Norton Hills Estates Recreation Association

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2010 Budget Includes Bloomfield Stairs, Basics

The 2010 budget for your neighborhood association includes up to $3,500 for construction of stairs at the east end of Bloomfield and otherwise covers the basics.

We expect $9,870 of income from annual dues, which are $70 per household this year, plus $240 in interest income and $125 from directory advertising sales. If you'd like to advertise in the directory, please check the checkbox on the directory information form accompanying your dues statement.

Expenses for the year will include up to $1,000 for the annual dinner, up to $1,000 for a block party, $1,400 for insurance, $1,090 for park and pathway maintenance, $800 for property taxes, and up to $600 for printing and photocopying. We will reduce that last expense somewhat by switching our photocopying business from Staples to the locally owned Design 2 Print on Henry Street.

We also expect to spend about $100 on additional garage sale signs, up to $126 on postage, about $125 on our Web site, and $25 to file a required form with the State of Michigan.

With depreciation of $1,140, the budget shows an operating loss of $671 for the year. We hope to spend less than we've budgeted on a few of the major items, particularly the Bloomfield stairs, to finish in the black.

Thanks to Treasurer Tom Sanocki for preparing a solid and responsible budget, which the Board of Directors approved at a quarterly meeting in November.

Final 2009 Finances

Income	
Dues	$ 8,605.00
Directory Ad Sales	180.00
Interest	113.26
Total Income	**$ 8,898.26**
Expenses	
Annual dinner	1,478.35
Depreciation	1,140.00
Filing fees	20.00
Garage sale ads & signs	185.03
Insurance	1,364.00
Legal fees	-96.00
Maintenance	889.91
Post Office Box rental	42.00
Postage and Delivery	260.00
Printing and Reproduction	316.36
Taxes	568.44
Web site	7.17
Total Expenses	**$ 6,175.26**
Net Income	**$ 2,723.00**
Cash Balance	**$ 6,447.09**
CD Balance	**$ 7,045.81**

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Briefly

Help the neighborhood! Committees forming right now provide a great way to contribute to your neighborhood with minimal time and effort and give you the chance to help guide the neighborhood association. Contact Joe McNarland at veep@nhera.org or 780-4394 to volunteer for the Facilities Committee, Barb Miller at barb@qtandthegeek.com or 780-9219 to volunteer for the Shareholders Committee, or Deanna Vander Ploeg at UpperNorcrest@nhera.org or 780-2072 to help on the Activities Committee.

Clear your hydrant. Please clear the snow from around the fire hydrant nearest you, and clear a path from the street and sidewalk to it, every time you shovel or snowblow. The home and lives you save may be your own.

New to the neighborhood? Contact the secretary or your block chair for a welcome packet.

Dues reminder. Remember that late fees kick in March 1 this year. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid late fees.