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Southside Settlers

By: Anita Beavers



Luminaria Ceremony 2004

CVNA is joined by four neighborhood associations in this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The annual 24 hour event will be held at the Eastern High School track beginning at 10:00 a.m. on June 25 to 10:00 a.m. June 26. Averill Woods, Lewton/Rich, Quentin Park and Sagamore Hills associations will team up as the "South Side Settlers," in keeping with the "Wild West" theme of this year's event.

Relay for Life offers everyone in the community an opportunity to join in the fight against cancer. Neighborhood team members take turns walking around the track while others socialize, picnic, play games, and participate in activities while enjoying the festivities of the event.

The kick off of the event begins with a victory lap for cancer survivors. A highlight is the lighting of luminarias around the track after dark to honor survivors and in memory of someone who have battled the disease.

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Nighborhood Activities and Project Opportunities

By: Anne Wilson

Nighborhood Garage Sale

Clean and de-clutter your closets, garages and basements in time for the Annual CVNA Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, June 11, 2005. For further information contact: Anita Beavers 882-0015.

Annual Neighborhood Picnic

National Night Out/CVNA Annual Picnic will be held Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at Elmhurst Elementary School. Last year nearly 300 neighbors attended the picnic and enjoyed great food and fun times.

Volunteers are needed to make this event another success

(including grill-masters to grill hot-dogs). Please contact Anita Beavers at 882-0015.

Elmhurst Elementary School Carnival

The Annual Elmhurst Elementary School Carnival is planned for Friday, June 3, 2005 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Neighbors are invited and encouraged to attend. The Elmhurst PTA is looking for volunteers to work 1/2 hour shifts - if you are available contact Jaimee Dorian at 394-0464.

Elmhurst Elementary School is also looking for adults that could listen to students read and/or hold flash cards for math. If you are interested, please contact Principal Terry Baker at 325-6780. <http://elmhurst.lansingschools.net/index.shtml>

Nighborhood in Bloom Project

Anne Wilson, chair of the Neighborhoods in Bloom grant project for CVNA, is in need of volunteers after June 1 to assist with planting flowers in traffic islands & circles, at the Elmhurst & Holly Park and near the Elmhurst Elementary School sign.

CVNA applied for a grant through the Lansing Neighborhood Council to receive over 30 free flats of flowers for neighborhood beautification. To help, please contact Anne Wilson at 374-6460.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Anita Beavers

CVNA expects another active and exciting year in 2005 - 2006. In addition to our popular annual events such as the neighborhood wide garage sale, June 11, and the American Cancer Society's Lansing Relay For Life, June 25 and 26, our regular monthly meetings will continue to provide speakers from a wide range of interests.

For example, we have been fortunate to have speakers such as Steve Chalker, Recycling Coordinator of the Lansing Public Service Department; Officer *Robert Tucker*, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator; Jamie McAloon Lampman, Director, Ingham County Animal Control; and Ron Lott, President of Lansing Park Board at our meetings so far this year.

We will not only continue the tradition of Candidates Night, which provides a forum to candidates seeking elective offices, we hope to undertake new projects working with Elmhurst School PTA to provide ponchos for their safety patrols and provide helpers at the school.

In addition, the Board will continue to monitor changes expected to come to Logan Center and the possible improvements at the corner of Holmes and Pleasant Grove.

We are most appreciative of Members of the Lansing City Council, the Ingham County Commission, Lansing Police Department, Lansing Code Compliance office, and the South Lansing Neighborhood Association who attend our meetings regularly to help keep us informed of community and local news.

Of course we have you, the residents of Colonial Village, to thank for the success of this organization and its activities. We hope that we can continue to rely upon you again this year. We need many volunteers to help provide food and activities at the annual picnic, volunteers to help at Elmhurst school, to participate in the Lansing Relay For Life and the Neighborhood in Bloom project and other CVNA activities.

CVNA Bylaws Committee Review

By: June Kenfield

On April 19th, the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Bylaws Committee met to review and update the Association's bylaws.

Current members of the committee include Mark Breithart, June Kenfield, Greg Kozak, Michael Morofsky, Jackie Schraft and President Anita Beavers.

The Bylaws Committee was created and adopted into the Association's Charter, on August 19, 1998, to periodically review and update the Association's Bylaws.

The committee expects to present proposed bylaws changes at CVNA's June 15th meeting and again at the July 20th meeting for a vote. Please consider attending these meetings to learn more about our neighborhood association.

Always willing to help



CVNA's nominee for the 2005 Bea Christy Award has lived in the neighborhood for 30 years. Evelyn Bush is a key factor in

making Colonial Village Neighborhood events a success. She is always willing to lend a hand regardless of how difficult the task may be. Her participation on CVNA projects are many, including the American Cancer Society's Lansing Relay For Life, The Neighborhood in Bloom project, and Neighborhood Picnic to name a few. She is reliable and, although a humble person, is

always willing to help with a new project or task when asked. She is a very kind and giving person who more than meets the criteria for the Bea Christy Award. Evelyn is a super good neighbor. She is married to Gary Bush and has two children (Cindy Bush of Ohio and Jeffrey Bush of Lansing.) We are lucky to have Evelyn as a neighbor.

