

Landscaping Update

The board has approved the 2009 landscape budget and all courts will be receiving attention with special focus on Woodlily, Rockcress, Hedgenettle, and Bellflower. Dead vegetation will be removed and new plantings will enhance the look of the cul-de-sac islands. In addition, the front entrance trees will receive a deep fertilizer treatment.

Walking Trails

Curious about the Scio Land Conservancy? Perhaps you want to know what benefit your small yearly contribution has for you. Summer is the perfect time to talk a walk in the nearly 90 acres of wetlands, woods, and meadows bordered by walking trails. For a map of the trails as well as more information please see their website at www.scioridgelc.org.