

# Emerald Lakes Village Update

November 2019

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## ELV Holiday Party

Thursday, December 19

CJ Pub

45537 Mound Rd. at Utica Rd.

Exclusively for ELV from 6 pm-10 pm

\$25/ person

Includes: appetizers • buffet dinner  
salads • dessert

Lots of entertainment options: music,  
pool table, gaming zone



Cash Bar

Please drop off payment,  
cash or check payable to  
ELV Homeowners'

Association by December 12, 2019  
to Ken Sharma/ Meggha Koshal  
6860 Little Creek Drive.

Get tickets today! It's possible there will be  
no further reminders! **NO TICKETS WILL BE  
SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Should you have questions, please  
call us @ 248.590.6007/ 248.631.6033  
No ELVHA dues pay for this event.



## Holiday Lights Contest

Yes, Virginia (and others), there will be an ELV  
Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest this year.  
As in previous years the categories will be  
"Classical" — all things that capture the spirit and  
beauty of the season and "Griswold" — all things  
garish and over-the-top. More details next month!

## Fire in ELV Home

Last month an attic fire broke out in an ELV home  
due to a faulty bathroom exhaust fan original to the  
house. Thankfully, no one was hurt. If you have a  
bathroom exhaust fan that was installed when your  
home was built or you have no idea how old your  
bathroom fan is I think it would be a good idea to  
put in a new exhaust fan. (continued in Fire Safety  
on page 3)

## Fall Homeowners Meeting

Thank you to the residents from 67 homes who attended last month's  
homeowners' meeting. Your involvement is greatly appreciated by the  
Association Board of Directors and Committee chairpeople.

Residents in attendance voted to approve the budget as presented at the  
meeting with a dues fee of \$220. Our 2020 homeowners dues are payable  
now through the end of February. Please mail your check with the invoice  
below to help us keep accurate records. You are welcome to use your bank's  
online bill pay method as long as your residence address appears on the  
check. If you have any questions please contact Megan Marx at  
elvtreasurer@gmail.com or 248-250-6794.

All current Board of Director and committee members running unopposed  
were elected by a showing of green cards, indicating a "yes" vote. In a ballot  
vote for the position of Recording Secretary between Mark Barbieri and  
Jackie Shelson, Mark won the position by a mere 4 votes. The tellers  
indicated they counted the ballots 3 times to be sure of the count. You can  
reach Mark at mark.d.barbieri@gmail.com or 248-885-1068. Tom Fields and  
Ken Sharma were elected to the Auditing Committee and Jill Gentner,  
Wendy Gueth, and Amanda Tompkins were elected to the Nominating  
Committee by a card vote. Contact information for all ELVHA 2020 Board  
of Director and committee members will appear in a later newsletter.

Some interesting points of discussion at the meeting included the possibility  
of paying homeowners dues electronically. ELV Treasurer Megan Marx  
explained that there would be a fee associated with each transaction that  
would add \$6 to the payment, which residents would have to pay. Residents  
at the meeting thought this idea did not need to be pursued.

Special Project Chairman Matt Dombrowski informed residents that he and  
others will be developing a Five Year Plan to outline projects to do in the  
village in the coming years along with their estimated cost. ELV has had  
five-year plans in the past, with the last iteration concluding in 2016. Matt is  
asking if residents have any ideas for improving the village to send them to  
him at mattdombrowski@yahoo.com.

Residents in attendance want the Board to make putting sand at/near the lake  
shoreline a violation of our Restrictions and a finable offense. The Board is  
now working on language for this amendment to our Restrictions document.  
Amending the Restrictions will require the approval of 51% of the owners of  
lots in the village.

Last day for yard waste collection is December 17.

PLEASE KEEP RAKING LEAVES OUT OF OUR STREETS  
& OUT OF OUR LAKES. THANKS!

### 2020 ELV HOMEOWNERS' DUES INVOICE

\$220 payable November 2019 through February 29, 2020.

\$25 late fee applies for payments received on or after March 1, 2020.

Mail this invoice and check payable to **Emerald Lakes Village**

**Homeowners' Association** to: ELVHA, P.O. Box 113, Troy, MI 48099-0113.

Please Print

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_  if new number

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Welcome, Neighbors!

Andrea Allemon, *Membership Chairwoman*



If you are new to Emerald Lakes Village (or know of someone new) please contact me at [andrea48085@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea48085@yahoo.com) or 248-879-1111. I have important information for you. Also, ELV residents, contact me if you would like a 2019 ELV phone directory. There will not be another directory until 2021.

## Neighborly Notes

- Thank you to Yvonne Misuraca and Gloria Dezenski for providing and serving refreshments at our homeowners meetings this fall, this past spring, and at every meeting since at least 2008!
- Thank you to our fabulous retiring Recording Secretary Karen Charnawskas! Karen graciously returned to the ELVHA Board in July and has done her usual outstanding job.
- A resident writes: *Dear ELV homeowners,*

*With the resurfacing of John R, there is now an asphalt path in place of the cement sidewalk on the west side of the street. The path is now being used by many more walkers and joggers and will be a major concern this winter.*

*During past winters may residents along John R have not been very diligent in keeping that sidewalk free of snow, although it is city policy:*

*“Property owners are responsible for clearing snow over 2” deep, and any ice from the public sidewalks adjacent to their property. Snow and ice should be cleared from the sidewalks within 24 hours following the end of the event which led to their accumulation.”*

*Please be a good neighbor and citizen and keep the path clear this winter. If you plan to be out of town, contact a snow removal company or a helpful neighbor to handle it for you.*

## New Salt Alternative for Pavement



We do not want salt entering our lakes. So, what can you use to melt ice on your sidewalk or driveway? Sand, kitty litter or granular sugar are the “old school” alternatives, but thanks to Vi Behn bringing it to my attention, we have an exciting new option — poultry grit. Poultry grit is made out of crushed granite so it will not harm our lake water. Its sharp edges cut into the ice to provide traction. Poultry grit can be purchased at Uncle Luke’s (Livernois between Square Lake and South Blvd.) in 5 lb. bags for \$3.99. The owner recommends starter grit or No. 1 size. Do not purchase grit that contains any additives.

