

# WOCV Newsletter

December 2016



## Happy Holidays

### Season's Greetings Neighbors!

The best part of the season is enjoying it with those who make the holidays meaningful. Your Woodlands of Chatterton Village HOA Board of Directors wish you and yours all the love and happiness the holiday season and the coming new year can bring. Have a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday season!



### The Snowy Season is Upon Us!

Our community will continue to be serviced by Northern Pines for snow removal. Remember, when plows arrive you can assist them by moving your vehicle to a location that has already been cleared of snow. This will allow the plows easier access to clear snow. Please note snow removal is initiated when a snow event generates two inches of snow.



### WOCV HOA Holiday Decorations Policy

Reminder, holiday decorations must be taken down no later than 30-days after the holiday has passed. Residents with holiday decorations that are displayed 30-days after the holiday has passed are subject to a violation and a possible fine. Avoid the violation—set a reminder to take down your holiday displays promptly after the holidays.

## FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

### Fire Safety: It's Up to You!

On November 20, 2016 the Canton Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in building #2 of our community. Thankfully, no fire was detected. It was later found that some unit or units may have possibly overridden the fire safety system. Not only was this a major inconvenience for the residents in building #2 who had to evacuate their homes on a very cold morning, but it is also a very serious and preventable fire safety issue. **How can you help?**

- Keep your in-unit smoke detectors in working order at all times. Test them monthly. If they are not working change the battery or replace them.
- NEVER tamper with community fire safety systems. This not only endangers you, but also those around you!
- If a fire alarm sounds, leave your residence immediately and call 911.

[Click to go to page 2 for a complete list of fire safety tips.](#)



## Mark Your Calendar

### HOA Board Meetings

No Board Meetings in December and January  
February 2017: Thursday, February 23, 2017  
7PM @ The WOCV Clubhouse

### Community Social Events

Multicultural Holiday Potluck  
Saturday, December 11, 2016  
3PM—6PM @ The WOCV Clubhouse

### WOCV Clubhouse Address

4093 Chatterton Blvd. Canton, MI 48188



## Community Watch

### Crime Blotter

On November 14, 2016 a resident of the Central Park community which is located on Beck Road between Geddes and Cherry Hill was violently assaulted, robbed and carjacked. Safety for our community at WOCV is, as always, a priority.

### How can you help?

- Please turn on your porch and balcony lights during the winter months to provide additional lighting throughout the community.
- Always lock your vehicle doors and refrain from leaving visible valuables in your vehicle.
- Most importantly, remain vigilant. Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the Canton Township Police.

### Canton Township Police

1550 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188  
Phone: 734-394-5400  
Emergency: 911

# FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

## Tips You Can Use

According to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), each year more than 2,500 people die and 12,600 are injured in home fires in the United States. Home fires can be prevented.

### Below are tips you can use to prevent a fire:

- Keep your in-unit smoke detectors in working order at all times and test them monthly. If they are not working change the battery.
- NEVER tamper with community fire safety systems.
- If a fire alarm sounds, leave your residence immediately and call 911.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Do not cook if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the stove.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most home fires caused by smoking materials start inside the home.
- Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Buy electrical products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Use electrical extension cords wisely; never overload extension cords or wall sockets.
- Immediately shut off, then professionally replace, light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Teach children not to pick up matches or lighters they may find. Instead, they should tell an adult immediately.
- Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time.
- Avoid using lighted candles.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.
- Keep combustible and flammable liquids away from heat sources.

For additional information, visit the Canton Township Public Safety website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).



## Clean Community

### Garbage Collection FAQs

Rodents and unsightly conditions can pose a problem for communities like ours on garbage collection day.

The following are frequently asked questions on the topic of garbage collection to keep our community clean and rodent free on garbage day.

**Question: I don't have a garbage can label. Should I paint my address on my can?**

**Answer:** No, all garbage containers must be labeled with an approved WOCV container ID sticker. Contact KC Property Services at 248-586-9700 to obtain ID stickers.

**Question: I like to put my garbage out as early as possible the day before collection. Is that okay?**

**Answer:** Residents must place garbage at approved locations no earlier than 6:00pm the day before garbage collection.

**Question: How long after garbage collection should I retrieve my garbage container?**

**Answer:** Residents must remove all garbage, yard waste, and recyclables containers from sight by the end of the day on each garbage collection day.

**Question: I do not have a garbage container. Can I place plastic bags out on garbage collection day?**

**Answer:** Garbage must be secured in a tied trash bag within a trash container. All recycling contents must be secured.

### Help Keep Our Community Clean and Rodent Free



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