CVNA 2004 Accomplishments

By: Anne Wilson

Thanks to you, we have had a terrific year!

Our Mission as stated in our Bylaws is to contribute to the community by supporting and initiating activities beneficial to the neighborhood, City of Lansing and society in general and work cooperatively in solving problems affecting the health, safety and general welfare of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association residents. Here are some of our 2004 accomplishments.



Neighborhood sign installed and dedicated corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Mt. Hope Avenue.

Fifty flats of flowers, provided by a Neighborhoods in Bloom grant, and additional flowers and shrubs planted by residents in traffic circles and parks.

More committees and more active members. Approximately 35 members attend meetings regularly.



2004 picnic at Elmhurst School

Over 250 people attended the Neighborhood picnic, held on National Night Out. Special Guest MSU's Sparty and various political figures also attended.

Twenty-one candidates for federal, state, county and Judicial offices participated in a very well attended Meet the Candidates Night held prior to the 2004 election.

CVNA's Lansing Relay For Life team raised over \$2,500 for the American Cancer Society.

A door prize drawing was initiated and given out at CVNA's monthly meetings. The winner of the first drawing (a Rite Aide gift certificate) was June & Paul Kenfield.

A beautiful Holiday Home Lighting contest was held in December. CVNA extended a special thanks to our friends at Colonial Woods for helping judge the competition.

Networked with other groups interested in improving Lansing neighborhoods: Lansing Neighborhood Council, Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board, South Lansing Community Development Assoc., and Neighborhood Watch. Also, partnered with Lewton Rich, Quinton Park and Sagamoor Hill Neighborhood Associations to protest and stop non-motorized lanes on Mt. Hope and Pleasant Grove.

Area Representatives worked one on one with residents to address their concerns.

Great guest speakers/programs at the meetings. 2004 Speakers were: Chad Gamble, Lansing Asst. Engineer; Bill Houghtaling, Director Paint A Place; Heather Brooks of the Garden Project; Tom Lambert, Reporter, Lansing State Journal; Andrew Kilpatrick, Asst. Lansing Transportation Engineer; Steve Woods of Smith Tree & Landscape; Mike Zdbeski, Elmhurst Elem. PTA and Sara Cotton, MI Early Childhood Center.

It is impossible to include all the accomplishments in this article or list everyone who helped us throughout the year, however, the CVNA Board wishes to extend a thank you to all of you who made this year a success.

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Relay For Life

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The funds raised by Relay for Life go to provide dollars for research, education, advocacy and service programs for the Capital Area American Cancer Society.

You can help our South Side Settlers by joining us and participate in the relay and/or by donating when area representatives call upon you for support. We hope to have local businesses participate and there will be various fundraisers throughout the neighborhoods.

We thank the following area team leaders: Suzanne Williams, Lewton/Rich; Dawn Haddad, Quentin Park; Terry Fude, Averill Woods; Kathy Dunbar, Sagamore Hills.

A special thanks to last year's co-captains Evie Bush and June Kenfield for their guidance and support. They are outstanding neighbors who consistently

CVNA members enjoy campsite



volunteer in our activities.

So join us for fun and to help raise funds to fight cancer.

For more information contact Anita Beavers (882-0015) or Suzanne Williams (367-6393) area co-captains.

Three Southwest Lansing Intersections Under Study

The City of Lansing determined that three intersections located at Holmes and Pleasant Grove, Holmes and Waverly, and Jolly and Waverly are in need of revitalization. The City of Lansing, in correlation with the Economic Development Corporation, worked with Michigan State University (MSU) Planning Practicum students to analyze the areas and determine the most appropriate course of action to revitalize the three declining intersections.

MSU students analyzed market conditions, gathered demographic information, evaluated property conditions, acquired traffic data, and consulted with surrounding community. Based upon the analysis of information gathered about the community, market demands, and proper conditions, the MSU students generated a set of recommendations for the improvement of the target area.

Based upon analysis of information about the intersections and the surrounding community, a number of recommendations were created that if implemented could revitalize the area.

- 1 Economic Renewal
 - a. Addition of full service restaurant
 - b. Development of food and beverage stores
- 2 Community
 - a. Keep community informed about local events and organizations that help to keep healthy relations.

3. Quality of Place
 - a. Facade Improvements
 - b. Widen & repair sidewalks
 - c. Add bike paths
 - d. Add adequate lighting

If these recommendations are implemented, according to the MSU Urban Planning Practicum Students, they could help improve the viability of the community by revitalizing the economic health within the area. Facade improvements, increased landscaping and new family-style restaurants could all serve to bring about desired economic growth.

CVNA's President, Anita Beavers and Willie Vinson attended the community meeting pertaining to this project. CVNA will continue to monitor the project as it progresses.

For additional information, contact Anita Beavers at 882-0015.

MOPS Program at Grace United Methodist Church

A local MOPS group meets regularly at Grace United Methodist Church. MOPS is formed by and for mothers of preschool children, who meet regularly to share their information and experiences with the joys and challenges of raising preschool children. Childcare is provided during the meetings.

For more information call Lisa Lupin at 482-5750.