

From the President

By: Anita Beavers

Want to know how the city spends your money?

Want to know what police actions are going on in our neighborhood?

Want to know what's going on in our neighborhood schools?

You can ask the city council members who attend our meetings. You can ask the police officer who attends our meetings. You can ask school leaders, county commissioners, realtors, hospital volunteer reps, candidates for offices—all these and many others who are speakers at our meeting.

Come visit us to learn about the people, businesses, churches, and schools in Colonial Village. We want your input; we want you to be a voice, to be a volunteer.

Volunteers Needed for:

•CVNA's Annual Picnic: Tues, Aug 1 at Elmhurst School. Half hour shifts from 6-8 PM.

•Area 2 representative: Represent the members of CVNA in Area 2 on the Board. Need not live in Area 2 but preference to those who do.

•Telephone Calling: 20-30 minutes a month to remind people of the monthly meeting

•Candidate Night: One hour a year to help organize this event.

•Newsletter: Sort and deliver newsletters. About one half to one hour twice a year.

•Fund Raising: Various duties

•Welcome Committee: Various duties

•Grant Writing: One - two hours, one - three times a year.

2005 Holiday Lighting Contest

The winners of the 2005 Holiday Home Lighting Contest were:

Sandra Bennet on Hollyway, Gary and Evelyn Bush on Pattengill and Patricia Daly on Victor. Each won gift certificates. Colonial Village Baptist Church received Honorable mention.

Association Meetings

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Officer Jason Bock, Lansing Police Department



Lansing City Council and some CVNA members



Donna Gardner, Director of Volunteer Services, Ingham Medical Center and Anne Wilson, Vice President, CVNA

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from helping people. When asked how would he best describe himself or his practice he said, "I consider myself an old traditional family doctor. I'm always on call for my patients." Dr. Graesser also provided the following advice:

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Is there any advice you would like to share?

A.

My philosophy is you should give your body the same care you give your car. If you were told you only had one car and you had to drive it 85 years. How well would you take care of that car? The difference is people don't come with an extended warranty. If you don't pay attention or take care of your body, it gets recalled.

Get regular checkups and tests so you get to know your body. Create a maintenance file and include a list of all your medications, X-rays, Electrocardiograms, lab tests,

history of surgeries & illnesses. Take this with you to your doctor appointments and on vacations. In case of emergency, while on vacation, you will have all your important information with you.

On your birthday, give yourself a present. Schedule basic lab work for yourself. If your insurance won't pay for it, pay for it yourself if you can afford it. What do you get out of it? Another birthday." By doing this you can chart what is happening in your body and get care in time.

Some of Doctor Graesser's patients have been with him since birth and some over 25 years. His staff has stayed with him in excess of 10 years. His current receptionist has been with him 16 years. Because of his interest in the neighborhood, Doctor Graesser attends CVNA meetings regularly. Thank you Dr. Graesser for staying in the neighborhood, for believing in the Neighborhood and for your continued support.

Neighborhood Beautification Project Join the Fun

CVNA Garden Committee, Judy Koelisch Project Coordinator

The CVNA Garden Committee met on May 22 at Anita Beavers' home. The boulevards and circles have been cleaned, fertilized and tilled and some have had new plants added.

We're very thankful to Craig Young and Pat Zue for donating daisies, Brown-Eyed Susans and Sweet William and to Beth Drown, Brandi Jonker Burke, and Peg Greer for their financial support. Viola Baas and Evelyn Bush have agreed to determine other plants we may want to have as well as to visit nurseries

to purchase and accept plant donations.

Residents are encouraged to call Evelyn at 484-2983 or Viola at 482-0933 with plant donations from their gardens or Anita Beavers at 882-0015 with financial donations. It is very much appreciated. If you wish to help with the committee call Judy at 272-9150.

Be sure to visit our table at the neighborhood picnic in August to hear more about how the project is going or to offer assistance or donations.

LOOKING FOR GARDNERS and HELPERS

The City of Lansing's Neighborhoods in Bloom project was cut this year. This project provided many flats of flowers for the traffic islands and circles along Boston Blvd, signs at the Elmhurst Park, Holly Park and also the sign at Elmhurst Elementary School.

The neighborhood flower committee is looking for volunteers to help with planting, weeding, watering, donations, for these beds.

If you can donate flowers or plants or help with planting contact: Judy Koelsch at 272-9150.

Board of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

Contact any member of the Board if you have comments or suggestions. Your feedback is welcome and needed.

Anita Beavers, President (517) 882-0015
Anne Wilson, Vice President (517) 374-6460
Thelma Dempsey, Treasurer (517) 394-4704
Willie Vinson, Secretary (517) 482-8724

Area Representatives
Area 1 - Michael Morofsky (517) 487-9012
Area 2 - Vacant
Contact (Anita Beavers) (517) 882-0015
Area 3 - Greg Kozak (517) 887-2901

Thank You to CVNA's Area Representatives

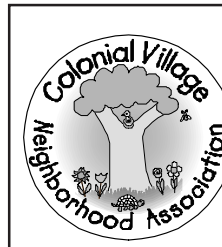
The neighborhood is divided into three separate areas, and each area is served by one of three Area Representatives. These Representatives are a great resource for residents who may have questions about city services, code compliance, animal control issues, or any other topic that may be of concern. The Association could not run as smoothly without them.

Area 1: Bounded by Boston, Victor, MLK Jr. Blvd, & Mt. Hope, and represented by Michael Morofsky. You may contact Mike at 517-487-9012.

Area 2: Bounded by Boston, Victor, Pleasant Grove, & Mt. Hope - Vacant

Area 3: Bounded by Victor, Holmes, Pleasant Grove & Martin Luther King Blvd. and represented by Greg Kozak. You may contact Greg at 517-887-2901.

