



# **The Mount Royaler**

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*neighborhood news*

## **Mount Royaler Spring Edition 2017**

### **Presidents Report**

A new year is upon us and it promises to be a fun and eventful 2017. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at the Richardson center for our General Membership meeting. The Doors will open at 6:45 and we will get the meeting underway at 7:30 p.m. sharp. I just wanted to send out a quick reminder to all association members that as the weather begins to break and our streets begin to fill with walkers, joggers and all of the children that we take extra care while driving our cars and golf carts. Remember that all of the rules of the road apply to golf carts as well as automobiles. Please observe all stop signs and speed limits as they are in place to insure a safe environment for all. We have had some major issues with drainage due to lawn debris clogging our systems. Please do your part to keep the ditches and culverts clean and free of debris. Keep in mind that as the spring rains begin, all of the collective leaves multiply as they flow towards the river. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you in just a few short days.

President Kevin Smith

### **Commerce Township Library**

The new Commerce Township library is open! This wonderful community asset is easily accessible to our neighborhood residents, but please be cautious if you are crossing Commerce Road.

#### Library Hours:

- Sun: 1 - 5 PM
- Mon: 10AM – 9PM
- Tue: 10AM – 9PM
- Wed: 10AM – 9PM
- Thu: 10AM – 9PM
- Fri: 10AM – 5PM
- Sat: 10AM – 5PM



**Commerce Township  
Community Library**

### **Golf Carts/ATVs/Utility Vehicles**

As the weather gets warmer, the golf carts start coming out of the garages. Please remember that driving a golf cart is fun, but as a driver you are ultimately responsible. People, including kids can get hurt. Make sure you and your children are safe and driving responsibly. Residents have complained about speeding, and about overcrowding of golf carts. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind the next time you take your golf cart for a ride; Keep your arms and legs inside the cart when the cart is in motion. It's easy to catch a shoe in the ground, for example, if you decide to hang a foot outside the cart while traveling. And that can easily lead to a sprained ankle or even a broken ankle or foot. Golf carts are not equipped with safety belts. Don't go flying around corners or attempt sharp curves at top speed - this can result in someone being thrown from the cart (yes, people have been killed as a result of being thrown from a golf cart). Most importantly pay attention to your surroundings.

Let's just make sure we are safe on the roads this spring.

### **Mount Royal on Facebook!**

We have a Facebook account! Facebook is a great way for us to come together as a community. Become a friend of Mt. Royal Subdivision, Commerce MI Facebook page! Now we can keep tabs on each other 24 hours a day! Send pictures from any event of fun times at the beach to [mt.royal.subdivision@gmail.com](mailto:mt.royal.subdivision@gmail.com) At printing time, we have 462 likes on Facebook! Any and all updates will be posted as needed.

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### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Mother Nature has been a little nicer this year, but spring is quickly approaching. We need to start thinking about the up and coming events. Like every year we have exciting events on tap!

On April, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 THE BEACH IS OPENING!! Come down to the beach and help your neighbors get it ready for another beautiful summer. It's a great opportunity to give back and meet some great people.

Stay tuned for the official date! We will be celebrating the Country's independence with another wonderful and action packed fireworks display.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, break bread with our neighbors at the neighborhood Steak Roast. Tickets for this event will be \$25.00 per person (must be 21 years of older) and is a BYOB event.

The Steak Roast begins at 7pm. If you would like to attend this event contact a board member for tickets and additional information.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, bring the whole family to Family Fun Day. This is a perfect time to get the neighborhood kids together and celebrate the end of a great summer. Family Fun Day will start with the annual parade, at noon, located at the corner of Sleeth and Polvadera.

As always volunteers for all these upcoming events are appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your time to one or more of these wonderful neighborhood events please contact one of the Mt. Royal Board members for more details.

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Beach Co-Chair: Chuck Sansom 248 360-2598 265 Polvadera

**Fireworks July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

Dear Mt Royal Neighbors,

The 2016 Commerce Lake Fireworks show was once again spectacular and went off perfectly. Kim, Susan and Jack have all agreed to be the board members again and to work just as hard to raise funds and organize fireworks for Commerce Lake for 2017. Help us to keep this a Commerce Lake tradition by showing your support.

The agreement has been signed with the fireworks contractor GenX and the date June TBD, is confirmed. Our total fundraising goal is \$24,500\* by June, 2017.

\*We will also have to bear the cost of having the sheriff on the lake due to Oakland County budget reductions. This will add an estimated \$3,425 to our total cost.

Please make a donation – this display will not come together without contributions from everyone that enjoys watching the fireworks.

For updates visit [www.commercefireworks.org](http://www.commercefireworks.org)

Kim, Susan and Jack

To Donate

Check- made out to/sent to North Commerce Lake Fireworks 4293 Creedmoor, Commerce Twp. Mi.
Pay by PayPal. Go to <a href="http://www.paypal.com">www.paypal.com</a> user ID= <a href="mailto:nclf@ameritech.net">nclf@ameritech.net</a>

### Upcoming Board Meetings

The Mount Royal board meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month AT 7:30 p.m. The 2017 meeting schedule is as follows.

