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Bea Christy Award Nominee



Anita and Claude Beavers at Bea Christy Award Dinner

Hundreds attended the Annual Bea Christy Award Dinner on February 27th at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. The purpose of the event is to recognize outstanding Lansing residents who are committed to making Lansing a better place. Colonial Village Neighborhood Association's nominee, Anita Beavers, was nominated for her nonstop, tireless commitment to the Colonial Village community and the City of Lansing. Although Anita did not win the Bea Christy Award, she is still Colonial

Village's unsung hero. Anita Beavers is currently serving her fifth year as President of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association.

The Bea Christy Award, hosted by the Lansing Neighborhood Council, was given to Paul Carrier, a community activist for over 3 decades for his work promoting local parks, his unwavering support of the Lansing school district, and his passion for embracing diversity.

Design Lansing Planning Lansing's Future Together

What would you like Lansing to be like in five, ten or twenty years from now? The City of Lansing's Planning Office has invited Colonial Village area residents to participate in a plan to revise the Design Lansing Comprehensive Plan

specifically to answer that question.

The Colonial Village Neighborhood Association invites you to participate.

The comprehensive planning process will establish the goals, policies, priorities and

action steps that will guide the future physical development of the City such as infrastructure, zoning, businesses, transit, utilities, entertainment, etc.

Bill Rieske, Lansing Planning Office, said, "The City wants the

From the President

Anita Beavers

Gardens, farmer markets, growing your own, beautifying your yard, all these ideas were on my mind when I finally realized spring is here.

I look forward to working with a small group of volunteers, cleaning out the boulevards, roundabouts and small flower beds in our parks.

There are many small, beautiful gardens in our neighborhood. Some are old fashioned, bordered by rose bushes; some are whimsical, full of delightful decorations. Some are very basic, a tomato plant or two. And some are elegant restful oases.

When I think of them I think how they are part of what makes this neighborhood so special like the variety of people, places, and participation. We have wonderful people who volunteer to help make CVNA grow by tending to the delivery of the CVNA newsletter,

calling about meetings, working at our picnic and making a big commitment to serve on our board.

We have many places, homes, churches, schools, large and small shopping centers, parks, senior housing, a great wooded area and a busy industrial section.

We have participation. Our monthly meetings bring neighbors, city council members, and representatives from the county, the Lansing police department and a wide variety of speakers.

All of this makes our neighborhood safe, stable, and well tended to.

We want you to be a part of that. Come to our meetings and find out how you can be an informed, active participant to help maintain our wonderful neighborhood.

CVNA Shows Its Appreciation

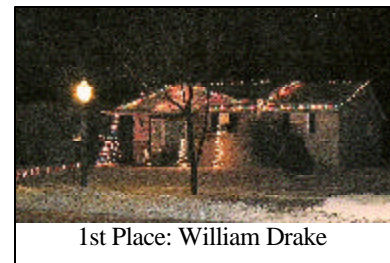
The mission of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) is to contribute to the community by supporting and initiating activities beneficial to the health, safety and general welfare of CVNA area residents. In grateful recognition of the people who continue to support CVNA and its mission, certificates of appreciation were awarded during the January 2009 meeting to:

- o Dr. Otto Graesser
- o Honorable Judge Amy Krause
- o Council Member At Large Carol Wood
- o Ann Cook, National City Bank
- o L&L Food Center

December 2008 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

During the December holiday season residents of Colonial Village participated in the seventh annual holiday lighting contest. To participate, residents decorated their homes with holiday lights. A committee of

volunteers cruised the neighborhood and chose four houses as winners of the December 2008 holiday lighting contest. This was no easy chore as all the decorated homes were winners.



CVNA Introduces Its Newest Board Members



Front (L to R): Emily Bourne, Secretary; Anita Beavers, President; Evie Bush, Vice President.
Back (L to R)
David J. Tkaczyk, Area 3 Representative; Michael Morofsky, Area 1 Representative; Kathy Miles, Treasurer.
Mary Bechtol, Area 2 Presentative not shown in this photo.

Colonial Village has been very fortunate to have experienced Board members who continue to volunteer their time and expertise. Michael Morofsky, Area One Representative, is one of the founding members of the Association and he continues to represent the area boarded by Mt Hope, Victor, Boston and Martin Luther King Blvd. Anita Beavers has served as President for over five years, and Vice President Evie Bush has served on several committees.

Meet CVNA's Newest Board Members:

Kathy Miles, Treasurer

Kathy has lived in the same house in the Elmhurst subdivision for 41 years. She and her husband have raised two daughters here and have always found it a safe and pleasant area to live in. Kathy says, "Serving on the CVNA board is a small way to give back the blessings we have received here."

