



Common Areas Association

## VOCAA Newsletter Summer 2017

### Message from the Chairman:

Hello everyone,

Spring is here and summer is coming soon! We are looking forward to a great year of family fun in Village Oaks! If you haven't had a chance to take a look at the newly renovated clubhouse please stop by and see what has been done. We aren't done yet; soon you will notice the parking lot and sidewalks to the clubhouse being torn up. We have decided to invest some money this year and replace the current parking lot with a new cement lot that will improve the curb appeal of our clubhouse just that much more. If you live in the area of the clubhouse please be patient over the next couple of weeks as we make these improvements, ultimately improving the resale value of our homes. We have also invested money this year in purchasing an AED for the hopefully unlikely use of our lifeguards who will be trained in its use should we need it. Making our already safe pool, that much safer!

We have some new board members who have joined over the last couple of years who are really putting in a lot of their own time in helping the subdivision stay informed. Jennifer and Matt have been updating the Website and Facebook pages regularly with current activities, subdivision documents, and other items. Please check it out if you haven't already!

Website:

<https://www.villageoakscommonareasassociation.org>

Facebook at: Village Oaks Common Areas Association

Everyone is excited and looking forward to the pool opening and swimming lessons to begin! You will be able to find updated swimming lesson information and registration forms in this newsletter, on the website, and in the office.

Furthermore, I would like to just remind residents about a few items that some of our newer neighbors may not be aware of:

# Memorial Day Pool Opening

## Welcome Summer Party

May 29, 2017

3-5pm

Stop by and renew your 2017 pool pass.  
A ticket for food and drink will be provided to those with a pool pass renewal.

\*All residents in good standing can get their pool card validated and/or have new cards made. Valid ID and proof of residency will be necessary.

\*All members will need a valid Pool Card to enter the pool

**DUES MUST BE  
PAID IN FULL, NO  
EXCEPTIONS!**

## **BOATS, RVS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Remember that these items are not allowed to be stored in driveways or on the street for an extended period of time. This is directly addressed in our Homeowners Covenants and rules so please abide by them.

## **DOG WALKING**

Guess what?!?! There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy.... So please remember when walking Fido, Bag it, Tie it, Bin it! Your neighbors will appreciate it and so will you when your neighbor comes walking their pet past your yard.

All of the subdivision covenants and bylaws are located on the website for residents to view and print if needed.

## **FINAL NOTES**

Thank you to everyone for making Village Oaks Subdivision one of the most sought after locations in Novi for families. Keep an eye out for your neighbors; don't be afraid to report something if it looks suspicious. Get out and say hi to those around you, get to know who your neighbors are so that we can continue to make Village Oaks the great subdivision and community that it is. If you are interested in volunteering for some of the activities, please contact the clubhouse. There is always something that needs to be done and we welcome any and all help from residents who would like to get involved.

Thank you,

VOCAA Chairman  
Kendall Joy

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# **VOCAA Summer 2017 Calendar**

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| May 30     | Memorial Day Welcome Summer Pool Party 3-5 pm  |
| June 3     | Adult BBQ Party - 7pm - RSVP to office – check the website and facebook page for event details         |
| June 16    | Last Day of School Pool Party - 5 pm – check the website and facebook page for event details           |
| June 22-24 | VOCAA Annual Garage Sale   |
| July 4     | VOCAA 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – check the website and facebook page for schedule of events |
| July 13    | SCUBA Night / Floatie Nite – RSVP to office – check the website and facebook page for event details    |
| July 27    | Floatie Nite   |
| Aug. 10    | Floatie Nite   |
| Aug. 26    | Family Fun Night – check the website and facebook page for event details                               |
| Sept. 4    | Labor Day Pool Closing   |

# **IMPORTANT VOCAA NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION**

## **SPEED LIMIT**

The neighborhood speed limit is 25mph. Please remind all those in your household of this. As the weather gets warmer, more neighbors will be out walking and riding bikes. Please go SLOW and remember that we do not have sidewalks.

