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Garage Doors

I hope everyone read the Hillside Update of 10/4/19 about garage doors. There is a fix for a potential problem with how the garage door openers are attached to the door. If you did not receive the Update, please contact Natasha from Gerow Management at natashab@gerowmanagement.com.

Not every door needs the additional bracing, but we would like to have a complete survey of all 59 units. Let us know (pictures help) the status of your garage door(s). All doors that need the additional bracing will have it installed at no charge to the owner, if it is done during the current process. Natasha needs to hear back from everyone, so the installation of additional bracing can be scheduled effectively.

Having the door opener come loose from the garage door is unusual, according to Zeeland Garage Door. The most common reason is that garage doors can freeze to the cement they rest on during cold winter days. Snow gets into your garage, stuck to your car is the most common way. Often it melts when the garage door is closed. Then the water can run out under the door and often becomes frozen as it meets the sub-freezing temperature outside. This can cause the door to freeze to the pavement.

When you unwittingly push the garage door opener button, if the door is frozen down, the attachment of the operator bar can be pulled away from the door. It may happen all at once or gradually over repeated episodes. It is important to try to keep water or snow from getting under your door. Floor drains can help and so can periodically removing any build-up of water or snow inside your garage.

Phase One LMP

The implementation of phase one of the Hillside Landscape Master Plan has begun. Several weeks ago, Pepperidge transplanted many of the shrubs, flowers, rocks and other greenery from the front entrance to other gardens throughout Hillside.

You may have noticed the covered pallets of material that were delivered to the front entrance recently. This is the Rosetta hardscape material that will be used to build the new sign. Clark Landscape Services will construct the wall and have the lighting installed. Midwest Sign has fabricated the letters and will attach them to the sign.

If the weather cooperates, Clark plans to start installing their part of the LMP phase one soon. This will include building the sign, moving some trees to different locations, installing additional trees and plants, moving sprinklers, electrical work, etc. Phase one will be completed this year and phase two will be done in the spring. We look forward to watching it happen and having it finished.

Update: Recreational/Pool Facility

Several people have been asking about the planned Thousand Oaks recreational and pool facility that has been approved by the Plainfield Township Board. I have consulted with several sources, and there is neither a start-date nor a completion-date set yet.

Some Hillside residents are very interested in this project for their personal use and for their family (especially grandchildren) and friends visits. The plans show that it will include 2 pools and space for fitness equipment, group fitness classes, personal training, "un-programmed" kids' recreation, and golf instruction.

Update: Thousand Oaks Golf - Randy Ritter

The golf course took on a lot of water this year but has been coming around nicely for fall golf. The leaves are turning colors, and, for some people, the course is the most beautiful at this time of year.

Watermark Properties is running a fall membership special that allows new members to pay \$1,000 now with the balance due next year. If you have been thinking about joining Thousand Oaks, this could be a good time, especially if you want to work in some fall golf.

The bunker renovation project started just after the Men's member and guest event. This multi-tier project is expected to be mostly completed in 2020 and should certainly be finished by 2021. Most members have given rave reviews where the recent work has been completed (12th, 13th, and 8th holes). Work is currently ongoing on the 9th and 10th holes.

The last event of the year is the ToughMan tournament on November 2. This fun event is quite challenging (tee-off from the black tees and pins set in the hardest locations on the greens) but everyone seems to have a great time. Contact the Pro Shop early as this event usually fills up quickly.

Reminder: October 31 is the last day to record/post your golf scores for play in Michigan.

Unfortunate Incident

There was an incident several months ago where someone backed their pickup truck onto the first parking pad south of 5 Mile. They continued to drive in reverse, off the cement and onto the grass. The truck went down the hill, across Hillside property, and stopped when the tailgate was hanging over the weeds. The perpetrator then proceeded to dump plant and yard waste into the weeds, just off the grass.

It was a single individual (male?) with a white (silver?) pickup truck who did this. An alert Hillside resident was able take a photograph (see below). They were unable to get a license number or see the person well enough to identify them. They were, understandably, leery of confronting the person who was trespassing.

This act risked cracking the cement, as they drove off the back of the parking pad; they left tracks through the grass, risking more significant landscape damage; and they illegally dumped yard waste onto private property. Neither Gerow nor the Board have obtained any further information about this event. There have not been any additional reports of dumping or abnormal behavior.

If you see a similar exploit, please report it to Gerow (and the police?). Consider taking a photograph of the perpetrator(s) and the vehicle, if it can be done safely. Please do not risk your own welfare by confronting them. [Gerow Management: 616-433-9090]



This was weird and a little scary.

Just for Fun



What Do You See? - Take a look at this picture. What color is the shoe? More than 80% of people see a grey shoe with green laces and trim. Other people see a pink shoe with white accents. A smaller percentage can see it both ways. Try showing it to your spouse, relatives, or friends and see what they perceive. You can google "what color is this shoe" to find out more.

Humor Is the Best Medicine

