ne View from the Hil ASSOCIATION NORTHFIELD HILLS CONDOMINIUM

April 2025



Happy Easter, Welcome Spring!

Inside this issue:

- Passover
- Easter
- Eastern Orthodox Easter
- Earth Day
- Recipes and more

The View from the Hills Staff Trude Naschak Carrie Roberts View E-mail Address: c.roberts11958@gmail.com

Editorial Policy

The View from the Hills is a publication for the residents of Northfield Hills Condominium Association compiled and published by its staff, which serves on a voluntary basis. The View is published monthly except January and August. Any resident of Northfield Hills is eligible to join the View staff in the variety of tasks related to publishing a newspaper.

The View from the Hills welcomes comments, suggestions and articles from its readers. All materials submitted for publication in the View must be true, factual and newsworthy. The staff reserves the right to hold items from publication pending validation of facts; and also reserves the right to decline advertising copy.

Where items are of a critical or controversial nature, the editors reserve the right to solicit comments from those with opposing viewpoints.

Opinions expressed on these pages do not necessarily reflect those of the *View* staff, Board of Directors, Committees, Association Management employees or our advertisers.

Materials submitted for publication must be given to the receptionist in the Clubhouse and must include his/her signature and name in print.

No material will be accepted for publication in the upcoming issue after the 20th of the month prior to publication.

Phone Numbers

A MOME I TOMASSOCIE	
Clubhouse	
Clubhouse Fax	
AMI	586-739-6001
AMI Fax	586-739-6006
Troy Emergency	911
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency	248-524-3477

Clubhouse Address:
Northfield Hills Condo Assoc
Clubhouse East
1750 Brentwood Drive
Troy, MI 48098

Clubhouse Hours:
Mon-Fri 9 AM--10 PM
Saturday 11 AM--10 PM
Sunday 11 AM--5 PM
Sunday 11 AM--10 PM from
Memorial Day weekend
through Labor Day

NHCA Website: Amicondos.com/northfieldhills/

NHCA Board of Directors

Josh West Chairperson Kristy Watkins-

Visnaw.....Vice-Chairperson
John BallantineDirector
Kent CathcartTreasurer
Kathy KatzDirector
Mike MalleySecretary
Gary NewvilleDirector

Committees

- * Activities
 Diane Malley, Chairperson
 Tammy Blamy, Co-Chair
- * City of Troy Liaison John Ballantine
- * Clubhouse Becky Matthews, Chairperson
- * Finance Kent Cathcart, Treasurer



Northfield Hills Employees

On-Site Community Manager: Kathleen Deburghgraeve

Maintenance Superintendent: Sean O'Brien

Management Coordinator: Stacey Quintana

Maintenance Assistants: Jordan Chirco Jeff Kaminski

Receptionists:

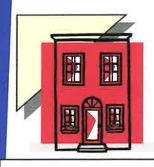
Connie Kohn Judy Walker

CANH Representatives

Lillian Karamanian Vicki Belgeri Kathy Katz

Court Captains
AKristy Watkins-Visnaw
BNancie Vanderbeke
CNancie Vanderbeke
DNancie Vanderbeke
ENancie Vanderbeke
FWill Molnar
GMike Malley
HNancie Vanderbeke
IMarilyn Thomas
KNancie Vanderbeke
LChris Runnette
MJoy Stockamp
NDiana Stojkovic
OCindy Stockamp
PNancie Vanderbeke
QNancie Vanderbeke
REllen Schmidt
TKarol Carter
UKarol Carter
VMary Jo Dorsey
WBecky Matthews
XDiane Claeys
YDiane Claeys
1Eric Flynn

2 Janet Casey3 Larry Casey4 Mike Morrison



Condo Corner

April 2025

Coming Up:

Activities Committee is holding
WHITE ELEPHANT
BINGO NIGHT
at the clubhouse.
April 26 @ 7PM

More info in this issue of the View from the Hills.



Movie Night

April 14th at 6:45 PM

March's movie: "No Where Special"

2025 ELECTION TIMETABLE

Printed in this issue of the View from the Hills.

New View Advertiser:

~ Mobil Notary Services ~ Kelly Farrell

Please patronize our View Advertisers

ATTENTION ALL
NORTHFIELD HILLS
RESIDENTS
SLOW DOWN on our
streets and through our
courts!



NEW CLIENTS

ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Elena Martinovici

International Diamond Society
Quality Service Pinnacle Award
Centurion Honor Society Award

248-635-7140



Complimentary: ideas for remodeling, staging, interior decorating to help you improve your investment! Always happy to help!