## **BIKE RIDERS and WALKERS**

Please remember to ride your bike or walk on the side of the street. Parents; please, please remind your children of this as many kids like to ride their bikes in the middle of the road. Lets be courteous to all!

## **CLUBHOUSE DUMPSTER**

The dumpster is for use of the VOCAA Clubhouse and Pool ONLY!!! All residents are now billed through their summer and winter taxes for trash removal. Please place items at the side of your driveway and do not dump into the dumpster.

## **DOGS**

Per The City of Novi, all dogs must be walked on a leash. Any residents having issues with this may contact the non-emergency line of the police department. And please pick up your dog poop!

## **HOME INVASIONS**

The City of Novi Police Department has alerted VOCAA that home invasions in Novi are up this year. The trend has been front doors being kicked in during the day and the master bedroom being robbed. No one neighborhood has been targeted; just all over Novi. Please remember to set your alarm if you have one and look out for your neighbors. The police department recommends to move jewelry or money out of your master bedroom and not to leave valuables out. If you are headed on vacation this summer, you can contact the police department to be added to the watch list while you are out of town.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Princess and Prince  
Nominations**

**Open to any VOCAA residents'  
child ages 5-10**

**Contact the office to nominate**

**SIGN UP TO  
VOLUNTEER AT OUR  
MANY SUMMER  
ACTIVITIES!**

***VOCAA Yard of the  
Month***

June thru August one VOCAA household, in good standing with the board, will be chosen as yard of the month. A VOCAA sign will be place in the yard and the monthly winners will have their picture taken and featured on the website. Yard of the Month winners will also receive a Home Depot Gift card.

So, get your flowers planted and yards cleaned up, we will be out looking for our first yard soon!!!

If you see a yard we should look at, let the office know!!

# **VOCAA COMMITTEE UPDATES**

## **POOL COMMITTEE**

Summer is almost here, which means one thing; it's almost pool time! You will need to have your pool card validated; a lifeguard will be able to help you. Proof of residency may be required. Remember your dues must be up-to-date to use the pool. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

A few reminders about our pool rules,

-Only residents are allowed to have a pool card, guests cost \$3 per person or \$10 for a family, and you must stay with them at all times.

-Residents who have grandchildren are allowed to bring them to the pool free of charge, but you must stay with them at all times.

-If you need to purchase an associate pass for a babysitter or nanny, the cost is \$50 per season and they are only valid while the member is present.

We have a limited number a family guest pass available to purchase for the season at a cost of \$350. This gives a non-member family full access to the pool without the need for a resident to bring them. Contact the office for more information.

The complete list of rules are published on our website in the Pool Information section along with the form to sign up for swim lessons.

## **LAKES COMMITTEE**

With the change in seasons our community lakes change from the icy expanse of winter (though the ice was very short-lived in the winter of 2017) to the liquid resources we can all enjoy. Our lakes total over 20 acres in surface area. Access is available from the VOCAA clubhouse area or from Village Wood Park for the western lake. Non-motorized small craft are permitted, and fishing is available in both lakes.

VOCAA By-Laws requires that the Association maintain all common areas, including our lakes. Members whose properties are on either of the lakes are assessed an additional \$60 annually (in addition to the basic homeowner dues paid by all) to help offset some of the costs of maintaining the lakes.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has approved the 2017 weed & algae treatment plan for our lakes. Algae treatments will be made as required through the season, beginning in May. Targeted treatment for aquatic weeds is budgeted to be made only once per year. Generally, weed treatments are applied in June but the exact timing is weather dependent, and it is expected that this year will take place in late May or early June due to the extremely mild winter. Specific aquatic herbicides are decided upon just prior to application, depending on the actual variety of weeds observed in any given year. Certain of the treatments may require a short yard watering ban, if so notice will be made for those members who utilize the lakes for yard irrigation. Notices of the periodic algae treatments will be posted on lakefront lots and in the parks as the applications are made

## **ACTIVIES COMMITTEE**

Our winter activities and events were a huge success this year! Thank you to those who came out for our family movie nights, adult winter party, Easter egg hunt, and euchre tournament.

