

WALNUT CREEK HOME ASSOCIATION

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Message from the WCHA Board

The WCHA Board continues to wish our homeowners good health and happiness! As the world turns, we strive to keep costs down for homeowners while still maintaining beautiful curb appeal in the Walnut Creek Subdivision. We (the Board) cannot do it alone; it is a shared responsibility and we ask that you work with us by abiding by our by-laws and deed restrictions.

Please consider the following reminders that stem from feedback we have received from homeowners:

Do...

- √ maintain your lawn by cutting it regularly. Call the township number below to report an unusually unkept lawn. They will cut it at the homeowner's expense.
- √ trim and weed your landscaping, including large trees that overhang the sidewalk or street. Boulevard trees are the homeowner's responsibility as well.
- √ weed control your yard, including concrete areas where weeds sneak through.

Don't...

- X leave your grass clippings in the street. Yard waste/dirt should be swept out of the street and off the curb and thrown away, not left to clog street drains.
- X pile your trash at the street. Waste removal services will not pick up trash that is not bagged or in the waste removal bin. Long branches or large waste should be neatly tied up for workers to grab easily.
- X leave your trash cans in front of the garage door. Trash bins should be stored on the side of the house or in the garage when not at the curb for pickup.

Lastly, please keep in mind that backyards matter too. Your backyard is likely visible from many angles and is not to be ignored. If your property backs up to 22 Mile Road, please keep in mind that the WCHA shares the responsibility with you in maintaining the berm line. Be sure to maintain the lawn beyond your fence line to the top of the berm.

Many thanks in helping us to keep our neighborhood looking great!

Important Township Contacts

~Macomb Township Offices: (586) 992-0710

The WCHA does not have oversight related to township matters. Call the township directly with those concerns, including for yard blight (abandoned yards, high weeds/lawn, etc.). If you would like to fill out an ordinance complaint online, head to www.macomb-mi.gov. Select the *forms and applications* tab, followed by the *building/code enforcement* link. You can then open an ordinance complaint form.

~Macomb County Department of Roads: (586) 463-8671

The WCHA does not have oversight related to road matters. Call the Macomb County Department of Roads directly for issues related to sidewalk or road repair.

~Sheriff's Office: (586) 469-5151

Do not hesitate to contact the police if you see something or someone that seems suspicious.

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Front Entrance Project Update

The remainder of the front entrance updates are finally moving forward! Funds previously set aside will be used to replace the center island light poles by a professional sign and lighting company. An installation date is pending. Be on the lookout and please use caution while the workers are near the entrance/exit of the subdivision.

WCHA Board Member Opening

Interested in being more involved in our neighborhood? Want to help make a positive difference in the subdivision? The WCHA Board has an open seat! The Board is comprised of volunteer homeowners living in the subdivision who help to manage all things related to the subdivision and its association. If you are interested in taking on a more active role, please email us at walnutcreekha@comcast.net and we will be in touch.

Budget & Association Dues 2022 – 2023

The WCHA Board has made every effort to keep the annual association fee low; consequently, we have one of the lowest association dues in the area. This year's invoice has not increased. The budget's net loss will be balanced from our emergency fund surplus, which is comprised mainly of reimbursed legal expenses and late fees for unpaid dues.

Enclosed is your dues invoice for 2022-2023. The fee remains \$70.00 per household. Please submit your payment postmarked no later than August 15, 2022. The WCHA will charge a \$25 late fee per month to accounts that do not pay by the due date. Thank you.