ACTIVE

5077 Brentwood 5331 Breeze Hill	2 Bed 3 Bed	1.1 Bath 1.1 Bath	No Garage No Garage	\$249,900
1622 Brentwood	2 Bed	1.1 Bath	1 Garage	\$290,000
PENDING:				
1814 Brentwood	2 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$254,999
5139 Buckingham	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	1 Garage	\$240,000
SOLD:				
1778 Brentwood	2 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$239,000
1835 Brentwood	2 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$230,000
1662 Brentwood	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$260,000
5238 Breeze Hill	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$295,000
5331 Breeze Hills	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$272,000
1598 Brentwood	3 Bed	2.1 Bath	1 Garage	\$320,000
5395 Breeze Hill	3 Bed	2.1Bath	1 Garage	\$320,000
5234 Breeze Hill	3 Bed	2.1 Bath	1 Garage	\$369,000

I am thankful to all my neighbors who have placed their trust in my service with their real estate needs.
Thank you!

I am committed to help you experience a smooth and a successful transection!

Call your neighbor Realtor!



ELENA



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*Most of these are repeated each April as needed.

SAFETY WHILE PLAYING Warm weather brings more 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 by their family where to play and how to watch for cars.

Safety for our residents is an important concern. 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.

❖ WATCH YOUR SPEED, PLEASE Drive slowly along Brentwood and proceed with caution into all courts. We cannot write this enough!

When driving up or down Club East Drive to the Clubhouse, please make sure when you enter or exit to or from Brentwood, you proceed very slowly and watch for walkers as you turn the corner. With a bright sun shining (perhaps in your direct sight) it might be difficult to see details of your drive. Even without the bright sunlight, Club East Drive can become an issue, so we tell walkers to keep to the side of the roadway, not walk down the middle of the road.

*FORMS FOR PLANTINGS In this View April issue (see following page) is the form for each co-owner or renter to fill out, letting staff know if you want or do not want the landscapers to care for the flowers in the front of your unit. Each unit should have a form on file with a sticker on your front window to let them know your wishes. Anyone who does not return this form by Friday, April 26th will have their flower beds and shrubs maintained by the landscape contractor on a regular basis.

RESPECTING WALKERS There are also more residents walking on the path around Beechwood Lake. Remember walkers still have priority over the cyclists. If you are biking, be respectful and safe and wait to pass walkers or go to the side on the grassy area.





Nature News

Taken from Wild Birds Unlimited Newsletter

Fun Facts about Owls

- The adaptive Great Horned Owl can be found virtually anywhere in North America. Its habitat includes forest, field, tundra and desert and highly-developed suburban areas.
- Owls' feathers are especially soft and muffle wind noise. Many owls also have special comblike fringes on the leading edge of their wings to help channel air, thereby reducing noise. These adaptations allow owls to make a soundless approach towards their prey.
- An old southern legend states that if you hear a Great Horned Owl's call coming from your left side it is forecasting bad luck for you.
- Many owls can turn their head around over 270°, allowing them to look almost directly behind themselves. This adaptation compensates for the fact that their eyes are fixed into a boney socket in the skull and are virtually unable to move.

- Owls' eyes are unique among birds as they are located on the front of the head, instead of on the side. This not only gives them a very human appearance but also enables them to match our level of depth perception that is created by the overlapping vision from each eye.
- Owls' ears are located asymmetrically on their head, with the right ear being higher than the left ear. Each ear hears the same sound with a slight difference, creating a form of audible "depth perception" which can be used to track the location and movements of their prey.
- When fully spread out, the talon of a Great Horned Owl can span up to eight inches wide.
- After digesting their most recent meal, owls will form a pellet of the undigested remains of their prey and regurgitate it. Made up primarily of fur, feathers and bones, it is egested approximately 13-16 hours after eating.
- The Great Horned Owl nests earlier than any other bird of prey in North America.
- When listening to the calls of Great Horned Owls you can distinguish the male from the female by his lower pitch and slightly slower call.
- The Great Horned Owl is probably the longestlived owl in North America. Banding records confirm numerous owls living into their twenties, with the record lifespan being more than 27 years.





MAINTENANCE OF FLOWER BEDS AND SHRUBS – 2025

All residents who wish to maintain their own flower beds and/or trim their own shrubs this spring and summer, 2025, must fill out the attached form and return it to the clubhouse. Anyone who does not return this form by Friday, April 25th will have their flower beds and shrubs maintained by the landscape contractor on a regular basis. When turning in this form please be sure to pick up your window sticker(s) which are to be placed on an inside window on the first floor.

(Cut along the do	otted line and return to the clubhouse)
Name:	Unit #
Address:	



~ OUT AND ABOUT ~

2nd Annual Makers Market

Suburban Collection , 46100 Grand River, Novi Saturday, April 12th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Free admission, Parking \$10.

