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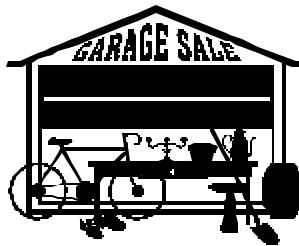
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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED:** We are in need of a volunteer to organize our annual neighborhood garage sale. If you're interested in helping, please call me. There are detailed instructions and paper work from last year's sale. Without a new volunteer, this event will not happen.



**HOW'S THE VIEW?** When your neighbor's look out their windows, across the street or yard, what do they see? A nicely trimmed lawn, flowerbeds and a well maintained home? Take a walk outside and stand in front of your house. How's the view? If everyone went through this simple exercise we would all have a GREAT view!

Summer is the perfect time to spruce the place up a bit. Paint the trim, plant grass, shrubs and flowers, wash the windows, etc. You will improve your home and the entire neighborhood by doing so. Thanks to all neighbors who maintain and/or repair and improve their homes. Your effort and pride in

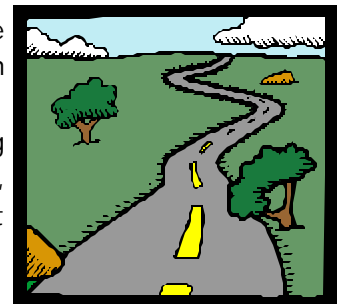
ownership improves the property value of every home in our neighborhood.

**BOARD MEMBER NEEDED:** According to the bylaws, our Board of Directors should change by one member, each year. Please consider nominating someone or serving on the Board yourself. Without a volunteer, the retiring Board member has the option to remain on the board.

**WHAT ABOUT THE ROADS?** The roads in our neighborhood need work. There's no denying that. Will the Livingston County Road Commission do the work and pay for it? NO! The county assumes no responsibility for repaving subdivision roads.

Genoa Township will subsidize repaving our roads, (pay a percentage), if a neighborhood volunteer coordinates the project. That means, getting bids from at least three contractors, presenting the information to the Genoa Township Board and finally, petitioning neighbors to determine interest once a per home cost is determined. However, the Genoa Township subsidy has limited funds and will likely be discontinued after the 2001 budget year. If we want to take advantage of this, we need to act NOW!

If you are interested in researching and managing this effort, please contact me.



**MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS MAKERS**

*What's happening at your house? Someone going off to college, new baby, grandchild, wedding in the family? If you would like to share your good news, let us know. The intent of our newsletter is to help keep us all connected. So go ahead and brag a little. Contact the editor with the info. After all, we're neighbors!*

**GRAND CIRCLE DRIVE - EAST MEETS WEST:** What's up with the Grand Circle East and West street signs? Who knows!? One day, for no apparent reason, our street signs were changed. I guess the next question is, if you live on Grand Circle, do you live on Grand Circle East or West? Good question! Where does East end and West begin?

**MOUNTAIN VIEW WEB SITE:** What do you think of this idea? Let me know. If the response is good, I'll try to round up a volunteer to handle this project. If you're interested in volunteering and have web site construction experience, call me!

**ANNUAL MEETING - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The Annual Mountain View Improvement Association Meeting will be held on:

**September 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Maltby Middle School.**

Agenda issues will include: Election of one Board Member, Review of Minutes, Review of Treasurer's activity for the year, Bylaw amendment for Property Maintenance as well as other issues that may arise. To review the Property Maintenance bylaw amendment, see your 3/2001 Mountain View Messenger. If you can't find your copy, contact Sara Thomas for the information. If you would like issues added to the agenda, contact any Board Member prior to the meeting.

Have a great Summer! - Trish Petrat

**Mountain View Annual Neighborhood Picnic**

Great News! Cristy Kovath and the Kovath family will once again host our annual neighborhood picnic! We missed this annual get together last year. If you have questions, suggestions or would like to help please call Cristy - Thanks Cristy for coordinating this great neighborhood event! More details will follow soon!

