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Dear Residents:

Our nation is built on the strength of our citizens. Every day, we encounter situations calling upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Not only does a Neighborhood Watch Program allow citizens to help in the fight against crime, it is also an opportunity for communities to bond through service.

Members of the Board of Directors walked through the Subdivision talking with residents about the recent acts of vandalism and soliciting homeowners' participation in a neighborhood watch. The City of Pontiac recently announced that as of January 2011, there will no longer be a police department in Pontiac. Emergency calls will be handled by the Oakland County

Sheriffs Department at residents' expense. It is yet to be seen what "at the residents expense" means—I thought the Pontiac Police were already operating at our expense. Another concern is longer response time because the Oakland County Sherriff's responsibilities are much broader than Pontiac.

The graffiti was a nuisance incident, possibly caused by mischievous children. There have been other nuisance incidents reported as well. Before things get out of control and become larger, the Board and other concerned residents want to send a message that this sort of behavior will not be tolerated.

Everyone can do their part by signing up to be on the

neighborhood watch committee. It is neighbors watching out for other neighbors. If you see suspicious behaviors or children being mischievous near your home, call the authorities or if it is safe, speak up to the individual causing harm. Then call your neighbor and advise them of what is going on so that we can support one another. The best way to deter mischievous or illegal behavior is for us to band together against it.

We will be discussing this topic at the next Annual HOA meeting. If you are interested in the safety of our community, consider today becoming apart of the Neighborhood watch.

Board Meetings 2010

October 18th

November 15th

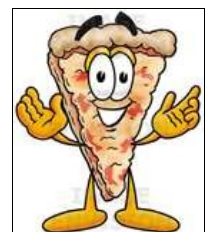
December 20th

Annual HOA Meeting

- When:** Wednesday, November 3, 2010
- Time:** 7:15 p.m.
- Where:** Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, Walton Blvd
- Purpose:** Present the annual budget and 2011 Dues
Deliver committee reports
Build community by bringing neighbors together



*Plan to attend!
PIZZA will be served.*



Patio Furniture Quick Tips for Fall Cleaning and Storage

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/5753918/patio_furniture_quick_tips_for_fall.html?cat=30

The weather is cooling and the days are shortening, sure signs that summer is over and fall is near. The changes also signal it's time for annual fall cleaning of patio furniture and winter storage preparations. These quick tip will help get the patio furniture cleaned and ready for winter storage in a jiffy.



Gather Cleaning Supplies Before Heading Outside

Before heading outside to start cleaning, gather all the cleaning supplies and tools that will be needed. Gather all the items needed to clean and cover the patio furniture, grill, etc., fill a bucket with warm soapy water and grab some trash bags. Having everything needed nearby saves time.

Quick Clean Patio Furniture

Fall is not the time of year to do an intense scrub-down on patio furniture. Even when outdoor seating, tables and grill are covered, they will still get grimy and dirty over the winter months, so just do a quick clean to remove loose debris. Use a soft bristled brush to whisk away all loose debris from patio furniture tops, sides, legs and wheels. Next, dampen a large sponge with the soapy water and give the furniture cushions a quick wipe down. Focus on removing any stains left behind by food, dried berries or bird droppings, then let the patio furniture cushions air dry before covering or storing.

Degrease and Scrub the Grill Before Winter Storage

The grill rack can be quickly degreased by firing it up one more time. Turn the grill flame on and let it burn for 10 minutes to burn off any food residue on the rack, turn the flame off and scrub with a wire brush or ball of aluminum foil to remove all the gunk. Remove the grill's grease tray and wash it in soapy water so it won't attract any hungry critters looking for a meal. Wipe off the grill's exterior surface with soapy water and rinse. If the grill will be stored inside during the winter, remove the propane tank before storing. Cover the disconnected propane tank with a trash bag and store separately in a dry location. If the grill will remain outside over winter, turn off the propane tank and place a cover over the grill and propane tank.