- Last year's event was a well-attended success. There will be over 400 vendors, including local and national artists and crafters. Call 248-348-5600 or go to: http://suburbancollectionshowplace.com



Spring Egg Hunt

Troy Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles

Friday, April 11th from 4-7:30 p.m. Reservations recommended.

Saturday, April 12th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Children under two are free. Costs vary for adults from: \$7 to \$10.

-"Hop on over" to enjoy the egg hunt, crafts and the HOPstacle course, which will make the visit lots of fun. Call: 248-524-3570 for information and to register.

Zehnder's 30th Annual Ragtime Festival

Zehnder's Restaurant, 730 So. Main Street, Frankenmuth Wednesday, 4/23rd through Friday, 4/25th

Costs vary from lunch through dinner for each event -\$35 to \$70.

Reservations required. Discount coupons available.

- This lively festival is worth the drive, especially when the famous chicken dinner is included with certain events. Other events include a vaudeville night, sing-alongs, as well as the dinner, lunch, and brunch concert options. Schedule/Details: www.zehnders.com



21st Annual Earth Day Fair

Goodells' County Park, St. Clair County, 15 miles west of Port Huron Saturday, 4/26th from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Cost: Free admission and parking, plus free shuttles from overflow parking areas.



- This outing includes earth demos, live animal exhibits, outdoor family entertainment, nature inspired art, native shrub & wildflower sales, etc. Dogs are allowehttp://d on the grounds, but NOT in exhibit buildings or visitors center. http://earthdayfair.com

All Heating & Cooling 248-909-7228

Furnace or A/C Tune-Up Special!

Low Price of

\$79.00/ Tune-up

248-909-7228

Stay Cool and Save Now!

Servicing ALL Furnace & A/C Unit's, 24 Hour Service and FREE ESTIMATES!

Be Sure your Home is
Ready for the Upcoming
Season and Contact our
Service Experts today!

Specializing in all HVAC Services and much more.





Fun, Facts and Trivia

There are varying beliefs on where the name April came from. Some believe the month was named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. Others believe the Romans named it for the Latin word "aperire" or for "aprilis," both meaning to open. Many flowering plants in the northern hemisphere do open during April.

- -Its flowers are the Daisy meaning joy and new beginnings; with the Sweet Pea meaning friendship and gratitude.
- -The birthstone is the diamond, which denotes innocence.

This year, Passover begins at sundown on April 12th with Easter Sunday being observed on April 20th. There will be Earth Day activities on April 22nd, with Arbor Day recognized on 4/25th.

Of course, April 15th is the date when
Federal and State income
taxes are filed. "Wear your
Pajamas to Work Day" on April
16th. Rumors have spread that

the date was chosen as it is the day after most of us have filed our tax returns.

April is National Autism Awareness month and Stress Awareness month, as well as National Humor month. Makes sense, as a sense of humor may help to relieve stress.

Let's not forget that Thursday, April 24th is "Take a child to work day," which began thirty years ago as, "Take your son or daughter to work day".

Some unusual dates in April: "Ferret Day" on the 2nd, "Scrabble Day" on the 13th and Bugs Bunny Day on the 30th, as in 1938 the cartoon made its debut on that date!

Had you known these other April facts?

- In 648 BC the first solar eclipse was recorded by the Ancient Greeks.
- In 1867 the U.S. purchased Alaska from the Russian Empire for \$7.2 million, in a treaty ratified by the U.S. Senate. (The Alaska Purchase)
- -In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave his famous "domino theory" speech regarding communism in Southeast Asia.
- In 1973 the first portable cell phone call was placed in New York City.

In April of 1557 Thomas Tusser wrote: "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers."



Gary, Ellen, Jason & Lisa

Let us show you how we handle all the details to help you sell your condo.

WE LOVE OUR NORTHFIELD HILLS!

The Newvilles are 2nd generation owners at Northfield Hills and love it here! Jason and his family are Troy residents as well.

We have been helping clients for almost 40 years. Let us be the ones who you trust your next Real Estate transaction to.

We look forward to meeting and working with you.

NEWVILLE MCKEVITT GROUP

JASON MCKEVITT | REALTOR® 248.202.1380 | jmckevitt@theagencyre.com

GARY NEWVILLE | ASSOCIATE BROKER 248.593.0805 | gnewville@theagencyre.com



The Agency Hall & Hunter 442 S. Old Woodward Avenue Birmingham, MI 48009

THEAGENCYRE.COM

AN INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED FRANCHISES:





...is a Jewish holy day and festival. It commemorates 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 Passover begins at sundown on Saturday, April 12th. It is celebrated for seven or eight days by those of the Jewish faith.