*Friends and neighbors of Emerald Lakes Village send their deepest condolences to the family of Bruce Mehrer. Bruce grew up in ELV and is the son of Darlene Mehrer. Condolences also to the family of Carl Sikes of Northpoint. Carl and his late wife Judy moved into ELV in 1987.*

## Lakes Report

At this time of year there are 2 important things to do to help our lakes — rake leaves out of your lake and out of the street and keep the geese off our lakes. Thank you.

## Community Spirit

### A Whacking Good Time

Amber Barbieri, *Halloween Parade Co-Chair*



Woot woot! Mother Nature took pity on us from the previous years and gave us a beautiful fall afternoon for our Halloween Parade!

All the ghosts and goblins looked phenomenal and came out ready to have some fun. Walker Beach was turned into a picturesque pumpkin patch. Bellies were filled with fresh Yates Cider Mill donuts and cold cider, for all to enjoy.

Thank you, Dawn and Matt Whilby for lending your ghostbusters scene, and to Rachael and Blaine Orlik for bagging and donating all that yummy popcorn! Big thank you to our brave fireman, James. Fireman James not only led our scary and ghoulish group through the village, but he also held onto the piñatas! He never backed away, not even with some of those wildly scary swings! Thank you to Megan Marx, Kathleen Donovan, and Max Ehlert of Troy-Metro Agency for assisting me in acquiring a permit for the fire truck!

*(Editor’s Note: On behalf of the ELVHA Board and our residents, a HUGE THANK YOU to Amber Barbieri and Jackie Shelson for coordinating another fantastic Halloween Parade!)*

### He Did It!



ELV resident and Boy Scout Cameron Hachigian has done something remarkable. And if you donated to his bottle and can drive over the summer you played a part in his success and for that Cameron extends a very gracious “thank you”. With your help — and others — \$1500 was raised so Cameron could buy materials to build a portable stage for St. Anastasia Church. While this is a fine accomplishment, Cameron’s work was not done. Cameron also had to direct his fellow Scouts and adults in constructing the stage to demonstrate his leadership abilities. Cameron’s success in this project, along with his completion of other Scouting requirements, allowed Cameron to earn the rank of Eagle Scout! And that is truly a remarkable accomplishment as only about 6% of all Scouts achieve this. Congratulations, Cameron!

# Fire Safety (cont. from page 1)

Also, did you know that smoke detectors should be replaced after 10 years? We just looked at ours and found that they should have been replaced 9 years ago. Yikes! We now wrote the year they should be replaced again on the inside near the battery so we will see it when we change out the battery. It is recommended that you have a smoke detector in every bedroom, in the hall on the second floor, and on every level of your house.

Parents should create at least 2 escape plans for their children and practice them using the sound of the smoke detector. It is also recommended that you buy a fire safety ladder if you have a 2-story home and keep bedroom doors closed when sleeping. A closed door can delay the spread of a fire.

Other fire safety measures include having a fire extinguisher in your kitchen, cleaning out your dryer vent and lint trap, having your furnace inspected, and cleaning your chimney flue if you have fires in your fireplace. As my mother used to say, "Better safe than sorry."

## Classified Ads

### Childcare

- College student with babysitting experience. Contact Grace at 248-376-4817. Text is preferred.

### For Sale

- White Chapel cemetery plots near the front. Three for \$2000 plus the \$75 transfer fee. Call Rose at 586-484-6803.
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### Home Services

- Looking for someone to clean your house? Call my housekeeper, Delia, 586-850-3050. She is honest, reliable, and hardworking.
- Thinking of selling your home? Contact ELV resident, Bruce, with Real Estate One, at 248-761-0697.
- If you're thinking of making that move to a warmer climate, call the MacFadyen Team. Residents Ann 248-840-9419 or David 231-206-2849, experienced Keller Williams realtors.
- Curious to see how your house may sell in this market? Call Scott Wetzel at 248-709-1179, with Key Realty.

### Other Services

- Don't overpay for Health Insurance. For a no-cost, no-obligation quote, please call resident Dan Dombrowski at 248-633-3452. Group, Individual and Medicare Plans.
- Emerald Lakes Senior Services, LLC is offering transportation by appointment to or from your home to Detroit Metro or Flint Bishop airports to all ELV residents. Call or text resident Hank at 248-891-1108.
- ELV resident, Steve, will pick up, repair, and deliver your cell phone, usually the same day. Call or text 248-991-5057.
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for more information.



**ST. NICHOLAS  
COOKIE WALK  
AND  
CRAFT SHOW**

**Saturday, December 7**  
**9:30 am to 3 pm**  
**Bishop Foley Catholic High School**  
32000 Campbell Rd. Madison Heights

**ELV Resident Adele Farabi will be selling her hand-painted outdoor birdhouses!!**

**\$2 Admission\***  
\*Complimentary with cookie purchase

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival**

**ART & CRAFT SHOW**  
**Saturday, December 14, 9 am-4 pm**

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**Next deadline: December 3, 2019**  
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