



# Colonial Village Newsletter

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## ANNUAL CVNA PICNIC

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, approximately 225 neighbors attended the CVNA Annual Picnic at Elmhurst Elementary School. We had a Moon walk, face painting, and a Lollipop Tree for the children while the adults visited with neighbors and caught up on the news. Thanks to chairperson Suzanne Williams and all of the volunteers who assisted with the picnic. A big thanks for those of you who attended. Hope you can join us next year.

## CSO PROJECT

Road work on the CSO Project and Traffic Calming will end for the year by Thanksgiving. All streets will be restored with at least one coat of asphalt. If you have questions, please call the CSO Hotline at 694-3944.

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW SIGNS AND BROCHURE

Thanks to the grant from the Neighborhood Advisory Board, we were able to purchase ten new yard signs to promote our meetings and activities. Look for the signs, which sport our new logo, to be in place before our November meeting. Thanks to Anita Beavers, Randy Williams and June Kenfield for choosing the sign design. We hope that the new membership brochure will answer any questions you might have about the CVNA. Thanks to Anita Beavers, Willie Vinson and Suzanne Williams for taking all our ideas and designing this great information piece.

## HOLIDAY HOME LIGHTING!

CVNA is sponsoring our Fourth Annual Holiday Home Lighting Competition to recognize our neighbors who do an outstanding job of decorating the outside of their homes in celebration of the holiday season. No need to enter this competition; we'll find you! We hope to recruit judges from the Colonial Woods Senior Apartments who will be given the task of selecting the most festive, creative, and imaginative home decorations. Judging will occur December 9 – 22nd depending on the judges' availability and the weather. Winners will be notified by mail before January 10. Prizes will be awarded at the January CVNA meeting.

## RED HOLIDAY BOWS ON STREET LIGHTS!

Thanks neighbors, for the suggestion to share the spirit of the holidays by placing red bows on our street lights for the month of December. The Board of Water and Light has given us permission to place bows only on the lights with the cement bases, not tall lights or those on poles. **CVNA doesn't have the money** to buy the bows. If you think bows are a good idea, please get together with your neighbors and make arrangements for your block. The red bows do not have to be exactly the same. A sample will be shown at the November meeting. All we'll need is a little snow to highlight our beautiful neighborhood!



## HOLIDAY CAROLING

Remember when you were a kid and it seemed like the Christmas lights were brighter, the snow was white and fluffy, the tree had a wonderful outdoor smell, and holiday music was in the air? One of our neighbors suggested that we have an old-fashioned caroling party in the neighborhood. We will carol outside for an hour and then gather at a central location for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. If you are interested, please call 882-2983. Leave your name and phone number so we can let you know the date, time and place. What better way to get in the spirit of the season and meet your neighbors!

## WELCOME TO COLONIAL VILLAGE SIGN

At our October CVNA meeting, neighbors voted to request grant funding for a "Welcome To Colonial Village" sign to be placed on the southwest corner of MLK Blvd. and Mt. Hope. Many of you have asked about the possibility of a large sign identifying our neighborhood. In the past we did not have the funding (approximately \$5,000) for the sign and did not have a location to place it. The land on the corner is owned by the State of Michigan and we will need to get permission to use the site. If you are interested in helping to complete the forms for permission to use the site, writing the grant or choosing the sign design, please call June Kenfield, (882-2983.)

## DONATIONS WELCOME!

CVNA funds services and programs through individual donations and project-specific grants. Please help us to continue our mission by sending a donation in the form of a check or money order made payable to CVNA, to the CVNA Treasurer **Jim Beckwith, 2000 Holly Way, Lansing, MI 48910.**

## NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Have you thought about attending a CVNA meeting but haven't gotten around to it? Please join us for our next meeting. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association. We will be celebrating our accomplishments and recognizing community leaders who have helped us to achieve our goals. Our meeting information is listed below.

## FUTURE CVNA MEETINGS

Here are the dates and times for upcoming meetings. **All membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Grace United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

**November 20, 2002**  
**No meeting in December**  
**January 15, 2003**  
**February 19, 2003**  
**March 19, 2003**

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

At our October meeting, the following members were elected for the 2003/2004 year. They are:

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| <b>President</b>    | <b>June Kenfield</b>    | <b>#882-2983</b> |
| <b>V- President</b> | <b>Anne Wilson</b>      | <b>#374-6460</b> |
| <b>Secretary</b>    | <b>Diane Krantz</b>     | <b>#484-1733</b> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>    | <b>Jim Beckwith</b>     | <b>#394-4704</b> |
| <b>Area One</b>     | <b>Michael Morofsky</b> | <b>#484-9012</b> |
| <b>Area Two</b>     | <b>Barry Ford</b>       | <b>#485-9008</b> |
| <b>Area Three</b>   | <b>Randy Williams</b>   | <b>#882-5831</b> |