In Hebrew the word for Passover is "Pesach" and refers to the time when God passed over the houses of the Israelites and spared them.

The word Seder comes from the Hebrew root word for order. It has been noted that over 70% of the American Jewish people participate in a Seder.



Throughout the meal, participants read from a prayer book known as a Haggadah that

explains the story of the Exodus of Egypt.

Passover and Easter are forever linked together due to their position on the calendar, as well as Jesus' Last Supper was historically documented as a Passover Seder. It is interesting to note in the older English versions of the Bible, the term Easter was the word used to translate Passover.

Cindy's Clean-up & Planting Service

Too tired/busy to clean up your patio beds for the fall?

Too tired/busy to plant your beds in the spring?

Let me help! Reasonable rates! Northfield Hills resident.

Call Cindy Gulis @ 248-321-2160



2025 Election Timetable

<u>Week of April 1</u> - Ballots will be mailed

<u>Monday, May 5</u> - 5PM Deadline to receive all ballots

<u>Tuesday, May 6</u> - Annual Meeting - 7:30 PM

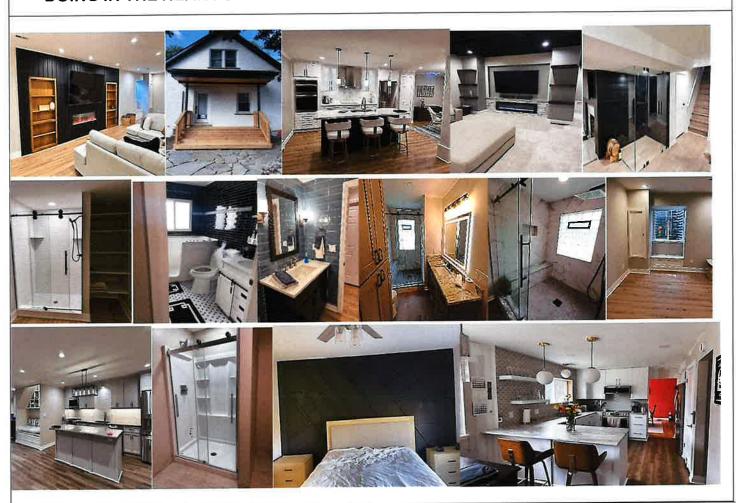
Greetings from

My Quality Construction



It is 2025 – Are you Ready?

WE ARE WORKING IN THE AREA AND WANTED TO REACH OUT TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY PROJECTS YOU HAVE THAT REQUIRE SERVICES OR THAT YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN DOING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BELOW IS JUST A SAMPLE OF COMPLETED WORK.



We stand behind what we do, and we will make it right every time.

Interiors: Flooring, Kitchens & Bathrooms, Finish basements, Accent walls, Drywall, Trim, Painting and MORE!!!

Windows and doors: Ply Gem -Anderson- Joyce. Egress windows

Decks & Railings: Composite, Pressure treated, Cedar, Aluminum railings

My Quality Construction - Licensed and Insured

586-222-8111



This year both the Western and Eastern Orthodox Christians, Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 20th.

For Christians the resurrection of Jesus is the key event in all of history. 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.

Easter is the holiest of Christian days, with many Western traditions for this sacred religious observance. It is a celebration of the central tenet of the faith marking victory over death and the hope in eternal life. Beginning with lent, the week from Palm Sunday, leading up to Easter, is known as "Holy Week."



Easter egg hunts and stories of the Easter bunny have become part of Christian celebrations. It is believed

the egg hunts began in the late 16th century in Germany, as a way for church congregation children to rejoice and enjoy in the day.

Later in the 18th century, the Easter hare (Osterhase) was added to the celebration. German immigrants brought the tradition where the children would also build nests and leave carrots out for the Easter "hare". They were told that only good children would receive the eggs. Sound familiar?

Enjoy a Happy Easter!

KELLY FARRELL

Notary / Loan Signing Agent 248-632-9446



Mobil Notary Services
Signing Agent for: Loans/Trusts/Wills/Refinancing
Bill of Sale/Mortgages/Titles/Bank Forms
Marriage Licenses/Divorce Decree

Ms.kellyfarrell@gmail.com Troy, MI 48098

> 24 HOUR NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE I WILL COME TO YOU! Northfield Hills Resident



EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER

Orthodox Christians will be celebrating Easter this year on Sunday, April 20th. The **Eastern Orthodox Church**, officially the **Orthodox Catholic Church**, is the second largest Christian Church in the world, with an estimated 230 million adherents worldwide, including over three million of those in the U.S.

