

COLONIAL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL CVNA PICNIC SET FOR JUNE 10

CVNA is gearing up for its annual neighborhood picnic at Elmhurst Elementary School, **Thursday, June 10, from 6 – 8 p.m.** As with last year, the picnic will be held in lieu of the regular monthly meeting and in conjunction with the city's "**Lansing Night Out.**" CVNA will again supply hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Last year, a few folks took it upon themselves to bring a dish to pass, please feel free to do so again this year, preferably finger food. Also, feel free to bring your own lawn chair. There's no charge, but donations will be accepted.

Last year's picnic was great fun, with nearly 200 neighbors attending. We had visits from TV 10 (Yes, we made the six o'clock news), city council members, McGruff the Crime Dog, and the Lansing Fire Department (with their wet-n-wild fire hose). So plan on stopping by to meet your neighbors and learn more about what's happening in the neighborhood. You can get involved by volunteering in many ways, such as helping out with our upcoming picnic or by attending our regular meetings. To volunteer, call **Randy Williams at 882-5831.**

CVNA GIFTS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

CVNA is a registered non-profit organization. Donations given are tax deductible. If you have questions or would need a receipt for your donation, contact our Treasurer, **Rob Husulak at 882-0715.** Donations can be mailed to CVNA at **2023 Peggy Place, Lansing 48910.**

MONTHLY CVNA MEETINGS FULL OF INFORMATION

If you haven't been attending the monthly CVNA meetings, here's some of the first hand information you might have missed out on. Last fall we had representatives from the City of Lansing's Personnel and Police Departments present to share information with us about employment opportunities with the city, and about the South Police Precinct which serves our area.

Then in February of this year, representatives of the city's Planning Department came to give a briefing on how the (CSO) Combined Sewer Overflow project will affect our neighborhood. In brief, the separation of sanitary and storm water sewers in our area will begin in the spring of 2000 starting at Moores Park, travelling across Mt. Hope to Lorraine and down Lorraine across MLK to Pattengill. Ending at the corner of Pattengill and Gordon in the summer of 2001. City engineers are trying to minimize the disruption to the neighborhood and destruction of street-lining trees. Impact on the operation and safety of Elmhurst School is also being studied. More information about the project will be forthcoming to residents as plans are finalized.

At our April meeting the city's manager of code compliance presented an overview of his department's responsibilities and answered many questions. Code compliance officers enforce city ordinances regarding blighted homes, trash and junk cars, tall grass and weeds, building appearance and safety of local businesses. It was stressed that Colonial Village is one of the premier

MEETING INFORMATION

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neighborhoods in Lansing, and that residents should "nip problems in the bud" if a home or area starts showing signs of decline. The code compliance officer designated for our area is **Mr. James McCue. He can be reached at 483-7621.** You may need to leave a message, as he is frequently out of his office doing inspections and enforcement.

You can see that your neighborhood association is committed to keeping ours a quality neighborhood. Consider attending our monthly meetings, which are at **7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at Grace United Methodist Church on the corner of Mt. Hope Ave. and Boston Blvd.**

June	10 th	6-8pm	Picnic at Elmhurst
July	21 st	7pm	Regular Meeting
Aug.	18 th	7pm	Meeting/Nominations
Sept.	15 th	7pm	CVNA Board Elections
Oct.	20 th	7pm	Regular Meeting

The CVNA board consists of 4 officers and three area representatives. You can always contact a board member if you have questions.

Randy Williams, President	882-5831
Tina Rees, Vice-President	887-1578
Rob Husulak, Treasurer,	882-0715
Ed Rivet, Secretary,	887-7162
Kristine Bromberek, Area 1 Rep.	487-8978
Cheryl Chepy, Area 2 Rep.	485-7673
John Dixon, Area 3 Rep.	394-5448

GRACE UNITED METHODIST.. Church will be holding Vocational Bible School starting June 13, 1999. If you wish to attend, please call the church at 482-5750.

CVNA SUPPORT HELPS SECURE SCHOOL GRANT

CVNA supported a grant application submitted by the Elmhurst Elementary PTA to receive funds from the City of Lansing's Neighborhood Advisory Board Grant Program. The request for a lighted sign in front of the school was awarded a \$3,000 grant. Because of CVNA's support for the grant application, we will periodically have the opportunity to put messages or announcements on the sign. The sign will be installed in early June.

RENAISSANCE ZONE UPDATE

No meaningful development of the Renaissance Zone area has taken place following the concerns, objections and research presented to the city by CVNA last year. The owner of the former Lindell Drop Forge site continues to make gradual changes and improvements to that location.

Mr Don Walker, who has purchased the old "grocers warehouse," is anxious to renovate and upgrade that property for his business. Unfortunately, city officials have not been helpful or supportive of his efforts. CVNA has found Mr. Walker to be very sensitive to concerns of the local residents, and we are committed to helping him do the right thing to get his enterprise moving.

In the proposed residential area of the zone, the owner had most of the underbrush and small trees cleared late last year. However, no development can begin without building permits from the City and the necessary environmental (wetland) permits from the State. Based on the information we provided, the National Wetlands Inventory Map and the fact that the property has an "open stream" running through it, Mr. Gary Marks from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), informed us that they would likely deny any application to build on that property.