



Common Areas Association

VOCAA Newsletter Summer 2016

Message from the Chairman:

Hello Village Oaks! Welcome to all of our new residents. Our community has been constantly changing the last couple of years with new, younger families, moving in and taking advantage of what has been one of the best kept secrets of Novi, our neighborhood! With an elementary school located in the heart of our subdivision, a lake with great fishing, and a pool that provides lifeguard supervision and swim lessons, our subdivision is an ideal location for families and those who enjoy a friendly community.

We have made a number of improvements this last year including installation of a new pool heating and pump system, a new all weather safety cover for the pool during winter, and replacing the front walkway and entry door to the clubhouse. We urge each of you to take advantage of the low cost clubhouse rental privilege given to homeowners and residents of the subdivision. It makes a great place for receptions, birthdays, and other activities.

As spring comes, please get out, meet your neighbors, and know those around you. As our cities and communities change, so does the safety and communication needed to keep our neighborhoods safe and secure. Look out for each other and don't be afraid to speak up and say something if you notice someone or something that seems amiss.

Looking forward to the summer with all the activities that are planned. Keep checking our Facebook page and website for more information.

VOCAA Chairman
Kendall Joy

Memorial Day Pool Opening Welcome Summer Party

May 30, 2016

3-5pm

Stop by and renew your 2016 pool pass. Food and drink will be provided.

*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 swim.

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



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Summer 2016 Calendar

- May 30 Memorial Day Welcome Summer Pool Party 3-5 pm
- June 17 Last Day of School Pool Party – check the website and facebook page for event details
- June 23-25 VOCAA Annual Garage Sale
- June 30 First Floatie Nite 5:30-7:30 pm
- July 4 VOCAA 4th of July Celebration – check the website and facebook page for schedule of events
- July 21 SCUBA Night / Floatie Nite – check the website and facebook page for event details
- Aug. 4 Floatie Nite 5:30-7:30 pm
- Aug. 12 or 13 Out of this World Adult Pool Party (Perseid Meteor Shower) – check the website and facebook page for event details
- Aug. 18 Floatie Nite 5:30-7:30 pm
- Aug. 26 Family Fun Night – check the website and facebook page for event details
- Sept. 5 Labor Day Pool Closing

2016 VOCAA POOL HOURS

3 pm - 9pm Monday – Friday May 31 - June 18

12 pm – 9 pm Saturday and Sunday

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

VOCAA Annual Garage Sale

Thursday June 23, 2016

thru

Saturday June 25, 2016

9am-5pm

Questions call or email the clubhouse

248-349-0510 office@vocaa.com

VOCAA Yard of the Month

June thru October one VOCAA household, in good standing with the board, will be chosen as yard of the month. A VOCAA sign will be placed 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

Lakes Committee

Our two Lakes are assets that belong to all of us in VOCAA, and can be accessed at either end of Village Oaks Lake (the eastern lake), or from Village Wood Park for the western lake. Non-motorized small craft are permitted, and fishing is available in both lakes.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has approved the 2016 weed & algae treatment plan for our lakes. Algae treatments will be made as required through the season, beginning in early May. Targeted treatment for aquatic weeds is made once per year, generally in June but the exact timing is weather dependent, and it is expected that this year will take place in late May. Because of a very slight risk to some plants a short yard watering ban will be in effect upon the weed treatment only, notices will be posted in advance on sandwich boards for those members who utilize the lakes for yard irrigation. Notices of the periodic algae treatments will be posted on lakefront lots as the applications are made.

The lawn-watering season is almost upon us, so a couple reminders for those lakefront members who use the lake to water their lawns. First, for best turf grass health and growth do not put down shallow waterings too frequently. Watering briefly on a daily basis causes the grass roots to become shallow, damaging your lawn. Lawns should receive about an inch of water weekly, broken up into two or three longer applications. This also reduces loss of water to evaporation. The second tip is to water at dawn or first thing in the morning. Watering in the high heat period of a summer afternoon causes the greatest loss of our lake water resources to evaporation, and may also have a negative effect on your grass. Watering at dusk increases the risk of fungus.

Finally, all pet owners are reminded to clean up after their pets. All of the storm drains in Village Oaks run into our lakes, and pet waste accounts for a sizeable portion of bacterial pollution in our waters. Pet owners in all areas of the community need to be responsible in cleaning up after their animals. You may contact the Novi Ordinance Enforcement Officers at 248-735-5678 with concerns regarding failure to pick up animal waste.

Facilities Committee

In the last couple of years we have made a number of renovations to the clubhouse, pool, and grounds.

