



# NEST NEWS

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EAGLE TRACE HOA

## Message from the Board

Welcome to our first-in-a-long-time neighborhood newsletter! This publication is just one part of a larger HOA revitalization effort being made by many volunteers within our community. Our Code of Regulations, which is posted on our website, specifies the purpose of our HOA which includes:

- Promoting, maintaining, and improving the appearance, attractiveness, aesthetics, value and residential character of lots
- Promoting and maintaining high standards of community and neighborhood fellowship among property owners

These important missions not only make our neighborhood a pleasant place to live, they help maintain high property values. Please support the effort of ensuring our investment of homeownership will continue to enrich our lives and add to our financial security for years to come.

**Thank you to The Borton Family and Abby Cherry for this edition's Reader's Contributions!**

### **A Fall Favorite Less Than 10 Minutes Away!**

**Fall is in the air!** Fall is the time for apple cider, pumpkin picking and enjoying this beautiful weather we are having now! We are lucky to all live so close to such a great working farm in Michigan that has so much to offer for kids from 1 to 110. We recently did the short drive to Ottawa Lake, Michigan. We enjoyed a beautiful day there this past weekend with 2 of our S.W.a.A.T. kids! We picked flowers to bring home in cute



Mason jars, fed the cows and goats and enjoyed fresh out of the oven warm pumpkin donuts and apple cider. We picked the perfect pumpkins to take home. You can go on a hayride to the pumpkin patch to find your perfect pumpkin! They also (cont'd on next page)

## RESTRICTION REVIEW Q&A

**Q: Why should we review our Declaration of Restrictions?**

**A:** Our Restrictions were adopted in 1994. Homeowners have ever-changing needs their homes must fulfill, as kids grow up and homeowners move toward retirement. Planned and uniform revisions within our community can help homeowners retain value on their property while remaining comfortable in their home through all phases of life.

**Q: Where can I read the proposed amendments?**

**A:** EagleTraceSylvania.org has the details of each proposed amendment.

**Q: Have amendments been made already?**

**A:** No changes to our Restrictions can be made without the majority consent from the neighborhood. Voting methods are still in the works, and updates will be posted online.

## Join a Committee!

Use the "Get In Touch" link on our website

### Social Media Committee

*maintains our Facebook page*

### Newsletter Committee

*creates content for quarterly newsletter*

### Rescue Crew

*substitutes for volunteers or Board members, should someone need to step away from their duties. There has been discussion about creating a neighborhood network to provide support to ETHA families who are experiencing hardships. If there is enough interest and participation, our Rescue Crew could expand in this direction.*

### SWaAT (Student Work and Assistance Team)

*When everyone had a household phone, it was easy to call the kid down the street to mow your lawn or babysit. Nowadays, it can be tough to make that connection. That's where SWaAT can help! A list of capable young people is managed by one of our adult ETHA volunteers. When you contact SWaAT, this adult volunteer will help you **connect with the parent** of a capable young person who would be able to help you with your jobs around the house.*

**Welcome Committee** *extends a friendly "Welcome" to our newest neighbors.*



have a vegetable market to get fresh produce. Come have your own fall adventures at Gust Brother's Pumpkin Farm! ~Katie Borton

## ETHA Recipe Box

### Adam Borton shares his Grandma Mackey's Fluffy Meatloaf

Hello Neighbors,

I grew up eating this meatloaf and didn't realize how special it was till I got older and people kept asking for the recipe. I love it, my kids love it, and I'm convinced that my wife agreed to marry me because she likes it so much.

1lb ground beef  
1/2lb ground pork  
2 cups bread crumbs (homemade is best)  
1/2 cup chopped tomatoes  
1 egg, beaten  
1 1/2 cup milk  
4 tsp minced dry onion  
1/4 tsp dry mustard  
1 tsp sage  
2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp black pepper

Preheat your oven to 350. Mix all ingredients. I have made this with store bought bread crumbs; it is not as good as making your own in the blender/processor. The best way to mix it is with your bare hands. Pack into greased loaf pan. Cook approx. 1hr 15 minutes.

We double this for 2 loafs. My family of 5 (3 hungry boys) will eat 1 and a half at dinner. Great left overs!

Please use the "Get In Touch" button on our website to express interest in planning with the Editor to submit content or photos for our January 2021 edition of NEST NEWS!

**Ask these local service providers about special deals  
just for ETHA members!**

**\*\*\*Greenix (pest control)**

**\*\*\*A&J Landscaping (for sprinkler system winterization)**