

ARROWWOOD HILLS COOPERATIVE

OCTOBER 2018 NEWS

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EVENTS at a glance

Tues, Oct 9, all day

Parking lot line painting

**Thurs, Oct 11, 12:30pm &
6:30pm**

Sewing Information Session

Fri, Oct 12, 11am-1pm

Food Gatherers

Wed Oct 17, 6pm-8pm

Finding Your Political Voice

Thurs, Oct 19, 6pm

A & E Committee Mtg

Mon, Oct 22, 6pm

Board Meeting

Tues, Oct 30, 6pm-8pm

Trunk or Treat Harvest Party

ACCOUNT CORNER

Tips for submitting carrying charges
& loan payments



- Make sure your current address is on your check/money order—there are a lot of checks coming in with previous addresses or no address at all.
- Carrying charge and loan payments no longer need to be separate. They can be paid with one check.
- Payments are due on the 1st of every month. Payments received after the 5th of the month will have a \$10.00 late fee applied and payments made after the 20th of the month will have an additional \$20.00 applied.
- For your convenience, if you are unable to get to the office during business hours to make your payments, there is a drop box to the left of the door. Drop box is pulled daily.
- Please note: accounts more than 30 days delinquent are subject to be submitted to the attorney for collection.



SLOW DOWN!

**For the safety of
the 300+ children
who live in our
community.**

**Sign Up for Email Alerts
& E-Newsletters**

**Visit www.arrowwoodhills.org and
use the online form to sign up for
email alerts and newsletters.**

Join A Committee

Get involved & be a part of improving our community!

Landscape Committee

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6pm at the Community Center. Current Projects include getting bids from landscape architects for a master plan for Arrowwood & organizing gardening support for the elderly.

Architecture & Energy (A & E) Committee

Meets the third Thursday of the month, 6pm at the Community Center. Current projects include organizing DIY classes for members to improve their units and researching new and improved outside railings/fences/gates.

Communications Committee

Help write articles for the newsletter and website, post news on Arrowwood's Facebook page, take pictures at events, and other ways of communicating with our neighbors. Email umlatifa@gmail.com for details.

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Community Center News & Events

Thursday October 11th

12:30-1:30pm AND 6:30-7:30pm

Sewing Information session

Interested in learning how to sew (hand or machine stitching)? Join us for a free information session on our upcoming sewing sessions. Classes will be taught by Janet Denson, designer and Arrowwood resident.

Friday-October 12th 11-1pm

Food Gatherers Day

Please call by the Wednesday of food distribution to have a pre-made box. Pre-made boxes are for those unable to attend the 11-1pm distribution time.

Wednesday-October 17th 7-9pm

Finding Your Political Voice

Celebrate Autumn with Cider and Donught!

Arrowwood Democratic Party will host our Ward Representatives Anne Bannister, Sumi Kailasapathy and Democrat Elect Councilperson Jeff Hayner. We will be getting to know our representatives, as well as sharing our concerns with the for our neighborhood and our city before the November election. Make our voices in Arrowwood heard!

Tuesday-October 30th 6-8pm

Trunk or Treat Arrowwood Harvest Party

Join us for our annual Harvest Party. We will have food, music, games, pumpkin decorating, and candy. This year we will also have our first "Trunk or Treat", an alternative to house to house trick or treating. Come to the community center lot and decorate your car trunks as children go from trunk to trunk for candy and fun treats. All ages are welcome. **Volunteers and vehicles needed to sign up!**

Interested in helping? Please contact: ahccdirector@gmail.com



Maintenance Tips & Reminders

Fire Extinguishers: Check the date on the bottom of your fire extinguisher. If it's older than 12 years old, call the office for a replacement. Also, check your fire extinguisher's gauge monthly to verify that your fire extinguisher is still full. If the extinguisher's gauge needle is in the EMPT Y area, call the office for a replacement. Our maintenance staff will install them and remove the old ones for disposal.