Interior:

1. Girls' Locker Room – corrected drainage and water damage issues, installed new tile, bathroom stalls, fixtures and paint.
2. Baby Changing Tables – added to both the Girls' and Boys' Locker Rooms.
3. Pool Table Room – new carpet, paint, artwork, and pool table cover.
4. Card Room – some of the Board Members graciously sanded, stained, and painted the tables and chairs, and the benches in the Pool Table Room.
5. Front Door and Sidelights – the current color is actually the primer. The door and shutters will be painted when the weather warms up enough.

Exterior:

1. Cement - going up to the front door and made it into a ramp; some of the cement pads on the sidewalk.
2. Pool Furniture – replaced some tables, chairs, and umbrellas
3. Pool Cover – much better quality and safer; can withstand someone walking on it
4. Pool Filter
5. Pool Heater
6. Subdivision Entrances – updated landscaping

Projects for 2016:

Renovate main hall and lower hallway by bathrooms - including new carpet, paint, blinds, and better lighting

Feel free to contact the office with your comments and ideas for future renovations. They are always welcome!

Public Relations and Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee is BACK and looking for members. Please contact office@vocaa.com if you are interested in welcoming new neighbors to Village Oaks. If you are a new neighbor to VOCAA, please contact Jim in the office ASAP so we can have the correct information for your address and the welcome committee can come by and say hello!

As Public Relations goes, the website and Facebook will be continually updated with the most recent news, yard of the month, and details for up coming events! If you haven't registered for the website or liked us, please do!

Architectural Control

Here is a friendly reminder of the VOCAA Covenants regarding structures on your property. Also, make sure you check with the City of Novi and their stated ordinances. Please email office@vocaa.com with your purposed plans for approval.

BUILDING OF STRUCTURES AND FENCES - Article VII, Section 2: After completion of the initial house on the Lot by Developer, no addition thereto or other building shall be erected, placed or altered on any Lot until the construction plans and specifications and a plan showing the location of the structure have been approved by the Board Of Directors or an Architectural Control Committee appointed by the Board of Directors as to qualify of workmanship and materials, harmony of external design with existing structures, and as to location with respect to topography and finish grade elevation. No fence or wall shall be erected, placed or altered on any Lot nearer to any street than the minimum building setback line unless similarly approved.

TEMPORARY STRUCTURES (Trailers, Commercial Vehicles and Trucks, Boat Trailers, Boats, Camping Vehicles, Camping Trailers) - Article VII, Section 8: No house trailers, commercial vehicles and trucks, boat trailers, boats, camping vehicles or camping trailers may be parked on or stored on any Lot in the Subdivision, unless stored fully enclosed within an attached garage or a structure approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Except as provided above, commercial vehicles and trucks shall not be parked in the subdivision or on any Lot therein, except while making normal deliveries or pickups in the normal course of business. The foregoing provisions of Section 8 shall not apply to activities by a builder during the sales and construction period. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently

2016 VOCAA SWIM CLASS SCHEDULE

Pool Number 248-349-0724

Two week classes, 10 days, all levels, and all sessions. Additional times/classes may be offered depending on number of registrations.

9:00 – 9:45am	Levels 5 & 6	Session I	6/20, 6/21, 6/22, 6/23, 6/24 6/27, 6/28, 6/29, 6/30, 7/1
9:45 – 10:30am	Level 3 & 4	Session II	7/11, 7/12, 7/13, 7/14, 7/15 7/18, 7/19, 7/20, 7/21, 7/22
11:00 – 11:30am	Levels 1 & 2 (separate classes).	Session III	7/25, 7/26, 7/27, 7/28, 7/29 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5
11:30 – 12:00am	Preschool & Infant	Session IV	8/8, 8/9, 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, 8/15, 8/16, 8/17, 8/18, 8/19

IMPORTANT

Be sure to have your child tested for the proper level placement in swim class. Call the Pool (248) 349-0724 to see when the swim instructors can evaluate your child's proper level **before** lessons begin.

It may be necessary to vary the times of the lessons depending on class size. Additional classes may need to be added and begin as early as 8:00am for the higher levels. Please include your email on the registration form as 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 that your child's name is on the schedule.

2016 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 \$45.00 Non-members \$60.00

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: \$45.00 Non-members \$60.00**

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 rudimentary skills to demonstrate floating, flutter kicking, as well as combining arm and kicking action. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$45.00 Non-members \$60.00**

LEVEL 3: STROKE READINESS will build upon the fundamentals learned in Level 2 by coordination 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: \$45.00 Non-members \$60.00**

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 \$50.00 Non-members \$60.00**

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: \$50.00 Non-members \$65.00**

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: \$50.00 Non-members \$65.00**

2016 VOCAA SWIM CLASS REGISTRATION

For those who are unsure of class level needed, testing will be offered. You will want to bring your child to the pool on June 11th from 1:00-4:00 pm for testing by a WSI certified lifeguard, or you can call (248) 349-0724 to see when a WSI guard is on duty.

