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the View from the Hills



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At our January Board meeting it was agreed that we could start going back to our pre-Covid days; masks are no longer mandatory at the clubhouse and rental of the clubhouse is now at 100% capacity. We can go back to having Senior Breakfasts and Movie Nights, etc. It feels so good to get back to “normal,” but this does not mean that we will not still take precautions.

We still conduct Hybrid board meetings – meaning that they will be held in person, as well as available on Zoom. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask in the clubhouse, please feel free to do so. Art on the Lake will also take place this year on August 28th after a two-year hiatus.

In the past few weeks, I have had some phone calls regarding people not properly bagging their trash. If you are not using a trash can, please put out your bags in **trash bags** and **not** just in your **grocery store bags**. When bags are put out in those little bags or in un-tied bags, they get broken into by critters looking for food who then leave the trash around the court. Not only is this not pleasant to look at, but it is also unhealthy for pets being walked and for people who step in it and then bring it into their homes. It is not the responsibility of Tringali Sanitation or our staff to pick up trash thrown on the ground.

Garbage is addressed on page 48 in our Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 6 (b). It states that all trash must be properly bagged before being placed in trash receptacles. Any and all costs and expenses incurred by the association as a result of the failure to comply with this section shall be charged to the person and shall be collected as assessments as provided in Article VII of the Bylaws. Trash receptacles may not be placed out until after 7:00 PM of the night before pickup. The Rules and Regulations also state that the empty containers must be returned to the unit before dusk on the day of pick up. Fines are now being sent to everyone not following these rules.

Our pool opening is right around the corner. Like so many businesses these days, we are no different in that we are having a hard time finding employees. This year I have placed ads on Indeed as well as Zip Recruiter. I have also gone out to high schools and colleges, yet with all of that, have only gotten three people interested in lifeguarding.

We only have two lifeguards returning from last year. We need more than five lifeguards to fully staff the pool for the hours we are open. Please, if you know of anyone who is looking for a lifeguarding job and IS NOT A RESIDENT OF NORTHFIELD HILLS, please let us know. If we are unable to get at least a few more applicants, we will be forced to change our hours of operation.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at the clubhouse at 248-641-9070.

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1571 Brentwood	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$215,000
1528 Brentwood	3 Bed	2.1 Bath	1 Garage	\$227,000
1798 Brentwood	3 Bed	2.1 Bath	1 Garage	\$220,000
5086 Buckingham	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$221,000
1751 Brentwood	2 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$225,000
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION (F Y I)

- **SCAMS:** Every month we publish another scam a resident has heard of. This month there are two more: Emails are now scamming that one of your recent payments to a provider has never gone through and you are in arrears on bills. Another is a caller, claiming to be able to cut your gas or electric bill if you sign up with them.

Since these are ongoing and increasing...do not call any of them back. If you do answer the phone, **DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS!** You can call the Inspector General's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271. Alert to Families: If you have someone who is living alone, remind them not to respond to unsolicited phone calls.

- **SAFETY WHILE PLAYING:** Warm weather brings children outside - running around and playing games. Children playing in the courts, running in between parked cars or bicycling across our streets without looking for oncoming traffic could lead to a tragedy. This type of accident can be avoided if they are taught where to play and how to watch for cars.



Safety is a main concern for our residents. Remember we are living in a condominium community, where there are certain restrictions about where children can play. These rules might be different from another neighborhood setting, but common sense should still prevail. Obviously, we have traffic on our roads and in our courts.

- **CRITTER TRAPS:** If you are someone who has recently needed and received a trap for animals around your unit, please DO NOT set them on a Friday leading through the weekend. There is no one here on the weekend to come to pick up the trapped critter; therefore, it will not be done until Monday.
- **DO NOT FLUSH ANY WIPES:** "Heads up" on NOT disposing of any wipes at all in your toilet. What has been found in the sewage system, it is not only baby wipes, but hand cleaning and surface cleaning wipes as well. Despite what a label might say, **wipes DO clog drains**. Please dispose of all bathroom/cleaning wipes in your trash, **NOT in your toilet.**



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HOLY LAND TRIP*

Hi again Folks,

Al Sloan here. Several months after my wife, Deb's passing, I reached out to my church, to see when their next trip to the Holy Land might be. At that time they informed me all short trips would be on hold through 2022.

During a conversation with my neighbor's father, we both learned we had a lot in common. Later he emailed me his church's website link. Imagine my surprise when I opened the site and the first item on the page was a shiny gold dome with the message, "Only 6 openings left for the trip to the Holy Land in January 2022".

