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## Letter From The President

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last election. As a way of introduction, I live at 1564 Hendrie. Kitty is my wife and we have one teenage daughter, Kayln, still living at home. I have been with DTE Energy for 35 years and I am currently a supervisor for a telecommunications engineering group. Before moving to Cobblestone Ridge, I was a board of director member for a homeowner association for about 10 years.

My thought as a CRHA board member is to look after the good of our community, to ensure Cobblestone Ridge is properly maintained, and to keep it a desirable and safe place to live. Board members are not workers for the community, but rather enablers. Cobblestone Ridge is the responsibility of all its residents. The board of directors can create opportunities and provide funding where required for necessary property maintenance, community projects, and various social activities. Our success is highly dependent on your individual participation.

My passion for the next few months is to improve the overall appearance of our community; in particular to focus on the replacement of dead trees between the sidewalk and the street. When our community was constructed, Canton Township required the installation of trees; it is now the responsibility of homeowners to replace those trees affected by the Ash-borer disease. According to real-estate folks, this is the single most important improvement we can do to improve our property values. I am hoping all of us can work together to see if we can get these replaced this year at a reduced cost.

In closing, we will be having some "work weekends" to continue the enhancements to our community entrances. Please make every effort to come out and participate. You know where I live. Please feel free to drop by and say hello... Kitty and I practically live outside in the summer.

### A Special Thanks...

The board would like to extend a special thank you to Mike and Jennifer Peluso for donating children swings for the Tot Lot. We would also like to recognize Steve Betts for his efforts in installing the swings. We all confident that the new swings at the Tot Lot will be enjoyed by many children this spring and summer. Thanks again!

Questions or suggestions for upcoming newsletters? Please email us at [news@cobblestoneridge.org](mailto:news@cobblestoneridge.org)

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# Cobblestone Ridge Newsletter

## May 2005



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### Ford Road Entrance Landscaping Improvements Volunteers Needed

As many residents already know, Cobblestone Ridge received a 2004 Landscape Design Excellence Award from Canton Township. In an attempt to be repeat recipients of this award, we are making efforts to continuously improve the landscaping in the entrances and common areas. Similar to last year, we are organizing a Ford Road entrance landscaping improvement project this spring to replace the mulch with rocks. Although the initial investment of the rocks is large, it will save the association mulch replacement fees and additional maintenance costs over time. Crimboli Nursery is once again working with us and has given a "good neighbor" discount. However, in order to successfully complete the project we need help from you! We are looking for 20 to 30 volunteers to help with this project on Saturday, May 21st. Please be prepared to bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. Refreshments will be supplied. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dennis O'Flynn at doflynn@umich.edu. For additional information, please see the CRHA website at: <http://www.cobblestoneridge.org/committee/landscape/index.html>.

### Cobblestone Ridge Annual Garage Sale

The annual Cobblestone Ridge garage sale will be held Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating in the neighborhood wide garage sale, we ask that you provide \$5 to Jeanne DeRose at 1263 Hendrie (844-3465) by Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The \$5 fee is collected to pay for event supplies and advertising.

### Cobblestone Eagles Hockey Team Takes Home Bronze

As you may or may not know, Cobblestone Ridge has an ice hockey team, the Cobblestoners. While the Plymouth Whalers have been eliminated in the OHL playoffs and the Detroit Red Wings cannot play due to the NHL lockout, the Cobblestoners of the RSPI hockey league continue to play. Six members of our subdivision went to Toronto to play in a CAN/AM tournament in April. Jeff Carter, Scott Coates, Joe DeRose, Brian Giles, Mark Johnston and Dennis O'Flynn went as members of the Cobblestone Eagles, a merger of two local teams for the tournament. They played a total of 4 games and won the bronze medal in the 30+ D division in a triple overtime 4-3 victory. Any resident interested in potentially joining the Cobblestoners in the RSPI league should contact Dennis O'Flynn at doflynn@umich.edu.

### Dead Tree Replacement

As stated in the 2004 Cobblestone Ridge annual meeting, the board will begin enforcing the dead tree replacement policy as of June 30, 2005. Homeowners with dead trees on their property must remove and replace dead trees with an acceptable replacement by June 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid violations. If you have any questions regarding the tree replacement policy, please contact Bob Feldkamp at board@cobblestoneridge.org.

#### 2005 Egg Hunt Recap

Due to cold weather and lack of participation, the 2005 Cobblestone Ridge Egg Hunt was cancelled. Let's hope for better luck next year.

#### 2005 Social Event Tentative Dates

Ford Road Entrance Landscaping – May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Garage Sale – June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Block Party – August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Masquerade Parade – October 29<sup>th</sup>

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