Registration forms by email or hard copy and payment must be received by Monday, June 13th. Classes will be formed from the registrations and payments received. Class lists will be posted at the pool and sent by email by Friday 17th. There will be a class minimum in order to run each class. Swim Class schedules and times are subject to change without notice. Be sure to check your email notification and/or the schedule of swim classes posted at the pool.

Please be sure to fill out your forms completely, indicating both a first and a second choice. We will make every effort to accommodate everyone and still keep the quality of our program high.

INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM with your payment.

Make checks payable to VOCAA

****VISA, MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, AND DISCOVER CARDS ARE ACCEPTED****

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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 BAYSITTER LIST

A babysitter list will be posted on the website. If you are interested in being listed, please email your name, address, date of birth, phone number, number of children you are comfortable watching to office@vocaa.com. Residents must be registered to view this information on the website.

FLOATIE NIGHT!!

5:30-7:30 pm. Rain or shine!

See calendar for dates.

Bring your favorite pool float and come cool off with one of our delicious ice cream floats and a hot dog dinner!

Menus/ prices will be posted at the pool!

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

Villages Oaks Common Areas Association 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
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Committee Chairs

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

Clubhouse & Commons Areas

Business and Facilities Manager.....Jim Eagan

Business Office Hours

Monday.....9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday.....CLOSED
Wednesday.....9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday9:00 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

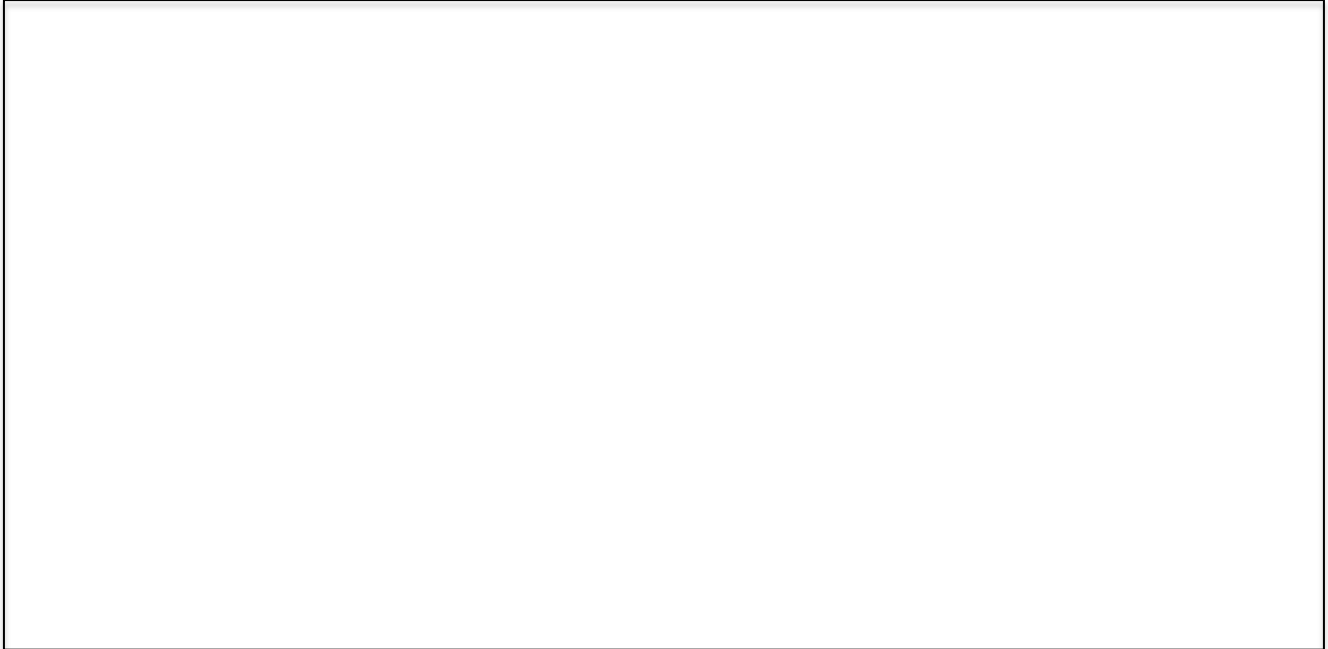
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To Our Neighbors



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Volunteers are once again needed to make this years Picnic the best around. We have a great neighborhood and can throw a great party with a little bit of help! With enough volunteers everyone only has to give a LITTLE to make a big difference. Below is a list of areas we need help with! Remember these are not jobs you would to do alone.

- 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. Several 1hour shifts available! Not to big a commitment and a great way to see everyone!
- Games -----Help with getting kids organized and handing out prizes!
- Pool Games -----An hour or so again, handing out prizes and helping get people ready to go! The lifeguards run the games!
- 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. Thanks in advance to ALL who volunteer, look forward to working with you!