Now I am not one to believe in chance, but I do believe the stars were aligned and certain powers were at work for that trip to fall in my lap at that opportune time. Needless to say, I was on the phone that evening with Pastor Paul to confirm my reservation.

As it turned out, our tour group was one of the first to visit the Holy Land since the start of the Covid pandemic in 2020. This proved to be a blessing, as the long lines often seen at many of the historic sites were nonexistent. In addition, the American dollar was a welcome sight wherever we travelled.

Due to shorter lines, our itinerary was constantly being revamped to add additional sites to the agenda.

For those curious about the weather, this is winter in that part of the world as well. We experienced the entire gamut of weather conditions: Heat, cold, rain and we even awakened to two inches of snow in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. This city is located in Palestine, which I hadn't known. The snow shut down the entire area, including military check points and many roads.

Fortunately for our group, our driver John, our cameraman and also our tour guide, were all Palestinian Christians. This allowed us to visit sites in both Israel and Palestine, as well as the Westbank.

I can't begin to list our entire itinerary as it would be three pages long; but I will share some captioned pictures that I think would interest *View* readers.

Finally, for anyone who might wish to visit the Holy Land, Pastor Paul is taking another group over in October 2022. You can contact him at: Lutheran Church of the Master; Pastor Paul Walters at (248) 643-0176 or paulwalters@gmail.com.

Shalom, Al

****If any of our residents have visited an historic site which might be of interest to our readers, please contact the clubhouse staff and we at the View will then contact you.***

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY LAND TRIP



Quorum: Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls



Three Levels of Excavation in Bethesda
Byzantine, Crusader, Roman



Rare snowfall in Jerusalem



Group at Capharnaum - Sea of Galilee



SPRING "TO-DO" GARDEN TIPS

In southeast Michigan our gardening zone is Zone 6. April could bring a frost, so although it might be too early to plant some annuals, here are some early spring garden tips "to-do" in April.

1. Clean up the garden in preparation for the season ahead: Remove last year's dead plants, rake back winter mulches, and top-dress beds with compost.

2. Prune those shrubs and trees normally pruned in the spring. Visit: msue.oakland@county.msu.edu or call the MSU Extension hotline at 888-678-3464.



3. After you've finished preparing your beds; you may be able to plant potatoes, peas, spinach, and other leafy greens as well as beets, turnips, and carrots.
4. Dig, divide, and replant perennials.
5. As soon as the weather is more temperate, and the ground has softened, plant pansies, foxglove, forget-me-nots, as well as other cool-weather flowers.
6. Sow seeds of sweet peas, bachelor's buttons, and larkspur in flowerbeds.

Please remember to drop off your "Maintenance of Flower Beds and Shrubs" form (Coming in the next NHCA flyer), to the Clubhouse and pick up your window sticker before the end of April.



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH



April is National Volunteer month in the US. The month honors all volunteers in communities around the country and encourages volunteerism.

According to an article in *Psychology Today*, there are many reasons to volunteer:

- Volunteers live longer and are healthier.
- Volunteering establishes strong relationships and community ties.
- Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose.

Our Northfield Hills Community has many areas in which to volunteer and get to meet neighbors with common interests.

Since many of the state mandates have been lifted, there are now many opportunities for NHCA residents.

The **Activities Committee** is one example. You can share ideas and assist with various "fun" functions this group is responsible for.

NHCA needs **Court Captains**, whether for your court or another court. These volunteers deliver flyers and **the View**, as well as report any Court issues needing to be addressed, to the Clubhouse Staff.



PASSOVER

...is a Jewish holy day and festival commemorating the time in which the ancient Israelites were freed from over 400 years of slavery in Egypt. This story is told in the *Bible's Old Testament* in the book of *Exodus*.



This year the first full day of Passover is on Saturday, April 16th beginning at sundown the day before. It is celebrated for seven or eight days by those of the Jewish faith.

In Hebrew **Passover** is named "Pesach" and refers to the time when God passed over the houses of the Israelites and spared their firstborn sons from being killed during the 10th plague God imposed on Egypt after the pharaoh refused to free them from slavery.



On the first two nights of Passover a traditional meal known as a "Seder" takes place.

The word Seder comes from the Hebrew root word for order. Throughout the meal, participants read from a prayer book known as a Haggadah that explains the story of the Exodus of Egypt.

Passover is one of the most widely observed Jewish traditions. There is a thankfulness for the blessing of freedom, sacredness of the occasion and a remembrance of the Israelite's exodus from Egypt.



