



Colonial Village

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

Clean and de-clutter your closets, garages and basements in time for the Annual CVNA Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, June 19. For further information contact:

Area 1, Diane Krantz-484-1733, Area 2, Patty Ford-485-9008, Area 3, Sandy Hargitt-882-6021

Annual Neighborhood Picnic

National Night Out, August 3, will be the date and Elmhurst Elementary School will be the site for the 2004 CVNA Annual Picnic. Last year 250 neighbors attended the picnic and enjoyed the great food and fun times.

Volunteers are needed to make this event another success. Please contact Anita Beavers at 882-0015.

Neighborhood in Bloom Project

Anne Wilson, chair of the Neighborhood in Bloom Grant Project, is in need of volunteers June 2 to assist with planting flowers in traffic islands & circles. Call: 374-6460

Door Prizes

CVNA wishes to thank the following merchants for their generous contributions to door prizes given out at Association meetings: Colonial Village Rite Aid, Logan Center Big Lots, Martin Luther King Pizza Hut and Wash World, and Logan Center Subway Shop.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Cancer. There is no other word in the English language that evokes more fear than cancer, and it doesn't matter which type of cancer or whether its men, women or children that it touches. CVNA voted to join the fight against this dreaded disease by participating in the Lansing ACS Relay For Life event June 26 – 27, 2004 at the Everett High School, 3900 Stabler Drive, Lansing, MI.

The Relay is the American Cancer Society's signature event dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer in our community. CVNA team members will take turns walking a track and camping out during 24 hours of entertainment, celebration and reflection.

Everyone who participated in the event last year continues to talk about how rewarding it was and how much fun it was for them and their family. If you would like to make a difference, join CVNA's Relay Team and experience the fun. Contact Evelyn Bush by calling: 484 2983.

Come Meet Us

CVNA meets every third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at the Grace United Methodist Church. Our meetings provide information and updates from the Lansing Police Department South Precinct, City Council, and the Ingham County Commission.

Donate/Volunteer

CVNA is funded by individual donations and by project-specific grants. Volunteers are vital to our activities: the neighborhood garage sale, annual picnic, monthly telephone call list, and newsletter delivery. We also welcome volunteers to up-date the association by-laws, plan new projects, or work with on-going programs. If unable to volunteer your time, please consider making a money donation at the monthly meeting or by sending a check or money order, made payable to CVNA. Send your donations to CVNA Treasurer Jim Beckwith, 2000 Holly Way, Lansing, Michigan 48910.

A Tribute to Ruth & Morris Graham

In keeping with the Valentine mood, the memory of Ruth and Morris Graham, who were an enduring couple that walked our neighborhood for many years, was honored. Relatives Jackqui and Gundi Graham were presented a bouquet and enjoyed Barry Ford's reading the poem, "The Village Walkers," Bill Strahan's tribute to Ruth and Morris. More on the tribute and the poem can be found on the Colonial Village Web Site at (www.cvnaneews.com).

CVNA Wishes the Williams Family Well

Randy Williams, 3rd Ward City Council Representative, has moved from Colonial Village. He, Suzanne and their children are enjoying a larger house in the Lewton/Rich area. They were awarded an honorary lifetime membership in CVNA in appreciation for their dedication to the neighborhood and hard work they have done for the Association. They have served as CVNA's Website Cybrarian and newsletter editor respectively since the beginning and have volunteered to lead various committees, projects and events. We wish them well.

CVNA Board Members

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Traffic-Calming Project

CVNA, Lewton/Rich, Quentin Park, and Sagamore Hill Neighborhood Associations joined local businesses and schools to successfully convince the Lansing City Council to re-evaluate the bike path/turn lane proposal on Mt. Hope Ave. Randy Williams, 3rd Ward City Council Representative, Carol Wood, Brian Jeffries, and other council representatives acted on our concerns and helped stop the proposed Mt. Hope Traffic-calming project. We hope future plans will include a bike path in a more appropriate location.

We are slowly adjusting to the new traffic calming measures. Learning to negotiate with roundabouts, islands and speed humps require patience. We hope they will, indeed, calm traffic.

Bea Christy Award

June Kenfield, Past President of CVNA, was nominated for the annual Lansing Neighborhood Council Bea Christy Award, which honors dedicated neighborhood volunteers. June exemplifies the award qualities by her leadership, commitment and guidance during the CSO and traffic calming projects. Although June did not win, in our eyes, she is always a winner and continues to be a valuable asset to our neighborhood and to CVNA. June also received honors at the March 17 CVNA Meeting. She received a certificate from the Lansing City Council for outstanding work and a certificate from Ingham County Commissioner Victor Celentino for her contribution and leadership role in the neighborhood.