March 22 At the Richardson Community Center
April 26 At the beach
May 24 At the beach
June 28 At the beach
July 26 At the beach

### Mt Royal Neighborhood Library



The Mt. Royal Little Free Library has been a wonderful resource for our children. If you have not yet visited, please do! There is a guest book to sign and books to be borrowed or traded. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. If you haven't seen this latest neighborhood gem, head on down to the intersection of Ridgemont and Polvadera and grab a book. The kids love it!



### Beach Report

The Beach opens this year on April 22nd at 9:00 a.m., (alternate 4/29). This is a great time to help out and meet your neighbors. We hope to see you there.

As usual, we will have perfect weather!

Volleyball was very popular last year and we look forward to have informal volleyball nights again!

Chuck Samson

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Susan Holden

During the summer we have many "URGENT" requests for beach keys. Please make your dues payments early to avoid the anxiety of not having your key when the weather is great out. A beach key will be mailed to the home owner when payment is received by mail. Keys may also be acquired at monthly board meetings as well. There are monthly meetings, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 7:30, at the

Richardson Center or at the beach during the summer months. ***We encourage you to attend and participate.***

Selling your home soon? Please have your real estate agent contact me as soon as your home is listed. During the closing the title companies require a status letter showing no dues in arrears. Many times I get calls for this information the same day of the closing!

Paid membership for 2016 was up to 77%. Thank you!

Susan Holden  
Mt. Royal Membership

*The Maintenance of the private roads, signs and the beach is directly dependent on the payment of your dues. Initiation fee of \$100.00 is required for new residents or residents whose dues are in arrears. The Mount Royal Subdivision Improvement Association*

**Mount Royal Website:**

The e-MtRoyaler is up and running. If you want to visit the Mt. Royaler it is available 24-7 at [www.mtroyal.org](http://www.mtroyal.org)

Also I keep adding people to the Mt. Royal e-mail list. You can be added to the list by sending me an e-mail to the following address: [mt.royal.subdivision@gmail.com](mailto:mt.royal.subdivision@gmail.com) By adding your

name to the list, we e-mail you when the latest Mt. Royaler has been issued and posted online, and terminate your mailed copy. This saves the subdivision money, and lets you do the green thing! So its good for the neighborhood and the world (way to go you!)

However, if you are moving please contact me and let me know to unsubscribe you from the E-Mt Royaler. New residents will want a hard copy and the option to add their e-mail to my database.



## BEACH RULES

### *Mt. Royal Subdivision Improvement Association*

1. Beach is for the use of Association Members **ONLY**.
2. The beach opens at 8:00 A.M. and closes at 10:00 P.M.
3. No pets, mini bikes, bikes or motorcycles allowed on the beach.
4. No boats or fishing allowed in the swim area of the beach.
5. No pushing, shoving or running on the dock or raft. Do not throw or kick sand on the beach. No playing on swim area markers. No profane language.
6. Limit of **TEN** guests per day per key-holder unless prior arrangements are made with the Beach Chairman, Dana Swan 248-360-0418, or Chuck Sansom 248-705-1185
7. All homeowners or renters may purchase an optional beach key providing they have paid the mandatory Mount Royal Improvement Association dues. Beach key holders may not have Mount Royal residents as guests unless the guests have paid mandatory dues.
8. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Dependents under 21 years of age will be allowed **TWO** guests per key as long as the guests are not children of non-paying Mount Royal residents.
9. No glass containers allowed on the beach (bring the beverage but leave the bottle).
10. Use trash barrels for refuse.
11. Be sure to close and lock beach gate and boat ramp behind you. You are paying dues and the beach is not for the use of non dues-paying residents or non-Mount Royal residents.
12. Keys can not be lent out to anyone. If you let someone use your key, you may lose beach privileges for the remainder of the season and your Association membership status will be reviewed by the board for the next year.
13. Keys are given to the Oakland County Sheriff Department to help patrol during regular hours and after hours.
14. There is an **EMERGENCY** telephone located on the utility pole by the entrance gate. Your beach key will fit the lock. When you pick-up this telephone you will be directly connected to the Sheriff's Department. You cannot receive or make any other calls. This phone is for **EMERGENCY USE ONLY**.

15. The pavilion is used on a first come first served basis and cannot be reserved. There is room in the pavilion for several small groups of people.

#### Unwritten Beach Rules...Common Sense Rules

1. **DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS.** Ducks that are fed will stay for more food. Ducks that eat tend to "poop" on the beach, dock, and float and in the water. This type of contamination has resulted in the closure of Oakland County beaches by the health department. Children feeding chips to ducks is cute **but** it is still undesirable.
2. If you are planning to have guests at the beach please meet at your house and car-pool to the beach. Parking at the beach is limited and on prime "beach days" is quite crowded.
3. Remember that 250 families buy beach keys. On busy days don't take more table space than you really need.
4. If approached by others at the beach and requested to quiet down or "modify behavior" in some other manner please comply. Remember, the beach is for their enjoyment too.
5. If other parties are "out of control" please use the telephone near the beach gate (Your beach key will unlock the phone box). You will be directly connected to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Report the problem and let the Sheriff handle the situation. We all pay good tax dollars for the Sheriff Department's service.
6. Parents please take the time to review the beach rules with your children. We all know that they get out of school and don't want to hear about rules until fall **but**, the rules are designed to keep all beach users safe.

**Enjoy your summer and beach.**

