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# Parkside Post

## *Dear Residents:*

We will declare 2010 a year of progress. We begin 2010 with a newly appointed board of directors. Each of the directors on the board is there because they believe in the purpose of the association. The association is the cornerstone of a planned residential community and it is charged with management and operation of the association's business affairs in accordance with the governing documents which will:

- Bring continuity and order to the community
- Preserve the architectural integrity
- And maintain the common elements

I hope you have witnessed the changes that are taking place in the community. The process of getting things back on track will take time and cooperation is needed from all of us. The

## *Why we need a fine policy.*

The association's governing documents stipulate rules to which the board has a right and duty to make and enforce. The rules provide certainty and order, protect the freedom and safety of residents, interpret provisions found in governing documents, and protect commonly owned resources.

Most importantly, rules help the association meet the estab-

lished expectations of residents. The fine policy establishes financial consequences for those who choose to ignore the rules. Fines are not immediately assessed, the homeowner is given notice of the problem and a reasonable time period to correct the violation. In addition, the homeowner has an opportunity to be heard with their side of the story and

- Read and respond, if needed, to all communications sent to your home
- Volunteer to participate on committees
- Pay your association dues on time
- Report violations to the management company via the website

The goals for 2010:

- Conduct audit and tax filings for the past 10 years
- Aggressively collect past due annual assessments (see past due assessments on page \_\_\_\_)
- Develop a Mission Statement

- Develop an annual calendar
- Improve resident participant and input
- Reinstate architectural committee
- Establish the following committees:
  - Welcome Committee for new homeowners
  - Beautification Committee
  - Newsletter Committee
- Develop and enforce a fine policy
- Conduct at least 3 open board meetings
- Distribute newsletter quarterly

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for a committee, please send the board an email via the website.

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to be represented by legal counsel if necessary.

The fine policy will strengthen the Boards ability to protect the aesthetic environment and property values from disruptive or harmful behaviors of residents.

A draft copy of the policy was mailed to your home. You can also view the policy online.

Board Meetings 2009

April 19th

May 17th

June 21st

July 19th

August 16th

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th

December 20th

Annual Owner's Meeting

April 28th—7:15 p.m.

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, Walton Blvd.

November (TBD)



The Baldwin Center

212 Baldwin Avenue, Pontiac, MI



## Help serve the needy—June 13, 2010

The Baldwin Center has served the needs of Pontiac, MI since 1981. Their mission is to feed, educate, clothe and empower men, women and children in the community.

The Baldwin Family Soup Kitchen provides a well-balanced meal to 350 people five days per week.

You can give back to the community by helping to serve one of the over 45,000

meals being served yearly to those who are in need.

**Sunday, June 13, 2010** has been reserved for 8-10 volunteers from Parkside Preserve to serve lunch at the Baldwin Soup Kitchen. The volunteers will need to arrive at 12 noon and stay until 3:00 p.m. Food will be provided by Baldwin Center and you will assist in serving meals and cleanup.

If you are interested in vol-

unteering, please complete a contact form on the website at <http://parkside-preserve.com>. Please be sure to indicate your name and the number of volunteers from your home. You will be contacted by someone on the board.

## Scoop the Poop!

There have been several complaints made that owners have been allowing their dogs to run loose and have not been cleaning up after them.

### Dogs are to be on a leash whenever outside.

Owners walking dogs in all areas are required to remove the waste taking it back home with them, and responsibly disposing of it in their trash cans. If you do not remove waste you will be assessed a fine.

It is the owner's responsibility to clean up completely after their pets. The common areas, and neighboring yards are not the appropriate disposal locations.



## Free Landfill Days, Special Pickup & Yard Waste Schedule

### Free Landfill Days

- April 31, May 1 and May 8, 2010.
- 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Located at the Pontiac/Veolia Transfer Station/Landfill at 575 Collier Road.

Participants must show proof of residency in Pontiac.

### Special Pickup

This service is provided on the same day as refuse collection. Items must be scheduled at least 24 hours prior to refuse collection by calling (248) 758-3700 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Residents are allowed four (4) Special Pickups per year/four (4) items per pickup.

### Yard Waste

This program begins the first full week in April and continues weekly until the end of the last full week in November.

For additional information go to [www.pontiac.mi.us](http://www.pontiac.mi.us).

## Curb Appeal—Trash Can Tales



If trash receptacles could talk they would have quite a few things to say.

Since trash receptacles can't talk, we thought we would bring you the Trash Receptacle Tales!

Trash receptacles need a special, private place just for them in the garage, the side of the home, or in the back yard.

Trash receptacles can only stand to be at the street on the day of trash pick-up. They have to be put back in their own spot.

Trash receptacles are actually clean creatures and get upset if all the trash is not properly disposed of. Trash is not allowed to be in bags on the ground. If there is too much trash for one receptacle, please get another trash receptacle to keep the first one company.



## SUMMER GARAGE SALE

*Thursday thru' Sunday, June 24 - 27, 2010 - 9am-5pm*

All homeowners are welcomed to participate. Homeowners simply need to display goods on any or all designated days, and registration is not required. Newspaper advertising will be taken care of by the association.

Bargain-hunters will drive quite a distance if they know they can hop out of their car and catch a dozen sales while walking a couple of blocks.

For the safety of homeowners and their property, we ask that homeowners not conduct individual garage sales.

## *Security—Tips for Homeowners*

With the warming of the seasons, we all are spending more time now outdoors. Unfortunately, this also applies to those interested in easy profit through crime. To make it hard and therefore unattractive for these folks to target your home be sure to take the following steps:

- Park cars in garages if at all possible.
- Keep the garage door closed, even if you are at home
- Always lock car doors (even in the garage)
- Do not leave valuables inside your car.
- If you have to park your car outside of the garage, remove the garage door opener.
- NEVER leave your keys inside the car.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Keep your doors locked.



If you observe any suspicious activity, call the Pontiac Police department immediately at **(248) 857-7890**.

## *Volunteers Needed*

There are several committees which provide an important means of involving owners in the affairs of the association and perform a vital role in keeping Parkside Preserve functioning as a community. Volunteering to serve on a committee gives residents an opportunity to work on issues and projects that are important to the community. It also provides an opportunity to get to know other residents and to support the work of the Board of Directors.

Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

- **Architectural Committee**—To promote attractiveness and harmonious residential development of community by and through the enforcement of governing documents.
- **Beautification Committee**—Responsible for summer planting and Christmas decorations of common areas.
- **Communication Committee**—Develop and carry out a program of positive information flow among residents. Assist other committees in spreading the word about upcoming events. Maintain communication to the Board and to other committees.
- **Bylaws and Covenant Committee**—Responsible for updating existing bylaws and covenants to make language pertinent.