Wishing those of Jewish heritage a blessed Passover.



EASTER HOLY DAYS

Every year these Holy Days begin with Ash Wednesday, then continuing to Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. This year Easter will be celebrated by Western Christians on Sunday, April 17th, with Eastern Orthodox Christians commemoration on Sunday, April 24th.

The resurrection of Jesus is the key event in all of history to Christians. As written in the *Bible's New Testament*, the books of *Matthew, Mark, Luke* and *John* tell the divinely inspired story of events leading to Easter. According to the gospels, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion.



Although the Easter bunny and Easter egg hunts have become part of the season's celebrations, **Easter** is the holiest of Christian days, with many traditions for this sacred religious observance.



Whatever way you and your family choose to honor the season, we at *the View* wish every one of you a joyous Easter.

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On Friday, April 22nd millions around the world will celebrate the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day.

Earth Day is a name used for two different annual observances: One during spring in the northern hemisphere, and the other during autumn in the southern hemisphere. These are intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment.

The first U.S. Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970, and coordinated internationally by the Earth Day Network (EDN) to promote environmental citizenship and year-round activities worldwide.

Earth Day is more than recycling products to lessen our landfills. It also includes the greening of urban areas with gardens, maintaining or replacing the tree population, as well as keeping our lakes and rivers from pollution. The day coincides well with Arbor Day!



To have a small part in this endeavor, we could plant seeds in our garden this spring. Special varieties hold blooms that will draw butterflies and bees to visit. The butterflies will add beauty and the bees will foster pollination.

If interested in learning more about our recycling process, **SOCRRRA** (a recycling and hazardous waste disposal site located at 995 Coolidge in Troy), is the place to go. For information on tours or hours go to www.socrra.org/tours



Remember, our environmental citizenship begins with a small step, such as recycling items in our recycle bins. Picking up discarded items from our own units and disposing of them is another way to help!

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2. Every year, American throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high from New York to Los Angeles.
3. It takes 75,000 trees each week to produce the Sunday edition of the New York Times.
4. Only 58% of U.S. Newspapers are recycled.
5. Half a million trees could be saved from being cut down if every family in the United States recycled their newspaper.
6. If families recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save 25 million trees.
7. Each year, Americans throw away 18 *Billion* disposable diapers. In perspective, this is enough to extend from the earth to the moon and back 7 times!



Enough about paper – what about other stuff?

8. In 2 weeks, the glass bottles and jars Americans throw out could have filled both of New York's Twin Towers.
9. For every glass bottle recycled, we save enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours.
10. Americans go through on average 2.5 million plastic bottles *per hour*!
11. Recycling and reusing the material in cans reduces energy use by 74%, reduces air pollution by 85%, solid waste by 95%, and water pollution by 76%.
12. It takes 95% less energy to make aluminum by recycling it than by producing it from its natural ore, bauxite ...costs less, too.
13. In 1991, the Great Wall of China became the second largest man-made structure in the world. The largest was a landfill serving New York City, now the highest point on the east coast.

14. Some 85% of our garbage is sent to a dump, or landfill, where it can take from 100 to 400 years for things like cloth and aluminum to decompose. Glass has been found in perfect condition after 4,000 years in the earth!

Check out these facts and learn more about how you can reduce our reliance on landfills and incinerators, keep our environment clean, and conserve our natural resources.

Just type reduce, reuse, recycle into your browser.



ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE, I LEARNED FROM THE EASTER BUNNY

...Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

...Walk softly and carry a big carrot.

...Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.

...There's no such thing as too much candy.

...All work and no play can make you a basket case.

...Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.

...Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.

...Some body parts should be floppy.

...Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans.

...Good things come in small, sugarcoated packages.

The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.

...An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.

...To show your true colors, you have to come out of your shell.

...The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!



Fun, Facts and Trivia

There are a few beliefs on the origin of naming the month of April. Some believe April was named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. Others believe the Romans named it for the Latin word "aperire" or for their month of "aprilis," both meaning to open. This is what flowering plants in the northern hemisphere do this time of year.

- ◆ Its flowers are the Daisy and the Sweet Pea.
- ◆ Its birthstone is the diamond, denoting innocence.



This year, the first full day of Passover is on April 16th, Easter is celebrated on April 17th and the Eastern Orthodox Easter is April 24th. April is also "Keep America Beautiful Month" with Arbor Day is being celebrated on the 29th.

