

"Man's heart away from nature becomes hard." - Standing Bear



Good Hope Farms Civic Association Garden and Shade Tree Committee

Did you know Good Hope has this committee? Well, it does now. If you have a passion for gardening or a budding green thumb, we would love for you to join us. Please email Johanna at davejohanna@comcast.net or call 635-8158

Entrance Way:

The shrubs in the entranceway are overgrown and are covering the neighborhood's event sign. We would like to redo this area with flowers and dwarf shrubs to make it beautiful and welcoming to passersby, guests of neighborhood and you.

We cannot do this alone, so we need your support.

You can support us in two ways: labor and/or monetary donations.

Labor:

- 1. We will need help removing the old shrubbery and replanting the new.*
- 2. We will need help watering the new plantings throughout the summer.
(You can sign up for regular watering or 1-2 weeks out of the summer.)*
- 3. Weeding! Yes, we will get weeds once we remove the shrubs.
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Donations:

If you cannot offer your labor, please contribute to the beautification of our neighborhood through a monetary donation. You can donate as little as \$5 or as much as the cost of a flower or shrub. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Send or drop off donations to Teri Guelcher, the President of Good Hope Farms Civic Association, at 5277 Strathmore Drive. Checks can be made out to GHFCA, and note that this is for the Garden and Shade Tree Committee. Busy schedule? We will pick-up your monetary donations, so email us at davejohanna@comcast.net.

"With innovation and technology, seems we have forgotten to cherish the true beauty the world has to offer." A.C. Van Cherub

Good Hope's Gorgeous Garden Award:

We are looking into awarding yards throughout the year for their beauty and/or creativity. In the beginning, we would acknowledge the yards through our website and/or newsletter, but would love to be able to purchase an actual sign to display in the yard for a period of time.

"If one daffodil is worth a thousand pleasures, then one is too few."

William Wordsworth

Perennial Swap:

We are considering a spot on our website that would allow you to post the perennials you want to divide and share with your Good Hope Neighbors.

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. - John Muir

Note from a Committee Member:

I mark my time in an area by planting seasons and my daughters' school years. I have lived in Good Hope Farms for two summers which means my garden only has the beginning skeleton of what I would like it to become. I fell in love with the tree-lined streets of Good Hope Farms while looking for a house. Sadly, the house we bought no longer had its beautiful shade trees. Our first fall, we planted two shade trees (red maples for fall color) in our front yard, following the township's rule of no trees in the strip between the sidewalk and the street. Although, I prefer to have them in the strip, I was reassured when I drove through Westover Development. Here every house has two trees in their front yard and not in the strip, and it is a beautiful neighborhood because of this.

The Garden and Shade Tree Committee is something that I have considered ever since moving into the neighborhood. I walk this neighborhood daily with my two curly dogs. I enjoy seeing your new ventures in your garden, and every time I see a tree being cut down I hope to see two planted in its place. I thank you for creating beauty for all of us. - Johanna Brown

"Be a gentle friend to trees, and they will give you back beauty, cool and fragrant shade, and many birds, singing." -anonymous

If you would like to join the committee or if you have questions, comments or ideas, email Johanna at davejohanna@comcast.net or call 635-8158