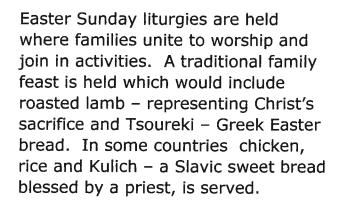
Interesting to note is that the Eastern



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.

In many Eastern Orthodox homes, eggs are included in the tradition as they are representative of rebirth – new life being born from the egg. Some celebrants dye hard-boiled eggs red to symbolize Christ's blood and the beginning of spring.



Wishing our neighbors and friends a blessed Easter celebration.

 \sim

PATTI'S PET SERVICES

Loving care when you're not there

248-310-6364

Dog Walking ~ Pet Sitting ~ Pet Taxi Service

pattiserafini@msn.com



Licensed, Insured, and Bonded/Red Cross Certified Dog & Cat First Aid References available upon request



On Tuesday, April 22nd millions around the world will celebrate the 54th anniversary of **Earth Day**. This day is a unified effort 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 has been coordinated internationally by the Earth Day Network (EDN) to promote environmental citizenship and year-round activities worldwide.

Our environmental citizenship begins with as small a task as not littering and also picking up discarded items from our own NH area, then disposing of them properly. Those items which can be recycled, should go in our Troy recycling bins. If unsure of which items can or cannot be put in these bins, go to: www.troymi.gov

SOCRRA recycling and hazardous waste disposal site located at 995 Coolidge in Troy. Check the hours at the facility for tours and drop-offs of special recyclables at: www.socrra.org

Remember **Earth Day** is more than recycling products to lessen our landfills. It includes the greening of urban areas with gardens,



maintaining or replacing the lost tree population, as well as keeping our lakes and rivers from pollution. A few times a year in our area, there are river and lake cleanups that residents can participate in. This is a way to volunteer and help the environment.

A way to have you enjoy helping would be to plant seeds in your garden this spring with blooms known to draw butterflies and bees to visit. While the flowers and butterflies add beauty to your surroundings, the bees will foster pollination. www.migreenteam.com

EMC Computer



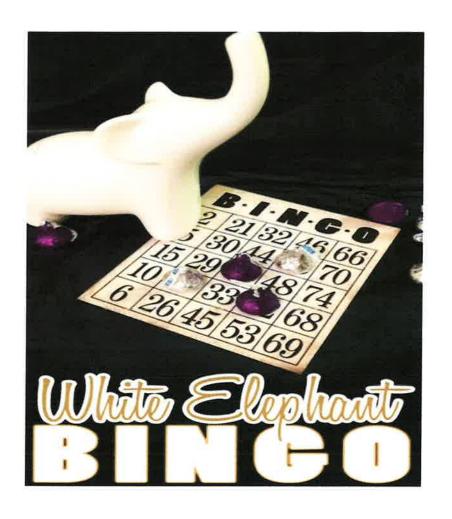


- ✓ Computer Hardware & Accessories
- ✓ Build Your Own System
- ✓ Repair and Maintenance Center
- ✓ Home and Business Networking
- ✓ Virus Removal /Data Recovery

3295 Rochester Road Troy, MI 48083

Elie@EMCComputerStore.com

Senior Discounts Available



White Elephant Bingo Night

April 26, 2025 7-10pm

Save your place for BINGO!
Sign up at the Clubhouse

Entry fee: Small wrapped item (less than \$10)

Snacks and drinks welcome. Pop and popcorn provided.

Your Northfield Hills Medicare Advocates



Gayle M. ZechGwen M. Smith

248.802.4290248.320.8369

gayle.zech@gmail.com

gwensmith79@yahoo.com

Medicare / Health / Life / Annuity / Indemnity

ARBOR DAY



Arbor Day is a national observance that encourages tree planting and care. It is always on the last Friday in April – this ye

celebrated on the last Friday in April – this year on the 25th.

This day has a Michigan connection! When J. Sterling Morton and his wife moved in 1872 to Nebraska from <u>Detroit</u>, they missed nature's greenery they had enjoyed in Michigan. When arriving in Nebraska, 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 around their land.

Although a journalist, Morton was also a politician, serving as President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. On April 10th of that year the first **Arbor Day** was held.

At the federal level, it was in 1970 when President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as **National Arbor Day**, which is now also celebrated in many foreign countries.

Many towns and cities will hold celebrations during the month. Last year, the City of Troy was designated as a "Tree City" by the Arbor Day Foundation. Troy usually has a tree planting ceremony, with the information at: www.troymi.gov

As residents in Northfield Hills, we are fortunate to have many existing trees and new ones planted for us. All we have to do is admire the beauty of them, with the flowering then changing colors of their leaves!

