

# Colonial Village Newsletter

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

June 1998

## Neighborhood Picnic Slated for June 17

Come meet more of your Colonial Village Neighbors, and learn more about what's happening in the area at a Neighborhood Picnic scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at Elmhurst School/Park, sponsored by the **Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA)**. That evening also happens to be the annual "Neighborhood Night Out," so its a great opportunity for the neighborhood to come together.

The picnic promises to be great fun with the following items on tap:

- Free hot dogs, chips, & drinks
- Games & activities for the kids.
- A visit by McGruff the Crimedog & a Lansing Fire Department representative
- Information on the CVNA & Neighborhood Watch programs.

Since there are no tables at the park, you might want to bring your own picnic blanket or lawn chairs. We have reserved the gym in Elmhurst School in case of rain, so plan to come rain or shine.

If you would like to help, please call **393-1708** and leave a message on the machine, or call one of the CVNA board members noted in the next column.

**\*\* Come join the fun! See you there! \*\***

## CVNA Joins Neighborhood Council

After officially forming in April, the CVNA has been accepted as a member of the Lansing Neighborhood Council. Joining with these 35 other neighborhood associations in Lansing substantially increases our ability to represent the best interests of residents. The LNC has already provided invaluable support to the CVNA by sharing their expertise in establishing bylaws, filing articles of incorporation, establishing a bank account, etc. All residents of the CVNA are *welcome and encouraged* to attend our regular meeting on the **third Wednesday** of each month, **7 p.m.**, at **Grace United Methodist Church**, Mt. Hope Ave. and Boston Blvd.

### CVNA Participates in Paint Blitz '98

One of the major activities promoted by the Lansing Neighborhood Council is the annual Paint Blitz. On Saturday, June 6, a small but hardy crew of CVNA members represented the Colonial Village/Holly Park area for the first time in a Paint Blitz. Our goal for next year is to put together a large enough crew to paint an entire house on our own.

### CVNA Board of Directors

Randy Williams	President	882-5831
Mark Rees	Vice-Pres.	887-1567
Rob Husulak	Treasurer	887-????
Ed Rivet	Secretary	887-7162
Kristine Bromberk	Area 1 Rep.	
Cheryl Chepy	Area 2 Rep.	485-7673
John Dixon	Area 3 Rep.	394-5448

## **Don't Miss the Annual Garage Sale! Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

If you're looking for some new "treasures" or looking to lighten your load of "treasures," this is the opportunity of the year. With dozens of residents holding sales, business will be brisk.

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### **Residents Oppose Traffic Changes**

Earlier this spring the City of Lansing planning department held two meetings to discuss proposed changes in traffic flows with CVNA residents. The plan called for, among other things, removing stop signs along Boston Blvd. and replacing them with speed bumps or traffic circles. The issue was discussed at the April CVNA meeting, a unanimous vote was cast to send a letter to the city department expressing our opposition to the changes. Board member John Dixon reported that in conversations with the city department the plan will not go forward because of the neighborhood opposition.

### **Renaissance Zone Project Stalled, Land Purchase Being Considered**

The city's controversial plan to develop property adjoining the neighborhood, eliminating the woods buffering the area from the Lindell Drop Forge, Logan Square, etc. has run into serious problems due to CVNA activities. It was October 1997 when surveyors began tramping through residents backyards along S. Hollyway and Victor Ave. in preparation for commercial development behind the Lindell site. That's when residents learned of the city's entire plan for the tax-free zone, which included placing income-restricted housing behind homes on Peggy Place.

Equally unnerving to neighbors was that the private developers and businesses were going to reap large private profits through the use of government subsidies to complete this project. Acting on long-standing knowledge of this natural area, CVNA members solicited a review of the land for a possible wetlands designation. That review has led to a "wetlands designation" for the entire wooded area. The owner/developer who intended to put in the housing units is now considering selling the property. CVNA is exploring options for purchasing the land, or getting it declared a preservation area with the help of some environmental groups. Stay tuned for more on this important neighborhood issue.