

Spring/Summer 2018

# Canterbury Commons

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Dear Neighbors!

Pardon our digital dust!

The Canterbury Commons HOA is in the process of a digital and print media makeover! Over the next several months, the HOA will be working on updating our website, updating our email reminders, and creating a new Canterbury Commons Directory. If you have any suggestions or if you are new to the neighborhood and/or aren't currently receiving HOA emails, please email the board at [canterburycommons@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycommons@gmail.com)

## Always Pick Up after Your Pooch!

If you've walked the Commons Trails, at some point you've noticed that telltale smell that signals someone has forgotten to pick up after their pet. The majority of Canterbury residents are responsible pet owners, but there is evidence everywhere that some residents have a more laissez faire attitude when it comes to scooping their dog's poop. Before you walk away from the pile of poop your dog just deposited, check out these reasons why you really should pick up after your pooch (even if no one's watching):

- **It's a source of water pollution:** In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) labeled dog waste as a non-point source pollutant and recommends that we pick up pet waste to keep it out of our lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.
- **It's the law:** It's against the law to leave your dog's poop in a public place and in the state of Michigan you may be subject to a hefty fine if you're caught doing so.
- **It may contain parasites and other germs.** Dog feces may contain a wide variety of parasites and germs that can transfer to people and can cause illness! So keep our residents safe and clean it up!

## Annual Board Meeting

The Canterbury Commons Annual Board Meeting will be held Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. The association has rented the Unity Church which is located at 32500 W 13 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills. This year, in order to ensure that the board has a voting quorum, board members will come around and distribute proxy forms to residents. The Homeowners Association proxy form allows someone else to vote for you in the event you can't make a homeowners' meeting. If you have any suggestions for the annual board meeting agenda, please email them to the Canterbury Commons Board at [canterburycommons@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycommons@gmail.com)

## Association Dues

**Don't forget annual HOA dues were due April 30<sup>th</sup>. All unpaid dues are now subject to a \$25 late fee. Please contact Dawn for more information:**

[canterburycommonstreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycommonstreasurer@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

### June 4

Association Meeting  
7:00 pm  
32500 W 13 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills

### June 9

Neighborhood Commons Clean Up  
2:00 pm

### June 23

Canterbury Commons Subdivision  
Garage Sale



### June 16

Campfire in the Commons  
6:30-10:30pm

### July 14

Campfire in the Commons  
6:30-10:30pm

### August 11

Campout in the Commons  
6:30-??

### September 8

End of Summer BBQ  
12:30-4:30pm  
(Rain Date September 9th)

## More Important News

### Summertime Means Lazy Days and Slow Summer Driving

Gentle reminder, as the weather warms more kids are outside playing. Help keep our kids safe! Please slow down when driving in the neighborhood.

### Beautification Awards Time

Fingers crossed, spring has finally sprung and with spring comes the Canterbury Commons Beautification Awards Season! The Canterbury Commons Homeowners Association Beautification Awards are designed to encourage and promote community beautification and recognize the homeowners who take pride in their homes and landscaping. As you drive and walk around the neighborhood, keep an eye out for breathtaking landscaping and appealing home improvements and email those addresses to the HOA at [canterburycommons@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycommons@gmail.com). Nominees will be notified and provided with a yard sign and voting will take place later this summer! Three winners will receive \$50 home improvement gift card and bragging rights!

### Construction Season is Upon Us

My father always said the Michigan state tree might be the Eastern White Pine, but the state bush should be a construction cone! As I am sure our residents are aware, 15 Mile Road, 13 Mile Road, and 696 are currently under construction and there are countless other road and sewer projects headed our way this summer. Like the roads that surround our wonderful neighborhood, some our neighborhood infrastructure is in need of repair. Our fantastic new commons maintenance chair Kevin Studley has over twenty years' experience in construction and is the perfect person to advise the board on the much needed, upcoming repairs ensuring that we make fiscally wise safety decisions. Kevin has been busy meeting with arborists, contractors, and engineering firms to help us prioritize repairs to our aging commons areas including replacing the fence and cleaning up the trees and debris in tot lot areas, repairing the drainage in the commons areas to prevent further damage and erosion.

### Canterbury Kitchen: Summer Fun Pretzel Dessert Recipe

[www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)

Spring and summer means warmer weather and with the rising temperatures, no one wants to heat up their house by turning on the oven. Check out this and other fun summer from recipes from Taste of Home.



Pretzel Dessert Recipe photo by Taste of Home

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups crushed pretzels, divided
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1 In a large bowl, toss 1-1/2 cups pretzels with sugar and melted butter. Press into an ungreased 13x9-in. dish.
- 2 In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in whipped topping.
- 3 Spread half of the mixture over pretzel layer. Top with pie filling; spread with remaining cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with remaining pretzels. Refrigerate, covered, overnight before serving.  
**Yield:** 16 servings.

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## In the Community

### 2018 Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market

Downtown Farmington Center  
Every Saturday May 19th thru  
Saturday Oct. 27th from 9:00am  
to 2:00pm

### Heritage Park Splash Pad Memorial Day thru Labor Day

Splash Pad: 10:00AM – 8:00PM  
Snack Shack: 11:00AM – 8:00PM

### Art on the Grand

Free two day art fair with fun  
scheduled for the entire  
family!

June 2-3, 2018  
Saturday from 10:00am-7:00pm;  
Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm

### Rhythmz in Riley Park

Free Summer Concert Series  
Riley Park, Farmington  
Fridays 7:30pm- 9:00pm June 9  
through August 25

### Stars in the Park

Free Summer Concert Series  
Thursdays at 7:00pm Heritage  
Park, Farmington Hills June  
14th-August 16th. No Show on  
July 5th.

### Farmington Founder's Festival

July 19-22, 2018  
A long weekend of music,  
food, and fun activities  
geared for all ages.  
Downtown Farmington and at  
Shiawassee Park.