April is also the month for: Parkinson's Disease Awareness and National Autism Awareness. It is Occupational Therapy month, Jazz Appreciation month and National Humor month.

Some food related ones are: Soft Pretzel month, Pecan month, Soy Foods month and Florida Tomato month.

April celebrates: "Pillow Fight Day", "Cherish an Antique Day" and "Talk like Shakespeare Day".

An important date to remember is "Take your Sons & Daughters to Work Day" on April 28th.

Had you known these April dates?

- In 753 Romulus and his twin brother Remus founded Rome.
- In 1633 Galileo was convicted of heresy for announcing that the earth revolved around the sun.
- In 1830 the Mormon Church was founded in Fayette Township, New York by John Smith.
- In 1923 Insulin became available for use by people with diabetes.
- In 1956 Elvis Presley sang "Heartbreak Hotel" on the Milton Berle Show with 25% of the U.S. population viewing.
- In 2005 the first You Tube video was uploaded, titled "Me at the Zoo."

Enjoy April! Our Michigan birds will be returning home, sharing their birdsong and starting families. The tulip and daffodil bulbs and early blooming flowers will show us happy faces again.

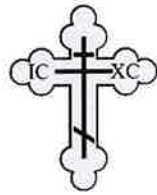


EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER

The Eastern Orthodox Christians will be celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, on April 24th.

The **Eastern Orthodox Church**, officially the **Orthodox Catholic Church**, is the second largest Christian Church in the world, with an estimated 225 million believers around the world, which includes six million of those in the United States.

The timing on Easter is based on the calendar differences. The Eastern Orthodox national churches mark events using the older Julian calendar, while the Western national churches use the Gregorian calendar.



Easter is the principle festival of the Orthodox Church, based on the Bible. It is the day Mary Magdalene found an empty tomb in the cave in which Jesus had been placed following his death by crucifixion on the Friday before.

Easter Sunday liturgies are held where families unite for worship and to share in activities. A traditional feast would include lamb, chicken, rice and other family favorites.

Eggs are included as a tradition in many homes as eggs represent the rebirth - new life being born from the egg. Some families dye hard-boiled eggs the color red symbolizing the blood of Christ.



Wishing our Eastern Orthodox neighbors and friends a joyful Easter Sunday.



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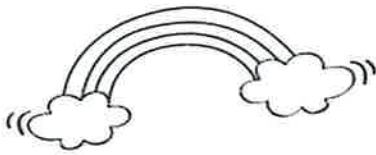
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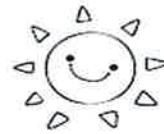
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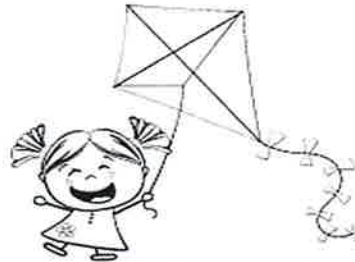


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In 1970 President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as **National Arbor Day**, it is now also observed in foreign countries.



The "Father of Arbor Day" has a Michigan connection. When J. Sterling Morton and his wife moved from Detroit to Nebraska in 1872, the couple settled on sixty treeless acres in the Nebraska Territory.

He missed the natural greenery of when he lived in New York State and the natural greenery they had enjoyed in Michigan. Morton saw the need for trees for shade, to avoid soil erosion and for building materials.

The couple immediately started planting trees, shrubs and flowers on their land.



By trade, Morton was a journalist, but also a politician, serving as President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. On April 10, 1872 the first **Arbor Day** was held in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Morton is quoted as having said, "If I had the power, I would compel every man in the state who had a home of his own, to plant out and cultivate fruit trees."

Visit: www.arborday.org/celebrate or other websites offering lists of special events being held to honor this day.

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**May your day bring you all the things
that make you smile!!**

On March 17, 2022, St. Patrick's Day
the ladies of the clubhouse created a
very special breakfast for our senior
crowd. Enjoy the pictures below.



Solution to Kids Puzzle





IDIOMS, PROVERBS & OTHER SAYINGS

Following are some of the English phrases we all have either heard or spoken throughout the years. If and when you have some spare time, it is fun to look them up on various websites.

"Actions speak louder than words" (Idiom) – meaning what one does is more important than what one says. Origin goes back to 1736 in an essay titled, *Melancholy State of Province*. This leads to **"All Talk and No Bite"** – meaning full of talk, but no action (bite). Origin is not known, but it refers to dogs who bark often, but do not bite.

"Bury the Hatchet" – to end a quarrel and become friendly. During negotiations between the Puritans and Native Americans, men would bury their weapons to make them inaccessible.