Empty Flower Pots This Fall

Toss out any potted plants that will not be over-wintering indoors. Empty the contents of the flower pot (it's best to start with new potting soil next spring) into the compost bin or pull up dead flowers by the roots and dump the potting soil into a flower bed or garden plot. Give flower pot a quick brushing with a soft bristle brush to remove any clinging soil, then stack and store the smaller ones. Turn large flower pots upside down to prevent water from collecting in them and freezing during the winter. If a flower pot is too large to turn upside down, leave the potting soil in it until next spring to prevent the container from freezing and breaking.



Turn Your Clock Back, November 7, 2010

Twice a year, when **Daylight Saving Time** *begins* or *ends*, make it a habit to not only change your clocks, but do a few other semi-annual tasks that will **improve safety in your home**...

- **Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.** Replace any smoke alarms older than ten years. Replace any CO alarms older than five years.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your house (*water, food, flashlights, batteries, blankets*). Once you've created your home disaster kit, use the semi-annual time change to check its contents (*including testing/replacing flashlight batteries*).
- A COLD winter is coming! Make a "*winter car-emergency kit*" **now** and put your vehicle! (*Don't know what to include? Do an Internet search for "car emergency kit" and you'll find lots of ideas!*) *It's a good idea to carry a car-emergency kit in your car year-round, but be sure to add cold-weather gear to your general car-emergency kit each fall. (Having a separate duffle/gear bag clearly marked "Cold Gear" specifically for your cold weather emergency gear makes it easy to add or take out of the car, seasonally.) Like a Boy Scout, "Be Prepared!" In cold weather, even a very minor car problem or flat tire can be deadly serious, or at the very least, miserable to deal with, unless you're well prepared.*
- Check and discard expired medications - **those dates really DO have meaning** - some very common over-the-counter medications can cause *serious* problems due to change through aging.

Community Board

Election Day
 Tuesday, November 2, 2010
 Ward 4, Precinct 14
 Kennedy Jr. High School
 1400 Baldwin Ave
 Pontiac, MI 48340
 7:00—8:00 p.m.

New Resident
 If you are a new resident and you haven't received a Welcome Basket, please contact KC Property Service at 248.586.9700

This spot is Reserved for You!
 Submit news worthy updates via the website at www.parkside-preserve.com.

Important Notice
 Report acts of vandalism or crime anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers @ 1.800.773.2587.



Yard Waste
 Yard waste collections will ends Tuesday- November 30. 2010 .

Visit our Website—www.parkside-preserve.com

Reminder: We have a website that you can visit for information happenings in our neighborhood, to view newsletters, download forms, view association documents, contact the property management company and to find out when the next association meeting will be held.

www.parkside-preserve.com

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- Rueben Garcia – District 4 Police Contact** 248-758-3341 rgarcia@pontiac.mi.us
- Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)** 248-338-1001 To report abandoned vehicles
- Fire Department (Non-Emergency)** 248-758-3318 To report vacant property needing board up
- Police Narcotics Enforcement** 248-858-2907
- Crime Stoppers** 1-800-SPEAK UP (1-800-773-2587) To anonymously report information about a crime
- See Click Fix –** www.seeclickfix.com
- Animal Control** 248-758-3360
- City of Pontiac Department of Public Works & Utilities** To report a burned out streetlight. You will need to know street name, closest intersection and streetlight number. Streetlight #: on metal pole located at base or on wooden pole located 8 feet up. 248-758-3640
http://www.pontiac.mi.us/departments/dpw_streetlights.html
- DTE Energy** To report a burned out streetlight
<https://www.dteenergy.com/cso/pltr/initTrouble.do?customerType=residential>
- City of Pontiac Department of Public Works & Utilities – Building and Safety**
Enforces rental property codes and ordinances 248-758-2810 or 248-758-2800

For everyone's safety – Please turn on your porch light at night.

Information obtained from District 4 Councilperson, Randy Carter's office.

Halloween Health & Safety Tips

Halloween will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31. Below are tips to help make the day fun and safe to trick-or-treaters and party guest.

- **S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- **A**void tick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- **F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- **E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- **H**old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- **A**lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- **L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- **L**ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- **O**nly walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- **W**ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- **E**at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- **E**nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- **N**ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.