Check out the website and Facebook page for event details for all of our summer events.

## **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

The parking lot and sidewalk leading to the clubhouse are currently being ripped up and replaced with new concrete. We will have a dedicated handicap parking spot with the new parking lot.

# 2017 VOCAA SWIM CLASS REGISTRATION

POOL (248) 349-0724 OFFICE (248) 349-0510

This year we are offering one-week classes to better accommodate families. Feel free to sign up for as many as you would like. Please understand it may take more than one session for your child to pass a level. Additional times or classes may be offered depending on the number of registrations

## Levels

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|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Level 5 &amp; 6</b> | 8:15-9:00   |
| <b>Level 4</b>         | 9:05-9:35   |
| <b>Level 3</b>         | 9:40-10:10  |
| <b>Level 2</b>         | 10:15-10:45 |
| <b>Level 1</b>         | 10:50-11:20 |
| <b>Preschool</b>       | 11:25-11:55 |
| <b>Infant</b>          | 11:25-11:55 |

## Session Dates

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|-----------|----------------------|
| Session 1 | June 19 – June 23    |
| Session 2 | June 26 – June 30    |
| Session 3 | July 10 – July 14    |
| Session 4 | July 17 – July 21    |
| Session 5 | July 24 – July 28    |
| Session 6 | July 31 – August 4   |
| Session 7 | August 7 – August 11 |

The time of each lesson might change, depending on enrollment levels. Please include your email on the registration form, and a copy of the final schedule will be emailed to you. The schedule will also be posted at the pool, check for the correct times of each class and to be sure your child's name is on the schedule.

If you would like to have your child tested for the proper level placement, please call the pool (248) 349-0724 to see when the swim instructor can evaluate your child.

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## 2017 Swim Class Registration

|                   |      |                     |             |
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| PARENT/ GUARDIAN: |      | MEMBER (YES OR NO): |             |
| ADDRESS:          |      |                     |             |
| EMAIL:            |      | PHONE:              |             |
| CHILD 1:          | AGE: | LEVEL:              | SESSION(S): |
| CHILD 2:          | AGE: | LEVEL:              | SESSION(S): |
| CHILD 3:          | AGE: | LEVEL:              | SESSION(S): |

**Please return this form and payment by the Thursday before each session, or a \$5.00 late fee will be added.** Include a check payable to VOCAA. If you would like to pay by credit card, please call the office (248) 349-0510.

# 2017 VOCAA SWIM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**INFANT & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:** are designed for the child to become acquainted and comfortable in the aquatic environment. The courses are not geared towards teaching the child to swim, but to be comfortable in and around water so that they will more easily learn to swim. **(Infant Class no limit but a parent must be in the pool with the child.) (Preschool Class Limit 8) Cost \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

**LEVEL 1: WATER EXPLORATION** is geared to orient participants to the aquatic environment and teach them elementary skills that can be built on as they progress through the Learn to Swim Program. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

**LEVEL 2: PRIMARY SKILLS** will build on the fundamentals of swimming with the basics of front crawl and backstroke. Upon completion of the course, students will have the basic skills to demonstrate floating, flutter kicking, as well as combining arm and kicking action. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

**LEVEL 3: STROKE READINESS** will build upon the fundamentals learned in Level 2 by coordinating the front crawl and backstroke. Students will learn the backstroke and begin diving in the kneeling and compact positions as well as learn the basics of treading water. **(Limit 10) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

**LEVEL 4: STROKE DEVELOPMENT** will continue building upon Level 3 by increasing endurance. Students will learn the basics OF THE BREASTROKE, SIDESTROKE AND A STANDING DIVE. They will also be introduced to alternative methods for treading water as they build endurance. **(Limit 10) Cost \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

**LEVEL 5: STROKE REFINEMENT** will coordinate the breaststroke and sidestroke, increase their skill proficiency and endurance level of elementary backstroke, front crawl, and backstroke. They will be introduced to diving from the diving board and the fundamentals of the butterfly. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

**LEVEL 6: SKILL PROFICIENCY** Upon completion of this course, students should have polished all the strokes and be able to perform them over increased distances. They will also be familiar with the turns associated with each stroke and be able to perform them with ease. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00**

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## 2017 VOCAA Pool Hours

**3 pm - 8pm** Monday – Friday May 29 - June 16

**12 pm – 9 pm** Saturday & Sunday May 29 – June 16

**12 pm – 9 pm** Everyday June 19 – Sept. 5

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The VOCAA Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board committees. Please contact Jim at the Clubhouse or any Board member for more information.

