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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

HI NEIGHBORS,

“We can live without our friends, but not without our Neighbors” *Thomas Fuller*

WE ARE READY TO START YEAR TWO

The names may have changed, but the promotion of a Neighborhood Culture remains the same. That is why we started the Association, and continuing this philosophy with Mr. Mike's Neighborhood. The name actually came as Linda and I were on our walk thinking of names for the new organization. Most of the Neighbors call me Mr. Mike anyways. So, Mr. Mike's Neighborhood came from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. I figured I could wear a button down sweater as well as he did. If you don't recognize this example, you're too young. Both of us have the same message, to create healthy, enjoyable Neighborhoods, and to be Good Neighbors.

QUALITIES OF A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Decent and helpful Neighbors can make a community feel warm and inviting, even for its newest residents. Here are 7 qualities of Good Neighbors that can help make our Community a delight, instead of a chore:

- 1. Good Neighbors are Friendly** - Even though you don't have to be best friends, when your neighbors are nice and approachable it makes life that much easier.
- 2. Good Neighbors are Quiet** - Loud neighbors can set your nerves on edge, and even disrupt your sleep. It's that much better when neighbors are inclined to be respectful in the first place.
- 3. Good Neighbors are Tidy** - When Neighbors work hard to maintain their property's appearance, everybody wins.
- 4. Good Neighbors Handle Differences in a Mature Way** - When Neighbors are peace-makers instead of a peace-breakers, you'll be able to enjoy a deeper sense of security at home.
- 5. Good Neighbors are Trustworthy** - When it comes to Good Neighbors, you don't have to worry about them taking advantage of you. You'll also be comfortable having them pick up packages from your porch.
- 6. Good Neighbors are Willing to Help** - Whether it's a tiny problem or a major emergency, a Good Neighbor will be there to offer whatever assistance is within his or her power.
- 7. Good Neighbors Stay Connected** - A Good Neighbor who shares his phone number and occasionally checks in with you is such a wonderful thing to have. Never underestimate the value of such a Neighbor!

GET YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER

When the temperature starts going down during winter, there is a lot you can do to keep yourself warm in a mobile home. This includes drinking hot chocolate or having a delicious soup. With that said, there are also several things that you can do specifically to your mobile home to keep warm during winter.

- 1. Weatherproof the Windows** - Some of the popular weather-proofing options include window films, foam tape, and rubber.
 - 2. Check Your Furnace** - It's time to replace your furnace filters. If you don't know how text me and I'll come over and help you. You should also take and vacuum your furnace so it will be efficient and safe.
 - 3. Use Draft Stoppers** - Gaps between the door and floor are a major source of heat loss. It, therefore, becomes essential to block such potential gaps on the side or entrance doors of your home.
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4. Fix Your Skirting - Openings in the skirting can invite cold air under your home, as well as critters that are looking for a warm place to stay for the winter.

FALL EVENTS FOR YOUR FAMILY

- **November 1 Pumpkin Roll Down Clinton Township Sledding Hill 40700 Romeo Plank Road Clinton Town**
- **November 4 Turkey Hop Macomb Township Recreation Center**
- **November 4 St. Martin de Porres Christmas Craft Fair – 2023, 31555 Hoover Road, Warren, MI 48093, USA**
- **November 4 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show at the Warren Community Center**
- **November 11 Warren Mott 14th Annual Holiday Craft Show**
- **November 18-19 & 24-26 Holiday Extravaganza 10am-5pm Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill**

TIME TO CUT DOWN YOUR PERENNIALS

If you have perennials in your garden, you need to cut them all down to 1" to 2". This will help your garden grow even better the next year. Give your garden a good watering and pull all weeds by the root. If you have mulch, do not remove it or add to it. Mulch helps keep the ground warm for your plants.

THANKS TO MY GRASS CUTTING NEIGHBORS

For those who used me for cutting their grass, my sincere thanks for your friendship and loyalty. I'd be proud if you'd consider me for next year. The Honor System worked really well. It allowed my Neighbors who didn't have the money to pay immediately extra time. I'll still take Cash, CashApp and Credit Cards on the website.

SNOW BLOWING

Like last year, if you're a Senior who has no one to remove their snow, text me and I'll put you on my list. I did purchase a big battery powered snow blower, but only used it twice last year. So I don't know how many I can do with the battery life I have. But I'll figure it out eventually. The price will be \$20 for the day, since they'll be times when it will need to be blown several times in a day. Cash, CashApp and Credit Cards on the website.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is important because it's a positive and secular holiday where we celebrate gratitude, something that we don't do enough of these days. It's also a celebration of the fall harvest. Thanksgiving reflects a sense of interconnectedness among people and cultures. In these trying times, I think we need this day more than ever. It's a holiday that's perfect for gathering with loved ones and expressing gratitude for our blessings. For me, Thanksgiving is a reminder to appreciate all that's joyful in my life, which includes my friends and Neighbors; as well as my life and good health. I love this holiday because it focuses on all things positive, free of materialistic motivations such as mindless gift-giving. Thanksgiving is a holiday that reminds me that there's more to be thankful for than sad about.

CAN YOU GET IN TROUBLE FOR SMOKING WEED IN YOUR YARD?

While you likely won't get in trouble for smoking weed on your own property or even in your own yard, you certainly can get in trouble for doing so in a public place such as on the street, outdoor concert venue, in a park, or even in your vehicle. What can you do if you smell your Neighbor smoking weed? There is nothing you can do if they're on their own property. You may not like it but there's not much you can do aside from having a friendly conversation about it. It's not much different than having a neighbor who stands outside and smokes cigarettes. But more importantly, secondhand smoke from combusted marijuana contains fine particulate matter that can be breathed deeply into the lungs which can cause lung irritation, asthma attacks, and makes respiratory infections more likely. A good first step could be to talk the neighbors. It's possible they're unaware that smoke is drifting into your home. By approaching your Neighbors in a considerate manner, you might be able to resolve the problem quickly, and without straining the relationship. The only other thing you can do is legal mediation.

FINAL THOUGHT:

Thank goodness this crap with the Association is done. But through it all, I thank all my Neighbors who sent me messages of support. The issue even leaked outside our Community. I was in a store with my name badge, and the clerk looked at me and said, "so you're the guy my wife is talking about!" They knew Neighbors in our Community and it apparently became a point of discussion. So, let the Good Neighbor formula continue.
