



Colonial Village Newsletter

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ANNUAL CVNA PICNIC

Plan now to attend the annual CVNA Picnic scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5th, from 6-8pm. at Elmhurst Elementary School.** CVNA will supply the hotdogs, chips and drinks. There is no charge to attend the picnic although donations are welcome. If you want to bring a dish to pass, it would be much appreciated. The picnic will be held in conjunction with "National Night Out", a media event designed to strengthen police and community relations. Last year, approximately 225 neighbors attended the picnic. Please come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship with your neighbors.

COLONIAL VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the annual Colonial Village Garage Sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, June 21st, 8-4pm. If you don't want to set up your own sale, think about visiting others for great bargains and conversation. If you have questions, please contact **Mark or Vicki Deason at 882-0391.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All elementary age children are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Grace United Methodist Church August 10 - 13th, 2003.

For more information call the church at 482-5750.

SPECIAL SAVINGS

You will notice that this time we have added an additional page to our newsletter. The Colonial Village Shopping Center businesses asked us to pass on some very special savings for our neighborhood only. They appreciate the extra effort it takes for us to reach their businesses during the CSO construction which began on April 1st and will end in late November. CVNA, Lansing City Council members Williams, Wood and Jeffries, and the Mayor's Office have been working closely with Mt. Hope businesses and CSO Project Leaders to lessen the negative impact of construction in the Mt. Hope area. We want to keep our local businesses and services open and thriving.

FORMER CVNA PRESIDENT APPOINTED TO LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Randy Williams, a founder and past president of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, was recently appointed to the Lansing City Council as the 3rd Ward Councilmember to replace Tony Benevides when he became Mayor. Randy will serve until November when a General Election will be held. Randy has been a great asset to our neighborhood and we're happy to see him move on to represent a larger area in South Lansing. We are very proud of you Randy.

CVNA TO RELAY FOR LIFE

Please join us in the fight against cancer. The American Cancer Society will be holding the Relay for Life, a 24 hour relay starting on Saturday, June 28th at 10 a.m. at Everett High School. CVNA is forming a team of walkers to take part in the relay. Our goal is to have members of our team on the track at all times during the 24-period. That means we need lots of walkers. Team members are encouraged to raise at least \$100 in pledges. The event will include activities and entertainment. There will be a victory lap for cancer survivors and a Luminaria Ceremony after dark to honor and remember those who have battled the disease. To sign up for our team, make a pledge, or if you would like additional information, please call Evelyn Bush at 484-2983.

VISIT HOLLY PARK

We are fortunate to have two city parks in our neighborhood: Elmhurst Park and Holly Park. Elmhurst Park, located west of the Elmhurst Elementary School playground, is centrally located and has playground equipment, a soccer field, tennis courts and picnic tables. For years, Holly Park was undeveloped. Last year, thanks to Julie Russell and her committee, Holly Park received new playground equipment funded by a grant from Project Play. Also the Lansing Parks and Recreation department has provided picnic tables. The park is located next to a wooded area which is great for walks and observing nature.

Come visit Holly Park and have refreshments on July 19th, 10 a.m. to noon. To reach the park, take Boston to Holly Way. Turn east on Holly and follow it around to S. Holly Way. The park is located at the end of the street. Discover this natural area within walking distance for most of our neighborhood.

CSO INFORMATION

The second year of a two-year sewer separation and road construction project is starting in your area this spring as part of the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project. The CSO Control Project will prevent raw sewage from entering our Grand and Red Cedar Rivers as well as help reduce the backup of sewers into the basements of homes and businesses during severe storms.

Starting on or about July 1st Mt. Hope Avenue will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction. This will last for approximately the month of July. Mt. Hope Avenue will be closed to through traffic starting on or about August 1st. Local traffic to Colonial Village Shopping Center will follow a specially signed detour to reach the Shopping Center. Mt. Hope Avenue will be reopened to traffic on or about September 1st. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the **CSO Hotline at 694-3944.**

MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Grace United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

May 21, 2003

June 18, 2003

July 16, 2003*

August 5, 2003**

September 17, 2003

October 15, 2003***

* Meet the Candidates Night

**Picnic at Elmhurst School 6 – 8 p.m.

*** CVNA Board Elections

THINGS TO REMEMBER!

Want the latest CVNA news? Visit our Website at www.cvnanews.com. Also if you need help with a neighborhood concern, contact your CVNA Area Representative.

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Area 3 (South of Victor)

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