### THE VOCAA CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is available for rent to residents in good standing. Contact the Clubhouse office for reservations and rental information.

### VOCAA BABYSITTER/PETSITTER LIST

Residents who pet sit can add their information to the new list on the VOCAA website.

### IMPORTANT CITY OF NOVI CONTACT NUMBERS

Contact the **Novi Ordinance Enforcement Officers** at **248-735-5678** with questions or concerns regarding:

Graffiti, fences, weeds or un-mowed lawns, dumpster or storage containers, litter and storage of trash receptacles, inoperable, unlicensed or scrap vehicles, commercial vehicles parked in residential zone, zoning violations, home occupations, recreational vehicle storage, public sidewalk snow removal, firewood storage, compost piles, excessive pets (more than 3 dogs or cats/dwelling), failure to pick up animal waste, soil erosion and runoff, open and/or unsafe structure.

Contact the **Novi Department of Public Service** at **248-735-5640** with concerns regarding: Maintenance of City Streets and Traffic Devices, Water and Sewer issues.

## VOCAA GENERAL INFORMATION

VOCAA Newsletter is published twice a year. Please check the website and facebook for up to date event details and board news.

### Board of Directors

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Kendall Joy.....           | Chairman      |
| Joel Rioux.....            | Vice Chairman |
| Sal Portuesi.....          | Secretary     |
| Dave Staudt.....           | Treasurer     |
| Matt Christopherson.....   | Board Member  |
| Judy Halvorsen.....        | Board Member  |
| Jennifer Loiselle.....     | Board Member  |
| Julie Endres.....          | Board Member  |
| Kadria Portuesi.....       | Board Member  |
| Bill Eriksson.....         | Board Member  |
| Maggie Harder.....         | Board Member  |
| Gary Gaughan .....         | Board Member  |
| Patti Dunnabeck-Green..... | Board Member  |

### Committee Chairs

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Pool.....                  | Matt Christopherson |
| Activities.....            | Kadria Portuesi     |
| Facilities.....            | Julie Endres        |
| Architectural Control..... | Sal Portuesi        |
| Public Relations.....      | Jennifer Loiselle   |
| Lakes.....                 | Gary Gaughan        |

### Clubhouse & Commons Areas

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| Business and Facilities Manager..... | Jim Eagan |
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### Business Office Hours

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| Monday.....                    | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday.....                   | CLOSED             |
| Wednesday.....                 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm |
| Thursday .....                 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm |
| Friday, Saturday & Sunday..... | CLOSED             |

### Address

22859 Brook Forest  
Novi, MI 48375

### Office Phone Number

248-349-0510

### Pool Number

248-349-0724

### Email

office@vocaa.com

### Website

www.vocaa.org

### Facebook

Village Oaks Common Areas Association



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Novi, MI 48375

# FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Volunteers are once again needed to make this years picnic the best around. You will be entered into a raffle for every 2 hours of volunteering you sign up for. Below is a list of areas we need help with!

- Set-up -----Great for early risers! Help put up tent and a few tables and chairs! Have some coffee and donuts!!
- Parade -Help with getting people signed in and lined up. Good news here for early risers, you are done once the parade starts!
- Food Tent -----Help serve food. Not to big a commitment and a great way to see everyone!
- Games/ Bounce House -----Help with getting kids organized and handing out prizes!
- Cleanup ----- Help take down tent, put away tables and chairs, empty trash, and cleanup the leftovers!

To volunteer call the clubhouse at 248-349-0510 or email [office@vocca.com](mailto:office@vocca.com).