"Cold feet" (Idiom) - when someone loses their nerve or confidence. A military term when soldiers had cold feet and could not rush into battle.

"Caught Red-Handed" – meaning a person has been caught in or just after the act of doing something wrong or illegal. There was an old law that if someone butchered an animal that didn't belong to him, he would only be punished if he had blood on his hands. If he had the meat, but his hands were clean, he would not be punished.

"The Early Bird catches the Worm" – meaning if you want to be successful at something, one should start as soon as possible. Plus, more commonly meaning: the person who arrives first in a place is most likely to get what they want. This was first recorded in John Ray's *A Collection of English Proverbs*, published in 1670. This leads to the quote: **"First come, first served"** – from the 1900s when it was a policy by shopkeepers to post in window, FCFS.

*And one for the month of **April**, as the month is known for its April showers:*

"Raining Cats and Dogs" (Idiom) – One story is that it came from Norse mythology, where cats symbolized heavy rain and dogs were associated with the God of Storms, Odin.

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**Slow Cooker Ham and Mixed Bean Soup**

From: [thetasteplace.com](http://thetasteplace.com)



Serves: 12

**Ingredients**

- 1 package bean soup mix
- 1 lb. lean ham, with all visible fat trimmed
- 1 ham bone or ham hock
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 15 oz. can diced or stewed tomatoes
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- Juice from 1 lemon
- 1-2 cloves minced garlic
- 6-8 cups water
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Instructions**

1. Place beans in slowcooker, cover with water. Allow beans to soak overnight, or at least 8 hours. After soaking, drain excess water.
2. Wedge the ham bone or ham hock into a bed of beans.
3. Add onion, tomatoes, chili powder, red pepper flakes, lemon and garlic.
4. Cover everything with the 6-8 cups of water. Six if you like it as ham and bean stew, eight if you want it to be soup.
5. Slowcook on low setting for 6-8 hours.
6. Add the ham and the seasoning packet, then cook on low for an additional 30 minutes.
7. Remove the ham bone or ham hock prior to serving.
8. Add salt and pepper to taste.

From: [Myrecipes.com](http://Myrecipes.com)

**Ingredients**

- 8 hard-cooked large eggs, shelled and mashed
- About 1/2 cup mayonnaise (regular or reduced fat) or sour cream (or equal portions of each)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh tarragon or 1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh thyme leaves or dried thyme
- Salt and pepper
- 6 cups baby salad mix, rinsed and crisped
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 8 slices dense-textured bread
- Thinly sliced Cucumbers

**Preparation**

1. In a bowl, mix eggs with enough mayonnaise for desired consistency. Stir in mustard, tarragon, and thyme. Add salt and pepper to taste.
2. Put salad mix in another bowl; mix with olive oil and vinegar, and salt and pepper to taste.
3. Place two slices of bread on each plate. Spread egg salad equally on slices. Top sliced cucumbers and mound salad mix alongside sandwich.

**2022 ELECTION TIMETABLE**

|                                 |                                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <u>Thursday, April 14, 2022</u> | Ballots will be mailed                  |
| <u>Monday, May 2, 2022</u>      | 5 PM -- Deadline to receive all ballots |
| <u>Tuesday, May 3, 2022</u>     | Annual Meeting 7:30 PM                  |



**Sumptuous Egg Salad Sandwiches**

# **NORTHFIELD HILLS CONDIMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**Board Members Present:**

**Josh West, Chair; Kristy Watkins, Vice Chair; Kent Cathcart, Treasurer; Mike Malley, Secretary; John Ballantine; Director; Neal Moore, Director; Gary Newville, Director; Kathleen Deburghgraeve, Community Manager**

### **1. Chairman's Comments**

- We are still in a global pandemic and will allow for Zoom technology. People may attend in person or on Zoom.
- We still have people speeding through the courts, someone is going to get hurt. Please have caution when driving through the courts.
- Mask mandate is due to expire tonight, 02/23/22.

### **2. Resident's Forum**

- Resident - Thank you to S. O'Brien and crew for the snow removal, good job.
- Resident - I am thankful for the people who are keeping the ice melt containers full.
- Resident - Thank you to our maintenance staff for working so hard. I feel like the company that does the shoveling on the sidewalks and porches is not doing it properly. In the past I made a suggestion to hire school kids and that was shut down. I cannot safely walk for at least 3 days after it snows. Per Board, the complaint will be brought to S. O'Brien's attention.
- Resident - Court C used to be the best court for moving cars when it snows and now it's the worst. If we would fine people, we could have made about \$400 this past snow just in this court. I am tired of it. J. West said that Management does send letters and fines and that these fines can be a lien on your property if not paid.