Leaf Collection will be scheduled according to the rate leaves fall this season. We typically monitor weather conditions and the majority rate of leaves on the ground. Leaf clearing in member planting beds are the responsibility of the unit member.

Box Elders & Stink Bugs: These bugs prefer vinyl sided buildings! To prevent them getting inside your unit, look for gaps around window air conditioners or holes in window screens and block them. Also ensure that screens, doors, and windows are closed properly. To remove them, a vacuum cleaner is a pretty effective. You can also sweep them into a bucket of soapy water and dump the water outside.

Bush Trimming: Fall bush trimming will take place the week of October 15.

Yellow Jackets and Wasps: This time of year is when the colonies are at their largest population. These stinging pests are more aggressive in fall because they know their days are numbered and Hornets tending to the Queen are no longer required and are foraging for something sweet to eat. Most are eliminated after a hard freeze. Those living underground may take a little longer to perish. Common sense dictates it is best to leave wasp and yellow jacket nests alone - unless they're in an area with lots of human activity. If you see ground nests beside a walkway, in a playground or near a door, please call the office.

Parking lot crack filling , sweeping and line refreshing: On October 9, weather permitting, all parking lots will be swept and lines will be repainted. **Courts A B C D E**, please park on the trail between 9 and noon. **Courts F G H I J K**, please park on the trail between noon and 4 pm.

Smoking and Secondhand Smoke in Multi-dwelling Living

Did you know smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the U.S.? The health of Arrowwood residents is impacted by smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.

There are steps that both smokers and nonsmokers can take to be considerate of the health and well-being of all residents.

What smoking residents can do:

- When you smoke outside, please be considerate of your neighbors by smoking at a distance from the patio and away from your neighbor's windows and doors.
- If you smoke inside your unit, keep in mind that the smoke seeps into your neighbor's unit through the vents, outlets, basement and other openings.
- Consider purchasing an air purifier with a Hepa filter and a carbon filter. Not all air purifiers filter out cigarette smoke so do your research before you make a purchase.
- If you want help quitting, there are many resources in the community that can help. Smoking is an addiction so quitting can be a challenge but chances are higher if you get smoking cessation support rather than try to do it alone. Check with your employer to see if they provide funding or benefits for smoking cessation counseling or programs. The VA offers a free smoking cessation program for veterans. There are other resources such as the Michigan Tobacco Quit Line and Nicotine Anonymous that help smokers to quit. As the saying goes, for the sake of your health, "Don't quit quitting."

What non-smoking residents can do:

- If your smoking neighbor smokes directly beneath your window or near your door when smoking outside, ask them to move a distance from your unit. When asking, be cordial and keep in mind that most smokers are willing to make adjustments to decrease their nonsmoking neighbors' exposure to secondhand smoke.
- If your next door neighbor smokes inside their unit and the smoke seeps into your unit through the basement, vents, outlets, etc., consider purchasing an air purifier that filters smoke. Do your research before making a purchase.
- Contact maintenance about sealing openings/cracks in basement walls, vents and other places where smoke from a neighboring unit enters your unit.

Arrowwood is a community where we all have a voice. Let's work together to improve the health and well-being of our community!

In Memory of Shelly Wolford



Shelly Wolford died Thursday, September 13, 2018, at her residence in Lot F with her loving family at her side. She was born April 15, 1961, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Pete and Phyllis (Fields) Wolford.

Shelly will always be remembered for her love of gardening and her desire to lessen her carbon footprint by driving less and recycling. She organized the first community gardens in Arrowwood, and was the first sheriff of the E/G community garden. Survivors include her mother, Phyllis Wolford; one daughter, Erica (Anthony) Vigil; two grandchildren: Lucan and Olivia Vigil; brother, Brian Wolford and nephew, Camrin Wolford. She was preceded in death by her father, Pete Wolford.