*SPRING TO-DO GARDEN IDEAS



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

- 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.
- Prune those shrubs and trees normally pruned in the spring. Not sure?
 Call the MSU Extension hotline at 888-678-3464 or visit: msue.oakland@county.msu.edu.
- 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.
- As soon as the weather is more temperate, and the ground has softened, plant pansies, foxglove, forget-me-nots, as well as other coolweather flowers; such as, sweet peas, bachelor's buttons, and larkspur.
 - * Look for the "Maintenance of Flower Beds and Shrubs" form (in this issue of the View). Please fill out the form, drop it off at the Clubhouse, and pick up your sticker(s) while you are there.



THE MASTODON IN MY BACK YARD

- Jim Kleinschmidt

Our little stretch of the Rouge River is, on the surface, a rather unremarkable stream. It doesn't have the rapids of the Snake River in Wyoming, or the trout and wilderness of the Big Two Hearted River in the Upper Peninsula. Nor does it begin to rank with the giant rivers like the Nile or the Amazon.



Appearances can be so deceiving. That unassuming, unremarkable older person whom it is easy to ignore often has a remarkable history. The old, bent man fought at the Battle of the Bulge. The lady who has obviously fallen on hard times once skied in the Alps, and travelled extensively. Our river is similar in that it has a grand history that may go back 14,000 years. It existed 10,000 years, more or less, before there was a Christian religion. It was flowing thousands of years before people formed what we now call civilization.

During that history it is very probable that more than one <u>mastodon</u> browsed on the pine forest in the lowlands around my present-day condominium, possibly near our river. Paleontologists dwell on when they might have been here, what happened to them, and how many existed. But I just like to picture them through my window wall, pulling at the branches with their trunks and forcing large amounts of pine boughs into their calmly chewing mouths.

I imagine that on some days it might get very warm and they would slip into the river to cool off and get a refreshing drink. It must have been very quiet. I am sure that there were some predators, and small groups of humans, but surely most days were relatively safe for such a large animal. They may have rolled in the mud as a defense from biting insects. The lively baby mastodons must have been carefully watched to keep them out of trouble. Everyone probably dozed a bit in the mid-afternoon hours.

They say that the mastodons disappeared between 10,000 and 11,000 years ago. Weather changes, maybe, and perhaps with some help from people. The boggy pine forests are also gone, and that may have been part of the reason, too. The weather changed, the plants changed, and the mastodons died. It seems to be such a sad thing that I cannot go to the window wall and see that little group of giants.

But sometimes I have seen through the window wall, a bird that has ancestors from further back than even the mastodon. The <u>red wing blackbird</u> does not like people much;

so I imagine that it secrets an idea born of hundreds of thousands of years of existence. The blackbird sees we consider our creations so important that a mere whim can cost him his nesting area among the cattails. He may have imbedded in him the primitive knowledge that 10,000 of our allotted 15,000 years of mild weather has passed, and in 5,000 years another ice age will start, and it will last literally 100,000 years. In that place where he lost a home to development, there will be a glacier about two or three miles thick, crushing all the important structures of the humans.

Nature is patient. Even after 100,000 years a seemingly fragile bird can return and claim back a place to build a nest according to the ancient design. Would it be too much to ask, also, for the mastodon to return even if I won't see it?

Here are some truly EGGciting recipes to try with your leftover Easter eggs. Enjoy!

Yield: 20 to 24 portions



10-12 hard boiled eggs

Light salt and pepper

2 tsp. sweet pickle relish

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated onions

1 tsp. yellow or brown mustard

1 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip (more or less depending on how soft you want the filling)

Garnish: sprinkled paprika, parsley flakes or half an olive for added decoration.

- 1. Halve each peeled egg lengthwise, scoop out yolks and set aside in a small bowl, set white halves on a plate.
- 2. Using a fork, mash yolks, then add in pickle relish, and grated onions.
- 3. Add mayonnaise and mustard; then light salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Mix gently.
- 5. Put egg mixture into white halves, using a heaping household teaspoonful for each white.
- 6. Garnish with sprinkled cayenne pepper, parsley flakes, or half a green olive for some added color!



