"Echoes from the Hills"

# **UHills Newsletter**

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we kick off another school year, we'd like to wish all the students and parents good luck, and thank you all for another great year in UHills! We've continued the tradition of holding the Easter Egg Hunt, Subdivision cleanup, Kids' Campout, Garage Sale, and the Summer Celebration with tremendous participation. Please mark your calendars for October 22nd to join your neighbors at the 2nd Annual UHills Oktoberfest!

#### \*What are the current projects?

- \*The Board has begun requesting estimates on either replacing or repairing the asphalt paths throughout the commons areas.
- \* Quotes are being obtained to refresh the landscaping at the Croydon entrance. Due to road construction, can't do much with the other entrances at this time.
- \* Weeding will be done and rubber mulch will be added to both playgrounds *this* fall. The bench in the small commons area will be rebuilt
- \* Ongoing work to get power to the pavilion area. Many delays with DTE due to storm and lingering COVID issues. We are actively working to follow up toward a resolution.
- \* We are looking into preventative tree maintenance trimming.
- \* According to the City website, the Old Perch construction is still on schedule to complete this fall.
- \*Please continue offering suggestions on long-term planning projects to help improve the neighborhood! Additional information on costs will be shared as it becomes available.

#### \*Financial News

- \*Thank you to all neighbors who paid your dues on time. There are only six neighbors not fully paid. Liens will be filed for any more than two years overdue.
- \*The Board has voted to move \$10K of this years budget into "restricted funds" to aid in future, unforeseen issues that may impact the collective neighborhood.
- \*Based on the projected costs of upcoming projects, the Board has voted to keep Annual Dues at \$250 for the 2023 year. Invoices will be sent in February with due date of March 1. By leaving the dues at \$250, there should be no need for a special assessment and will allow funding of necessary projects.

Social Chair



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **2022 CALENDAR**

October 22: 2:30pm-??
Oktoberfest in the Pavilion

Join us with the Deutschdetroit Food Truck, pumpkin painting & photo booth

October 31: 6pm-8pm
City Trick or Treat Time

December: Luminary Sales (\$5 each)

Please put luminaries out on Christmas Eve \*Need someone to chair this activity\*

#### 2023 CALENDAR\*

February 9 Annual Meeting

April Easter Egg Hunt

May Spring Subdivision Cleanup
June Dad & Kids Campout UHills

June Garage Sale

July Pavilion Summer Party

\*Official Dates will be announced in the Winter/Spring

ANNUAL MEETING February 9, 2023 - 7pm Zoom Link will be available

# 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brian Gallagher President
Chris McIntosh Vice President
Julie Stimpson Treasurer
Bobby Hathaway Secretary

Chris Buchanan Maintenance

Jill Smith At-Large

Courtney Ellison

Contact the board via email at: admin@uhills.net

To Stay Updated on Neighborhood Business Join One of Our HOA Board Meetings

October 27 / December 1 / January 12: 7pm Start Time

We will post location on Facebook page prior to meeting

#### **BOARD POSITION OPENINGS**

<u>WE NEED YOUR HELP!</u> There will be three (3) open Board Positions for the 2023-2024 year. Please consider filling one of these spots. Voting will be at our Annual Meeting. Please ask about other ways to get involved throughout the year. UHills relies on volunteers willing to dedicate their time to continue making our neighborhood a great place to live!

# 2022 SPRING AND SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN THE HILLS



# **Events Wrap Up Info...**

Many wonderful events continue to be held each year in our neighborhood. We were thrilled to host close to 120 people at our Summer Picnic event. A good time was had by all! Thank you to our Social Chair, Courtney Ellison who plans and organizes these events. We have some great ideas for additional events, but in order to do so, we need some more individuals willing to spare some time to assist. Please send an email to: admin@uhills.net and let us know you are interested in helping-or come to our next Board meeting. There are many spots with different time commitments available.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS (January-July, 2022)

1828 Campus Court: Gary & Catherine Lewis 948 Spartan Court: David Root

723 Rutgers: Lance & Lauren Christilaw

755 Lake Forest Road: George Abro 641 Lake Forest: David & Kimmie Blasco

659 Campus Road: Morgan Valdez

673 Spartan Drive: Joshua & Alissa Peters 674 Campus Road: Eric & Kristen Banker 740 Spartan Drive: David Caponi & Caitlin Lackie

To all our new neighbors—Welcome to University Hills - It's a great place to live!