Cottages at Barton Green Voted Down by City Council

Thanks to the hard work of our neighbors in the Huron Highlands Committee for Area Planning, Ann Arbor officials have decided they aren't willing to approve a major housing development known as the Cottages at Barton Green off Pontiac Trail north of Arrowwood.

The original plan consisted of a 710-bed housing project geared toward University of Michigan students. Neighbors have argued it was essentially dorm-style housing for U-M students in a location where it doesn't belong, too far from campus. The project also would have included more than 500 parking places, which opponents successfully argued would cause significant traffic increases.

Wood Floors

Did you know that if you have lived in your unit for 10 years, you are eligible to have your floors (one level, either upstairs or downstairs) refinished by Arrowwood's flooring contractor? If you're interested, call the office. Note: Members are responsible for moving furniture. Floor refinishing is seasonal, and a limited number are done each year.

Waitlist Update

People who would like to apply to our waitlist to become a member can apply year round. However, applications are processed annually in October and you are still required to attend an orientation. Orientation this year will be held October 15th at 6:30 p.m. and October 29th at 1 pm. All sessions are 45 minutes. Each month check our website for orientations. Applications will be available on line.

Finding Your Political Voice

Oct. 17, 7-9pm, Arrowwood Community Center

Arrowwood Democratic Party will host our Ward Representatives Anne Bannister, Sumi Kailasapathy and Democrat Elect Councilperson Jeff Hayner. This event is open to all candidates running for office that affect our ward. We will discuss the 3 ballot issues, get to know our representatives, and share concerns about our neighborhood and our city before the November election. **Make our voices in Arrowwood heard! Donuts and cider will be served.**

Coyotes in Arrowwood



Coyotes have been expanding in range across the country over the last century. They are currently found in every state, with the exception of Hawaii. Arrowwood residents have reported seeing coyotes nearby.

How Can They Be Identified? Coyotes appear, superficially, like a small German shepherd. Coyotes are more slender; have wide pointed ears; a long narrow snout; and a bushy tail which they carry low to the ground, not up in the air like a dog, or straight back like a wolf. They are on average 3 feet long and 1 ½ feet tall, weighing 20 to 50 pounds. Color varies widely but tends toward gray or tan on the back, occasionally rusty or dark brown, with a lighter chest and belly.

Do We Need to do Something? There is little to fear from wild coyotes, as long as appropriate distance is maintained. There are a few things you can do to ensure your safety and that of your pets.

- Do not feed coyotes or leave pet food out in the yard. This makes them lose their natural fear of humans and attracts them to residential areas where problems can occur.
- Keep your pet on a leash! This protects your pet from injury and encounters with coyote feces, which can contain worms. And it's the law!
- Watch your pet if it is out in the yard. Especially avoid letting them out alone at night.
- Do not approach or pet coyotes or their pups, and never approach a suspected coyote den.
- Keep your trash and compost secured and animal matter out of your compost piles to discourage coyotes from foraging in your neighborhood.
- Use a loud voice and throw rocks or sticks if a coyote approaches you or your pet. Coyotes can also be discouraged from entering your yard by motion activated sprinklers.

Benefits of Coyotes in Our Community Coyotes fill a necessary role in our ecosystem. As predators, they keep the small mammal and rodent populations down. An unnaturally high population of prey animals, such as rabbits and woodchucks, would over-browse native wildflowers and shrubs to the detriment of native plant biodiversity. Many of you who garden are familiar with their peskiness! Without predators like coyotes to keep their population in check, omnivores like raccoons and opossums would also have a negative impact; they can raid turtle and bird eggs with devastating effects. As scavengers, coyotes act as garbage collectors, cleaning up carrion in the parks and on the roads.

Coyotes are social animals which communicate to the other members of their community by vocalization and scent. Their calls can be heard by park neighbors throughout Ann Arbor. Many enjoy listening to them and feel the excitement that this unique wildlife observation provides. Coyotes high degree of adaptability has often been cited as an inspiration by those who must learn to adjust as the environments change. -

From the City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Coyote Fact Sheet