

Covington Square Subdivision Pond Committee

Special Pond Project report

Dear neighbors,

You are receiving this flyer because your back yard borders the pond area. Last year the pond committee brought the decision to create and maintain the so-called “green belt” around the pond and the area west of it. It varies from a few feet to several yards in certain spots. This area is very crucial in the fight against the algae forming in and on the surface of the pond during the summer and fall. It acts as a filter barrier that uses up the excess nitrates and phosphates from the fertilizers we use, which substances the algae need for their growth. We’ve also invested a lot of time and money from our subdivision dues to have this area populated with not just any wild grass but actual Michigan native wild flowers and plants as well as quite a few oak trees. Our plans are to have the entire area and the pond become a self-sustaining ecosystem that with a little bit of our help will also become a place that is visually pleasing and that you would gladly visit during your morning or afternoon walks or just enjoy from your back patios. This will enhance your property value and thus benefit the subdivision.

In order to achieve this and at the same time keep our subdivision dues as low as possible we ask of you that next time you have the lawn mower out set the blades at their highest position and cut the remainder of last year’s wild grass and flowers in this green belt, all the way down to the water edge. If you live in the area west of the pond we ask that you mow down two passes beyond the tree line. This is necessary only once and its purpose is to spread out the seeds and create a cover for the new growth. If the ground is too rough for your mower, at least weed-wack the grass to only 4 or 5 inches. If you have a company maintaining your lawn, please ask them to do the same.

We thank for your support and remember to always use non-phosphorous fertilizer. For the latest news and events around the pond please visit the “Pond Project” section of our website www.covingtonsquare.org .

The Covington Square Subdivision Pond Committee