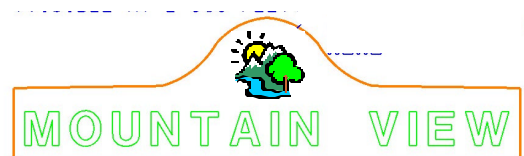


**Mountain View Park Path**

Due to the wet spring, the park path has been put on hold. Carter has checked the area and it is too wet to proceed at this time. We will keep you informed of any changes regarding the path.

**Entrance Sign**

The neighborhood sign is under construction! Kevin Love is busy working out the details and final touches. The estimated cost for the sign will be \$250.00 - \$300.00. The sign will be installed on the Love's property at the East Grand Circle entrance. Thanks Kevin!



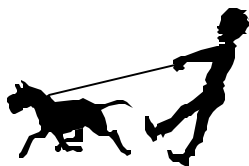
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**Take A Hike**

A walk that is! Nancy Mueller and Anne Matthews invite anyone interested in taking a morning walk, to meet on Grand Circle around 8:45 am. The route consists of Grand Circle and Catalpa, twice around to equal approximately 2 miles.

Just do it! (apologies to Nike) It's good for you!

**Kids Korner**



Do you have a youngster at your house? Would she/he like to earn a

little money around the neighborhood? There are lots of services that kids can perform right here at home to help out and earn a little cash at the same time. Take care of pets, water plants, mow the lawn, and get the mail while someone's on vacation. Do we have any good babysitters in our neighborhood? I bet we do. Let me know and I'll add the information to our Kids Korner next time. R. Zahler - Editor

**Please....Leash Your Dog**

Apparently this warrants repeating because we still have dogs running the neighborhood. It is a Township and County ordinance that your dog be confined or leashed at all times. Violation of this ordinance is prosecutable in court by simply filing a summons and complaint with the 53<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

No matter how great you think it is that your dog has the run of the neighborhood, your neighbors do not appreciate this.

**Home of the Month**

For the month of May we would like to recognize the Blatt Home on Grand Circle Drive. Although the work at this home was done a while ago, it still deserves recognition. The landscaping and pavers look just great! What an improvement!

For the month of June...this is a tough one! Almost all of the houses in the neighborhood look REALLY nice! There are lots of beautiful flowers blooming and our sub looks great! Our choice for this month is the Merckling Home on Grand Circle Drive. Check out that frog and all those beautiful hanging baskets!

For the month of July, Another tough call! Our choice is the Carpenter Home on Grand Circle Drive. Great waterfall and the perennials are awesome! The improvements to this yard are dramatic!

Our next newsletter will feature August and September Homes of the Month. If you have suggestions, comments, nominations or questions regarding Home of the Month, please contact Trish Petrat. She will forward all information to the committee.



**MZ LAWN CARE**

*Anyone in need of lawn maintenance this summer should contact Mike Zahler. He has several years of experience mowing and edging yards for T & R Properties and many of your neighbors. Call for an estimate today. Whether you need the lawn mowed once while on vacation, or several times, MZ Lawn Care can do the job!*

**Maintenance/ Repair  
Work Needed?**

Many of the homes in our subdivision are reaching that stage where significant repair/remodeling is needed. Most recently, I have noticed new roofs, aluminum soffits and vinyl siding replacements taking place. I'm also available for any type of plumbing repair/upgrade or minor electrical work.

If you are interested in getting this type of work done on your home, please contact Rick Zahler for an estimate.



**Construction Reminder**

If you're contemplating a summer home improvement project, great! Please remember to contact a member of the Architectural Control Committee prior to the start of construction as required by the deed restrictions. They promise to respond quickly to your requests, so as not to hinder any project!

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**Annual  
Meeting**

*Mark your  
calendar for the  
annual meeting  
to be held at  
Maltby Middle  
School on  
September 13,  
2001 at 7:00 pm*

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