You too can be a great help to the Neighborhood and the Association by volunteering to serve on the Board as an Area Representative. If you live in Area 2 and are willing to devote a few hours a month to the Association, please call Anita Beavers (517) 882-0015.



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New 2007 Tax Tips



Professor Halloran,
Michigan State University,
Tax Clinic

Professor Halloran was the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association program speaker at the March 15, 2006 meeting.

In addition to discussing MSU's Tax Clinic services, Professor Halloran also discussed three of the most overlooked Federal and State tax credits available for tax payers, i.e., The Michigan Homestead and Home Heating Credit for both renters and homeowners and the Federal Earned Income tax credit. You don't have to file a full tax return to receive the Homestead or Home Heating Credits.

Tax returns can be amended as far back as four years for the Homestead Credit, but not the Home Heating Credit. The Home Heating credit is due December 30. Law students provide services to the community as well as anyone who is being audited by State and IRS, regardless of who prepared the tax return.

New in 2007: You may qualify to file for an energy credit on your 2006 federal return if you have made any major improvements on your home intended to conserve energy. In addition, you may qualify for a special credit on your Michigan return if you make a cash contribution to a homeless shelter or soup kitchen in Michigan

Box Top Education

Earn Cash for Elmhurst Elementary School With Box Tops for Education
By: Anne Wilson

The Clip program makes it simple to help earn cash for Elmhurst School. You too can help simply by purchasing your favorite General Mills brands each time you shop. The school can earn up to \$20,000 per year.

Here's how:

1. Clip Box Tops from your favorite General Mills product, i.e., Pillsbury, Fruit Roll-ups, Better Crocker, Cheerios, Hamburger Helper, Pop-Secret.
2. Send Box Tops to School - Turn in your Box Tops at Elmhurst Elementary School 2400 Pattengill, Lansing, MI.
3. Elmhurst earns cash - Twice a year, General Mills will send the school a check worth 10 cents for each Box Top redeemed.

Annual Neighborhood Picnic

By: Anne Wilson

CVNA's Annual Picnic/National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) at Elmhurst Elementary School located on the corner of Pattengill and Gordon Ave.

Don't miss this event. Plan to bring your family and join your neighbors for this fun filled event. Food and other refreshments will be provided along with Door prizes, and a Moon Walk for the kids.

Volunteers are needed and donations are welcome to make this event another success. Contact Anita Beavers 882-0015 for more information.

Sponsorships & Supporters

CVNA would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who donated time and money in support of the Association and also to the following local businesses for their donations of gift certificates, event sponsorships, and general support of the Association:

A Complete Rental on Mt. Hope (2 blocks west of Washington)

Gordon Food Service, W. Saginaw

Dr. Otto W. Graesser, Mt. Hope

Hollywood Video - Colonial Village

KFC - Martin Luther King Blvd.

L&L Food Center - Colonial Village

Lansing's Car Wash World, Martin Luther King Blvd.

Lowes - S. Cedar

Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board

Meijers - S. Pennsylvania Ave.

Pizza Hut - Martin Luther King Blvd.

Subway - Logan Center

Target - Edgewood Blvd.

Impressive Printing - Holmes Rd.

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Mark your Calendar

June 4, 2006

Safe Seniors Seminar
Colonial Village Baptist Church
Boston at Mt. Hope
Contact: 484-4446

June 17, 2006

Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale

August 1, 2006

Neighborhood Picnic
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Elmhurst School
(Held in conjunction with National Night Out)

September 20, 2006

Candidates Night

November 15, 2006

CVNA Election of Officers
(You're invited to become an active part of the Association)

December, 2006

No meeting, but lots going on.
Red Bows on Boston
Holiday Lighting Contest
(Prizes awarded at the January 17, 2007 meeting.)

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these activities, please call Anita Beavers at (517) 882-0015.

Thank You!

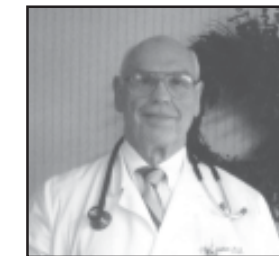
The Colonial Village Neighborhood Association would like to thank the following for their various contributions to the Association:

Brandi Joner-Burke, Peg Greer, Beth Down, Craig Young, Evelyn Bush, Janet Anderson, Karin Charlie, Lou Glatz, Diane Krantz, Jackie Schraft, Ken Corrigan, and Pastor Corby Jones of New Home Missionary Church.

Area Businesses on Parade

Dr. Otto Graesser

By Willie Vinson



"You should give your body the same care you give your car."

Doctor Otto Graesser has been practicing medicine for 45 years. Thirty-five of those years he has been in the building located on the corner of Mt. Hope and Pattengill. The fact that he has stayed in the neighborhood as long as he has is a compliment to the Colonial Village Neighborhood.

Dr. Graesser is as fit as ever, with a sense of humor to match, and he shows no signs of slowing down. Why should he? He is doing something he has wanted to do since childhood and he still enjoys it. He said it's not just one thing he enjoys. It's also the personal satisfaction he gets

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PX

By: Anita Beavers

Tim Johnson and Tom Joseph are unique, much like the PX store on MLK Tim has owned for sixteen years. Tom is the manager and Crazy Eights card playing partner in the store.

"We are a niche store. We have what Meijer or big box stores don't carry." The aisles are lined with military clothing from caps and coats to boots and socks. There are also swords, insignias and items for fishermen and hunters.

Customers are kids, sportsmen

and sportswomen and new military enlistees who stock up on items the US Army is in short supply of.

Fishing and hunting licenses, along with live bait were added to the store 6 years ago.

Tim and Tom are congenial men who are always ready to help the customer find "just what they are looking for."

Check out this interesting store for camping supplies and many unusual items.