### **3. Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **4. Agenda**

- Approved as written.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

- Approved as written.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- Included in packet.
- Working with K. Deburghgraeve on budget, some adjustments were made. Also met with S. O'Brien to get organized to finish painting project. Working with Eric from Apex and getting a price to do asphalt work this year. The following year we are going to be starting our roofing project.

## **7. Management Report**

- Mask mandate – No more masks and no more plexiglass. Board approved.
- Clubhouse rental capacity – Board approved going back to 100% capacity.
- Lifeguards – We currently only have two lifeguards wanting to come back. K. Deburghgraeve is actively working with schools and colleges to find new lifeguards. S. Quintana will put it out on social media.
- Art on The Lake – Board approved having Art on the Lake this year. The date will be Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Breakfast – Reinstate. First one will be held on 03/17/22.
- K. Deburghgraeve would like to thank C. Kohn for her hard work in getting our Rental Units all up to date. This has been a very time consuming and much needed job and Connie has done a fantastic job.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **Activities Report**

o N/A.

### **Clubhouse**

o N/A

### **Grounds**

o N/A

### **City Liaison**

o N/A

### **CANH**

o N/A

## **9. Correspondence**

- N/A

## **10. Unfinished Business**

- Court signs – Approved
- Clubhouse light up sign – Yes to MD Lighting.

#### 11. New Business

- N/A

#### 12. Residents Comments

- Resident – Have we found out where the excessive water usage problems are yet? K. Deburghraeve said that the high-water bill was due to the increase in the cost of water and that when the Water Department notices an abnormally high bill, they contact us and we go to that condo to check if there is a problem. It was put into the flyer to watch for leaky faucets, toilets etc. just as a help to the association as a whole to cut costs on our water bill.

#### 13. Announcements

- N/A

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Please join your friends and neighbors on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** for the Community Association of Northfield Hills (CANH) Beechwood Lake & River Cleanup.

**Parents, lead by example, show you children and/or grandchildren the true meaning of Community Service...have your entire family join in to help!**



**Certificates will be given out to those in need of Community Service, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc. If you belong to a scouting Troop please invite them but let us know so that we can have certificates ready.**

**If we have enough volunteers, we will also clean the wooded areas.**

CANH will supply rubber gloves and a limited amount of tools. If you have tools you think may be helpful, we would appreciate your bringing them along. You might want to consider wearing rubber boots.

Remember that children will be required to have adult supervision at all times, and, will not be allowed in the water.

We will meet and register at 9:00 a.m. at the Northfield Hills Condominiums Clubhouse, 1750 Brentwood, for coffee and rolls. **Wristbands will be distributed at registration as the food will be served to REGISTERED participants only.** The clean-up will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Again, lunch will be served at noon to *participants only in the clubhouse.*

All participants need to R.S.V.P. to the clubhouse at 248-641-9070 no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th. Please let us know how many adults and children will be participating so we can get an accurate count for food.

Note: The cleanup will be held rain or shine; but will be cancelled if there is lightning.

***Thanks for coming to join us in cleaning up our Lake & River. See you on May 7<sup>th</sup>!***

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## MONTH of APRIL 2022

### Northfield Hills Condominium Association

| Sunday                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                | Tuesday       | Wednesday                                                                                                                | Thursday | Friday                                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                             |
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|                                                                                                            |                                                                                                       |               |                                                                                                                          |          | 1<br>                   | 2 Ramadan starts at sundown<br> |
| 3                                                                                                          | 4 Clubhouse Committee Meeting 7PM                                                                     | 5 Euchre 6PM  | 6                                                                                                                        | 7        | 8                                                                                                            | 9                                                                                                                    |
| 10<br>                  | 11 CANH Meeting 6PM                                                                                   | 12            | 13                                                                                                                       | 14       | 15 Good Friday and Passover                                                                                  | 16                                                                                                                   |
| 17 Clubhouse Closed<br> | 18 Movie Night<br> | 19 Euchre 6PM | 20                                                                                                                       | 21       | 22 Senior Breakfast<br> | 23                                                                                                                   |
| 24 Eastern Orthodox Easter                                                                                 | 25                                                                                                    | 26            | 27 Board of Directors Meeting 7PM<br> | 28       | 29                                                                                                           | 30                                                                                                                   |