Yield: 10 to 12 portions

ZESTY MEXICAN EGG SALAD

- The Silver Palate Good Times Cookbook by Julee Russo and Sheila Lukins

12 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and chopped

4 ribs celery, chopped

5 scallions (green onions, white part and 2 inches green), sliced

2 jalapeno peppers, minced (also remove seeds and membranes)

1 sweet red pepper, cored, seeded, and diced

1 clove garlic, minced

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups grated Cheddar cheese

1 cup (or as needed) Hellman's mayonnaise (may use lowfat)

Juice of one lime

1 tablespoon ground cumin

1 tablespoon chili pepper

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Garnish: chopped fresh coriander, avocado slices, sprinkled lightly with lime juice

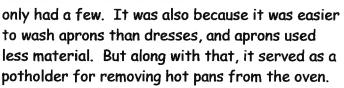
- 1. Place the eggs, celery, scallions, jalapeno peppers, red pepper, garlic, and cheese in a mixing bowl and toss to combine.
- 2. Mix 1 cup mayonnaise, the lime juice, cumin and chili powder in a small bowl.
- 3. Gently fold the mayonnaise mixture into the egg mixture, adding more mayonnaise If needed to bind the salad well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving bowl.
- 4. Refrigerate several hours to allow flavors to blend. Garnish with fresh coriander and avocado slices.

THE HISTORY OF APRONS

Some of us might remember making an apron in Home Ec class; although Home Ec class "isn't

what it used to be!" I don't think many of our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath it because she



It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids, and when the weather was cold Grandma wrapped it around her arms to keep her warm.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

In the summer it carried all sorts of fruits and vegetables from the garden; then after the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Now, her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Now people would go crazy trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron but *LOVE*...



NORTHFIELD HILLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Board Members Present:

Josh West, Chair; Kristy Watkins, Vice Chair; Mike Malley, Secretary; Kathy Katz, Director; Kathleen Deburghgraeve, Community Manager, S. O'Brien, Maintenance Superintendent

Via Zoom: Gary Newville; Kent Cathcart

1. Chairman's Comments

- There is an issue with people not moving their cars when it snows. This is costly. We only want to pay for the plow trucks to come through once. This is a big problem. It's imperative that you move your car when it snows. Fines will begin if cars are not moved. We salt multiple times. Salt is always available at the clubhouse.
- Sow down in courts. This is an ongoing issue.

2. Resident Forum

- A homeowner asked if the homeowner is responsible for a walkway that the association is responsible for salting? This is a limited common element and is the resident's responsibility.
- A homeowner said that both of her windows that face the parking lot and have the awning above them, have a ton of ice built up. Per S. O'Brien, it is the way that the unit (St. Moritz) was designed. It has a mansard roof, and the gutter is over the front door which creates big icicles.
- A homeowner said that there is a problem with the slope of the new asphalt by the drain at her parking spot. Three of us neighbors are slammed with water and ice. I have used five buckets of salt in three weeks. Water gushes from everywhere. Parking barriers helped before. Per S. O'Brien, It's the same drain and same elevation that it has always been. The new asphalt makes it more slippery because it's so smooth and it has no pits and pores. S. O'Brien understands the issue that they are having and will meet with her tomorrow.
- A new homeowner asked, when the snowplows come out is there any way to send an email or a text? We cannot do that; we don't have the capability.
- A homeowner said that regarding Court E and the drain she is in the same situation. Also, are we really fining people for not moving their cars? Yes

• A homeowner asked how K. Deburghgraeve got the information about the water a person uses each month by flushing their toilet? G. Newville answered that he read about it online.

3. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. Agenda

Approved.

5. Approval of Minutes

Approved as written.

6A. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report included.
- We are on track to complete Reserve projects. We are in good shape.

7. Management Report

- Report Included.
- Water costs have increased.
- We will be going back to Consumer's Energy in April.
- We need to look into updating the clubhouse kitchen. K. Katz to coordinate with the committee.

8. Committee Reports

Activities Report

Events being planned.

Clubhouse

K. Katz is the liaison.

Grounds

N/A

City Liaison

N/A

CANH

- N/A
- 9. Correspondence
 - N/A
- 10. Unfinished Business
 - N/A
- 11. New Business
 - N/A
- 12. Residents Comments
 - N/A
- 13. Announcements
 - N/A



On-Site Window Blind Cleaning, Repair & Custom Blinds Since 1992

Never Be Without Your Blinds!

Dirty Blinds?

\$25 OFF Blind Cleaning Orders Over \$250

Some restrictions may apply.
Call for details. Limited time offer.
Must present ad upon service

