

the View from the Hills

April 2026



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THE VIEW

With Spring now here, we are starting to think about spring clean-up, the pool opening, and everything that goes along with Spring and Summer.

Our Maintenance Staff has begun repairing all snow-and-plow damage in the area. We had a very rough, cold winter, so there are quite a few areas that need to be fixed – please be patient.

It's time for you to start looking at your patio for spring/summer clean-up as well. Patio inspections will begin on June 1st. When we go around and look at patios, we are in awe of how beautiful some of them are, but we are often surprised at how bad some are as well. We are not asking you to awe us but at least put in an effort and make them look presentable to neighbors who must look at your patio daily. We have had people say that they can no longer have company over onto their patios because they are so embarrassed by how bad their neighbor's patio looks. A violation will be issued if nothing is done, and we will hire someone to clean your patio. This service will be charged back to the condo owner and can be quite expensive. In next month's issue of *the View from the Hills*, we will include the patio rules for you to review. If you want a copy of the rules sooner than that, please come into the clubhouse, and we will provide one.

With gas bills being so high, we have decided to have a Vendor Night at the clubhouse on Wednesday, April 29th. We are aware that many condos have very old windows that let in cold air, and the insulation is also old, making it cold and drafty in the winter months. Many of you also have old, inefficient furnaces and air conditioners, which can cause gas and electric prices to rise significantly. If any of this is true for you or you were just in the market to update any of the above, then please join us at 6:00 on April 29th. **We would like to know how many people to expect, so please call the clubhouse at 248-641-9070 to sign up.** Drop-ins are welcome as well. We would love to have a big turnout. If enough people buy, maybe discounts will be given. This would be a great time to buy replacement windows, furnaces, and/or air conditioner units. Refreshments will be served.

Lastly, it's time to look for your pool bands; ours haven't changed color since last year. (adults red/blue and kids yellow/green). If you have lost your pool band, you can purchase a new one for \$20.00 per band. Keep in mind, we only allow you to purchase a new band once. The pool will open Memorial Weekend – Saturday, May 23rd at 11 AM.

Enjoy the warmer days and the upcoming Easter holiday.

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Do you need to upgrade your old furnace and/or air conditioner?

Are you in need of new windows?

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In fact, we encourage you to attend.

You can come and talk to various vendors and get

free information from each.

Refreshments will be provided.

(Please call the clubhouse at 248-641-9070 to sign up for this important event.)

The vendors attending come highly recommended.

IMPORTANT TRASH REMINDER

Do not put out trash until after sundown on Sunday evening as stated in our Bylaws. This must be followed, or a fine will be levied.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Most of these are repeated each April as needed.*

- ❖ **IMPORTANT NEW CLUBHOUSE ENTRY RULE** A new rule has been implemented at the clubhouse. Upon entering, you must now sign in to use the pool tables, ping-pong tables, Bodyshop, library, or just to hang out. We ask that you also sign out when leaving (this will help us later in the evening to ensure we do not accidentally lock someone in the building). We are aware that many of you come in and out frequently, and we know this is an extra step; however, for better record-keeping, we are now reimplementing an old rule that has been ignored for some time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you; however, please follow the new rule, as it will greatly help our clubhouse staff monitor goings-on throughout the clubhouse. Thank you in advance for your support and for your attention to this very important rule.

- ❖ **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. **REMEMBER** the **SPEED LIMIT** through our courts is **10 MPH**. 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.

- ❖ **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.



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5840 Northfield Pkwy	3 Bed	1.1 Bath	No Garage	\$274,900
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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, Passover begins at sundown on April 1st, Easter is celebrated on April 5th and the Eastern Orthodox Easter is April 12th. April also celebrates Earth Day and Administrative Professionals Day on April 22nd. April is also "Keep America Beautiful Month" with Arbor Day celebrated on the 24th.

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 23rd.

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.



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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 Thursday, April 2nd 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.

Spring is in the air.....



Now that the snow has finally melted, you may enjoy a walk along the woods. Long time resident Judi Klarer's niece Laney found an antler while enjoying a walk together.

You never know what you will find on your walk along the woods. You might even be lucky to see one of God's creatures along the way, maybe a deer or a bunny. Enjoy your walk.





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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 5th, with Eastern Orthodox Christians commemoration on Sunday, April 12th.

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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EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER

The Eastern Orthodox Christians will be celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, on April 12th.

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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3 & 1/2 cups sweetened flake coconut
Lemon yellow gel food color
24 store-bought doughnut holes
1 can (16 oz.) white or yellow frosting

32 mini chocolate chips
orange slice candies

- Place coconut in a large resealable plastic bag. Add enough food color to tint to desired shade of yellow. Using bag, knead color into coconut until evenly distributed. Pour coconut into a shallow dish.
- Spoon 1/4 cup of the frosting into a piping bag. Place remaining frosting (in container) in the microwave and heat for 15 seconds. Stir until thin enough to coat doughnut holes. About the consistency of honey. Microwave 5 to 10 seconds more, if needed. Spear 1 doughnut hole on a fork or skewer. Dip in frosting to coat. Tap gently against frosting carton to eliminate excess.
- Push doughnut hole off into coconut. Gently roll to coat. Transfer to wax paper-lined sheet. Repeat with all doughnut holes. Snip piping bag. Pipe frosting to affix chocolate chips for eyes. Cut and affix orange candies into small triangles to resemble beaks.

