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**We have 3 openings on The Board.
If you would like to serve, let us
know.**

Springtime in Crystal Springs

While we are all ready for some dry and warmer weather some sights of spring are more annoying for the West side of Kalamazoo. I'm speaking of the multitude of colored flags that were put in our yards late Fall and which remained through the Winter. Many neighbors are getting ready to mow their grass and are questioning what is happening, if anything. So, here's the scoop. Surf Internet has contracted with a company to lay fiber optic internet. When they stopped work for the Winter months, they told Gaines Township they were returning mid-March. In recently checking out the situation, I was told that Surf was delayed because of issues with the Kent County Road Commission. Also, the flags are meant to remain for 3 weeks!! I think we are well past that timeline. So, I leave it to everyone's discretion whether to keep them or remove them. Know that Miss Dig will be back out to flag whenever the installer returns to our neighborhood. What I can also tell you is that your Crystal Spring Board of Directors has no control over this work, their schedule and any damage they may cause to your lawns. We all have a private easement for public utilities by the road which may be accessed by DTE, Consumers Power, cable companies, etc. They don't seek permission from us nor answer to us.

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Sadly, I've been told by friends who have gone through this in Byron Center that it may last months. If you find you have lawn damage, sprinkler heads broken, or Invisible Fence lines broken, call Gaines Township at 616.698.6640 as they have access to the companies involved. This project will carry over to the East side of Kalamazoo, but no dates have been mentioned at this point.

THE BYLAWS, RULES AND RESIDENTIAL USE RESTRICTIONS WERE WRITTEN WHEN CRYSTAL SPRINGS WAS DEVELOPED, STARTING FROM THE WEST SIDE OF KALAMAZOO AND THEN OVER TO EACH ASSOCIATION ON THE EAST SIDE.

THESE RULES ARE NOT NOT BOARD WRITTEN, BUT BOARD ENFORCED
PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN MAINTAINING YOUR HOME.

A LITTLE BIT OF ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Garbage bins: MUST go into your garage or APPROVED enclosed space. They may not be stored in the bushes, in the back of your house, or in a place that you think is hidden. Your neighbors see them and are calling it in.

Exterior home appearance: Crystal Springs is a neighborhood that draws people in with its beautiful homes. As warmer weather settles in, take the time to remove the remainder of the leaves that were left behind last fall, trim your shrubs, and weed and freshen up your garden beds. We have a lot of young people who are available to help you. Hire one. They will love to have a job and your neighbors will thank you for keeping up your home.

Dogs: This has been a busy winter for dog complaints. There are several neighbors who are letting their dogs out their door to wander without a leash or underground fencing. The dog does their business in their neighbors' yard leaving them to clean it up. Our residential use restriction states that dogs must be kept on a leash or contained in the owners' yard, but this is also just a common courtesy.



This is also a good time to check that your dusk to dawn light is working properly. Be proactive, don't wait to receive a violation notice.

Please join your neighbors and meet Bonnie, our business manager, and your Board members on April 22nd. We will have an update on what's happened since our last meeting in April of 2023, what's on the horizon, and discuss any concerns you may have.

Mark your calanders!

Annual Meeting!

April 22, 2024 6:30
firerock grill banquet room



UPDATE ON "NO SOLICITING" IN CRYSTAL SPRINGS

Entrances are marked and we do not permit door knockers to wander through Crystal Springs. However, we need your help in enforcing this by either not answering your doors or by making those who come to your door aware that Crystal Springs does not allow soliciting and that it is posted at all entrances. If all of us participate, soon peddlars will get the message and either go elsewhere or send mailings. Companies may mail or leave information in your press box, but those are easily thrown away if not wanted.



Remember our Little Free Libraries located on the West side in the Boulevard near the pool, and on the East side on Crystal View at the big playground. "Leave a book, take a book" and happy reading!

34 out of 745 homeowners have not paid Association dues for 2024 as of this newsletter. If you are one of them, late fees continue to be added monthly.



CRYSTAL SPRINGS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

MAY 17th & 18th 9am-6pm

NO EARLY SALES

CHECK WITH YOUR SMALLER ASSOCIATION TO SEE IF THEY ARE ALLOWED IN YOUR AREA



**For social news in the neighborhood
join your neighbors on Facebook
just search for
"Crystal Springs Life on the Course"**



**2024 FIREWORKS WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY JULY 3RD**

FIREROCK GRILLE

WOLVERINE FIREWORKS

**Bonnie Huyser
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**Spring Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9-4:00**



**There is a current position open for a Trustee for
Gaines Township Board. The candidate should
have a genuine interest in the township and its
future. The application would need to be sent in
by April 23. Contact Gaines Township
616.698.6640.**