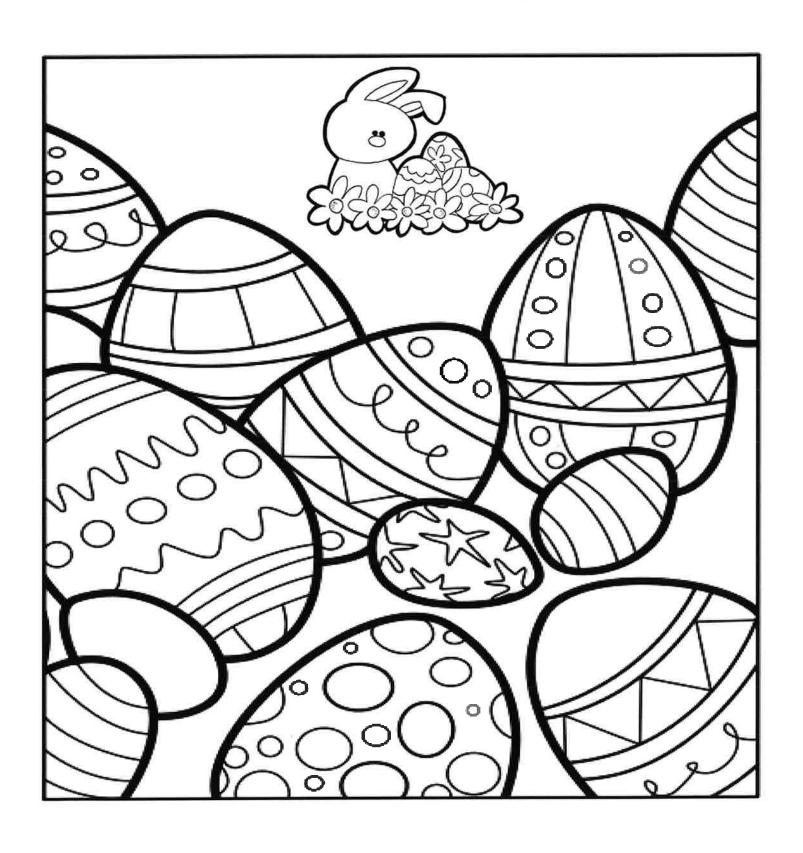
New Blinds?

Aria On-Site Offers Free In-Home/Office Shopping Specializing in Hunter Douglas

Window Fashions
Hunter Douglas *Priority* Dealer.

ariaonsite.com Toll Free: 1-855-261-ARIA

View Kids Coloring Page



Directory of Advertisers

Computer Technical Services

EMC Computer (Elie Nichols)......248-680-9701

Gardening Services

Cindy's Clean-up/Planting Service....248-321-2160

Home Improvement Services

My Quality Construction......586-222-8111

HVAC

All Heating & Cooling......248-909-7228

Miscellaneous Services

Aria (Blind Cleaning/Repair)......1-855-261-2742

Miscellaneous Services (Continued)

Medicare Advocates	
Gwen M. Smith	248-320-8369
Gayle M. Zech	248-802-4290
Mobil Notary Services	
Kelly Farrell	248-632-9446
Patti's Pet Services	248-310-6364

Realtors

Coldwell Banker	
Elena Martinovici	248-635-7140

Newville McKevitt Group

Jason McKevitt	248-202-1380
Gary Newville	248-593-0805

When you use one of our advertisers, be sure to tell them you found their ad in the View from the Hills.

"View" Advertising Rate Schedule

Prices published January 2025

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR VIEW ADVERTISERS

	Rate <u>per month</u>	Cost for ten issues if paid monthly	Prepay for ten issues GET ONE FREE!!!
Full Page	\$85	\$850	\$765
Half Page	\$65	\$650	\$585
Quarter Page	\$45	\$450	\$405
Business Card	\$20	\$200	\$180

^{*} Typesetting

The 'View from the Hills' is published ten times each year, with combined issues for July/August and December/January. Advertising materials must be received by the 20th of the month for publication in the next issue. All first-time advertisements and all classified ads must be accompanied by your payment.

To advertise for a full year for the price of nine issues (a savings of 10%), payment for the year must be received by the 15th of the month prior to the first month of advertising. If cancellation during the year is necessary, the rate will revert to the "rate per month" charge and the balance will be refunded.

Make checks payable to "View from the Hills," 1750 Brentwood Drive, Troy, MI 48098

For further information, please call

Carrie Roberts - 248-641-9070

^{*} An additional charge of at least \$10 will be added for all ads which must be reworked before publication (for example, handwritten ads which require typing and/or design). Ads with dark backgrounds will not be accepted due to increased toner used for printing.



MONTH of April 2025

Northfield Hills Condominium Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Octobriles
Sullday	Monday	TOOLS'	2	Thursday 3	4	Saturday 5
6	7 Clubhouse Committee Meeting 6:30PM	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12 Passover starts @ sundown
13 Palm Sundav	14 Movie Night 6:45PM	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Clubhouse Closed Easter and Eastern Orthodox Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23 Board of Directors Meeting 6PM Administrative Professionals Day	24 Holocaust Remembrance Day	25 Arbor Day	26 White Elephant Bingo Night 7- 10 PM
27	28	29	30	'31		