BROWNIE BIRD NESTS

1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted
1 large egg
1/4 cup milk
1 box (20 Oz) brownie mix
48 candy-coated almonds or malted milk eggs.



- Heat oven to 325 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk butter, egg, and milk. Stir in brownie mix just until combined.
- Coat 16 muffin baking cups with non-stick cooking spray and divide brownie batter evenly among prepared cups. Bake at 325 for 25 minutes. Cool in pans on a wire rack for 15 minutes, then run a thin knife or spatula around brownie edges and remove from pans.
- Gently press centers of brownies to make an indent. Place 3 almonds in each brownie nest.

Strawberry Pretzel Surprise

Crust:

2 cups crushed pretzels (4 cups uncrushed)
6 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
3 Tbsp sugar



Filling and Topping:

1 package (8 oz) cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 package (10 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 packages (3 oz each) strawberry-flavored gelatin
2 cups boiling water
1 package (16 oz) frozen strawberries, thawed

Heat oven to 350°

Crust: Mix together pretzels, butter and sugar. Coat a 13 X 9 X 2 inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Pat pretzel mixture into the bottom of the dish. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool completely.

Filling and Topping: In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Fold in thawed whipped topping. Spread mixture over cooled crust.

In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in thawed strawberries. Place over larger bowl of ice water, and refrigerate, stirring occasionally, until mixture starts to thicken slightly.

Spoon strawberry mixture over cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate for 4 hours. To serve, cut into squares. Makes 16 servings.



Easter Greeting



On Wednesday, 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, **SOCRRA** (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 small, 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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ARBOR DAY

...is a national observance that encourages tree planting and care. This year's celebration will be on Friday, April 24th.

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

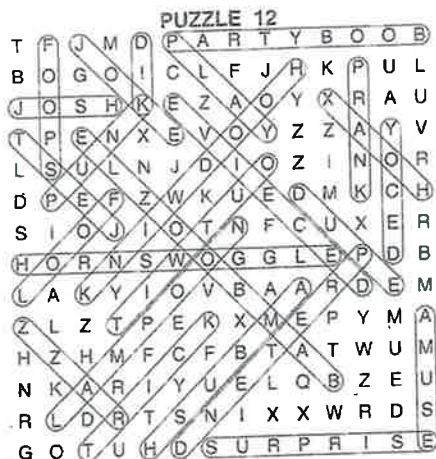
avoid soil erosion and for building materials. The couple immediately started planting trees, shrubs and flowers on their land.



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."

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From Better Homes and Gardens

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Makes: 36 servings
Prep: 20 mins
Bake: 25 mins

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cups shredded carrot
- 1 medium zucchini, shredded (1 cup)
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 recipe Citrus-Cream Cheese Frosting

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl combine flour, baking powder, ginger, and baking soda. In another large bowl stir together eggs, carrot, zucchini, brown sugar, raisins, walnuts, oil, honey, and vanilla. Add carrot mixture to flour mixture, stirring just until combined. Spread batter into an ungreased 13x9x2-inch baking pan.
2. Bake about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Frost with Citrus-Cream Cheese Frosting. Cut into bars.
3. Makes 36 bars.

Citrus-Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients

- 1 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel or orange peel (optional)

Directions

1. In a medium mixing bowl beat cream cheese and powdered sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. If desired, stir in lemon or orange peel.

2026 ELECTION



LETTERS OF INTENT:

If you plan to be a candidate for the Board of Directors, you must complete a Letter of Intent and submit a resume. Letter of Intent forms are now available at the clubhouse.

ELECTION TIMETABLE

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| <u>Week of April 6, 2026</u> | Ballots will be mailed. |
| <u>Monday, May 4, 2026</u> | 5 p.m. – Deadline to receive all ballots |
| <u>Tuesday, May 5, 2026</u> | Annual Meeting – 7:30 p.m. |

APRIL FOOLS

PUZZLE # 12

AMBUSH

AMUSE

BAMBOOZLE

BOOBY TRAP

DECEIVE

DECOY

DUPE

FOOL

HOAX

HOODWINK

HORNSWOG-

GLE

JEST

JOKE

JOSH

KID

LAMPOON

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B O G O I C L F J H K P U L

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For further information, please call

Carrie Roberts - 248-641-9070



MONTH OF April 2026

Northfield Hills Condominium Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 April Fools Day Passover begins at sundown	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday Clubhouse Closed	6 Clubhouse Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	7	8	9	10 Euchre Tournament 6:30 PM	11
12 Eastern Orthodox Easter	13 CANH Meeting 5:00 PM	14 Holocaust Remembrance Day	15	16	17	18 Book Mobile 3:15 PM
19	20	21	22 Earth Day Admin Day Board of Directors Meeting 7PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Vendor Night at the Clubhouse 6PM	30	31	