

KMMA Newsletter

October 2015

Annual Meeting is scheduled for, Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Orion Township Public Library. This meeting is for all homeowners, and your attendance is crucial to the function of our association.

The board is accepting nominations at the annual meeting for ALL the positions. We have 2 people filling President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions. Our term has been up for years and NOW is the time to get our board in working action, once again!

We have volunteers helping with various tasks such as, a beach liaison, an event planner, someone helping with the signs, and maintaining the website. That being said, **we still need a board.**

The board meets once a month, takes care of association related tasks, holds an annual meeting and an election.

No Board means:

- NO Lawn care in our common areas
- NO Snow removal
- NO website
- NO PO Box
- NO Collection of Dues
- NO Beach Privileges

Without volunteers, we have no homeowners association! NOW is the time to step forward and volunteer some time each month to Keatington Meadows!

We look forward to a great turn out on November 12!

Snow Removal?

Some of us like this service and some don't!

This will be up for a vote at the annual meeting. Majority wins.

Your Vote counts!

One vote per household.



A big **thank you** to Andrea and Steve Szokola for hosting the family event held at the end of September. Sounds like it was a great time!

Trick or Treating

Saturday, October 31, 2015. Excitement is in the fall air. We are so excited to announce we will be having a Halloween Parade this year!! The plan is to meet at 3455 Blasser Dr. at 4:00pm on Halloween. Come dressed in your costumes, and we will do a big loop around the neighborhood, ending back at 3455 Blasser for some yummy cider and donuts! Get creative, decorate your wagons, strollers, and have fun with it! If you are not attending the parade, please keep an eye out for all of the kiddos, wave hello, and admire all of the costumes this year! Then please join us after to share in cider, donuts, and friendly neighborhood conversation. Having Halloween on a Saturday this year, we are aware a lot of you will have family and friends over for the evening. Please bring any family and friends you may have! Everyone is welcome! We can't wait to see everyone at the parade! Trick or treating will take place 6:00-8:00 Be safe trick or treating!



2016 Association Dues of \$85.00 are to be paid by February 1, 2016.

A \$5.00 late fee will apply for payments after March 1, 2016.

Please send payments to

KMMA 3079 S. Baldwin Rd., Box 109, Orion, MI 48359.

Help the treasurer out and pay dues on time!

Save her the extra trips to the PO Box and the bank this year!

STORAGE OF INOPERATIVE VEHICLES. No inoperative vehicles or commercial vehicles, house trailers or mobile homes, boats and boat trailers shall be permitted to be parked or stored on any lot in said subdivision unless such vehicles are parked or stored in a garage on said lot which conforms to the requirements pertaining to the construction of garages as set forth above. Please be respectful of your neighbors, and make sure all Recreational vehicles are being stored properly!

www.keatingtonmeadows.com

Our website has some good information, our by-laws, building restrictions, and it's a great way to communicate with the board!



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Keatington Meadows Subdivision



Board

Charlotte Laviolette

Pennie Folk

Have you noticed the Invasive Species sign across Maybe from Keatington Meadows and wondered what that is all about? A fellow resident of KMMA has done some research and for now, it looks like there isn't any action required from our association. But in the future, we might be required to pay for treatment for the invasive species growing in Lessiter Park which is behind the homes on Ashley Drive.

For a complete article, check out the Orion Township website. Here are a few paragraphs:

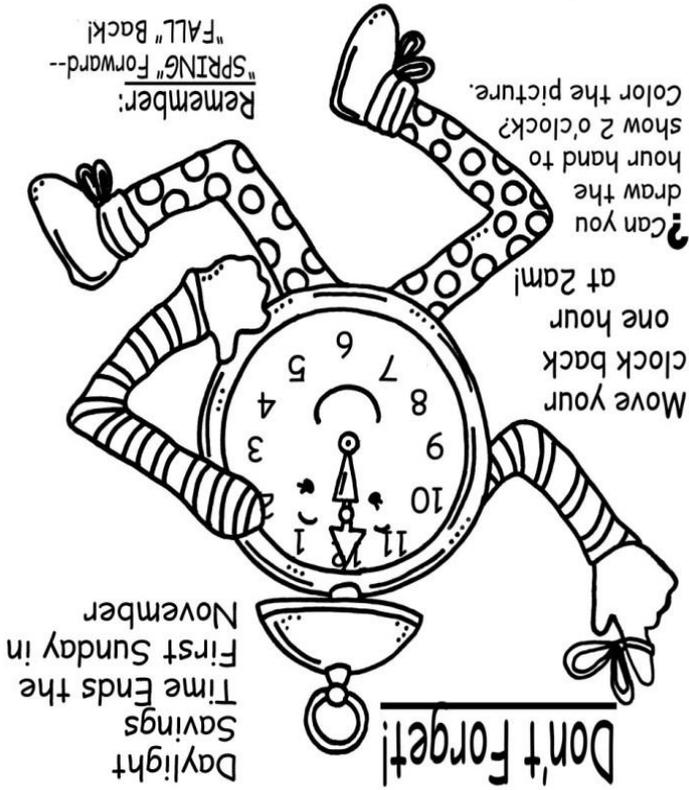
Invasive Phragmites australis: What is it and why is it a problem? Invasive non-native Phragmites australis is a perennial wetland plant that has quickly spread through Michigan marshes and wetland areas, robbing the fish, plants and wildlife of nutrients and space; blocking access to the water for swimming, fishing and other recreation endeavors

spoiling shoreline views; and posing a fire hazard. It can grow to be over 15 feet tall and crowds out other plants, creating monotypic dense stands of these invasive plants (often with over 20 stalks per square foot). It can spread through windblown seeds, soil transfer, animals or extensive over/under ground stems and rhizomes that will often re-sprout when broken. It is able to adjust its growing based on environmental conditions and can even survive stagnant, oxygen poor or salty conditions.

According to the Midwest Invasive Plant Network, invasive plants can affect your ability to enjoy natural areas, parks, and campgrounds. Hikers, cyclists, and horseback riders all enjoy well-maintained trails, and invasive plants can grow over trails to the point that the path cannot be followed or can be difficult to navigate. Invasive plants can also increase the risk of flooding and soil erosion leading to cloudy water, lower water

quality, and silted spawning beds. Invasive species can also turn an enjoyable stroll through the fields, woods, or wetlands while hunting into an uncomfortable trip through dense tangles of invasive species that are difficult or nearly impossible to push through and limit hunting opportunities. These ecotourism activities, support local economies across the Great Lakes basin, providing jobs for local citizens and tax base to support important government services on which many people rely. The presence of Phragmites, therefore, cannot only impact the quality of our environment but also the quality of our life style, which in these cases are inextricably linked.

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OR
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