Emily Bourne, Secretary

Emily has been a Colonial Village resident since December of 2003 when she bought her home on Marion Avenue. Shortly thereafter, she (accidentally) created quite a buzz when she was contacted by a Washington Post reporter studying high levels of lead in Lansing's drinking water supply. She was concerned about the possibility of her four year old son ingesting high levels of lead from their drinking water. She contacted the Lansing State Journal so that other families could be made aware of this issue. The story resulted in the replacement of all lead service lines into homes within the service range of the Board of Water & Light. Emily has worked for Overland Solutions, Inc. as an Audit Manager for over seven years. Her hobbies include volunteering, playing competitive softball, political blogging, and backyard BBQ's in the summer time.

David J. Tkaczyk, Area 3 Representative

Dave received a bachelors degree from MSU in computer science engineering in 2002. Shortly after, he moved into an rental in Colonial Village and was impressed with

the quality of the neighborhood. In 2006, Dave and his wife bought their house on Cooper Street. Dave said, "The neighbors have been a joy since I moved in. Last year our son was born and I am looking forward to watching him grow up and run around on the sidewalks and parks." Currently, Dave works for Auto-Owners Insurance. As hobbies, he enjoys beer brewing and karate.

Area Three is bordered by Victor, West Holmes, Pleasant Grove and Martin Luther King Blvd.

Mary Bechtol, Area 2 Representative

Mary said she has lived in Colonial Village for thirty years and have loved every one of them. "This is the perfect neighborhood with easy access to shopping, banking and my church, St. Casmir." She said, "now that I have retired, I am able to really appreciate all of the positives of living here and being able to spend more time with some of my neighbors who are the best and getting more involved with the CVNA."

CVNA's Newest Website Volunteer

Thomas Gish, Website Volunteer

Thomas moved into the Colonial Village Neighborhood in August, 2007. Prior to moving to Lansing, he lived in Indianapolis, Indiana. He currently works at Michigan State University as a software developer. Outside of work, he enjoys riding bicycles and spending time outdoors.

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Knitting Group
meets every Monday
from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church
Mt. Hope and Boston Blvd.

May 16, 2009
Join the Parade & walk with CVNA-
Lansing's 150th Parade Celebration
*All Colonial Village Residents are
invited to walk in the Parade behind
the Colonial Village Community
Banner. Call: 882-0015 or go to
www.cvnanews.com for more
information.*

June 6, 2009
Neighborhood-wide
Garage Sale

August 4, 2009
Annual Picnic
Elmhurst School (Pattengill &
Gordon Ave.)

Now Seeking volunteers and
donations. Contact Anita Beavers at
(517) 882-0015 or
aobeavs@yahoo.com

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planning process to provide: A clear vision for the future of Lansing that provides strong direction and practical guidelines for development; A plan that is implementation-focused, relevant to community needs, clear, and adaptable to change; Public involvement that is inclusive and transparent and is broadly-supported by community consensus; A process which updates the plan every five years.”

The City's first physical plan was completed in 1920 and created the City's park plan, the most successful part of the overall plan. A 1938 revision of the plan brought about the River Trail, zoning ordinances and street trees.

According to Mr. Rieske, past planning efforts had big ideas such as improved transit system, the burying of utility lines, and grouping commercial uses into compact shopping districts and malls.

The key steps in the comprehensive planning process include: 1. Data Collection and Community Analysis. 2. Building a Shared Community Vision. 3. Planning and Design Exploration. 4. Preparing the Comprehensive Plan. 5. Cluster Plans and Action Plan.

Over the course of this spring and summer the planning team would like your assistance in developing a vision for what Lansing should be in the future. This is your opportunity to be a part of the process, bring your ideas and

energy to the table and create a better Lansing.

The May 20, 2009 meeting of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association will be a Design Lansing Workshop. All materials necessary to conduct the meeting including relevant maps & graphics, questionnaire designed to facilitate the meeting will be provided. All you need to do is bring your ideas. Think about trips you have taken to your favorite cities or towns and what makes them your favorite. Think big and bring your vision of what you want for Lansing to the May meeting.

Colonial Village Neighborhood
Association Design Lansing
Meeting :

May 20, 2009, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Grace United Methodist
Church
Corner of Mt. Hope and
Boston Blvd.

For additional information
about this meeting, contact:
Anita Beavers, President
517-882-0015 or
aobeavs@yahoo.net. or go to:
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Colonial Village Neighborhood
Association meets the third
Wednesday of each month. at
Grace United Methodist Church.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church
located at the corner of Mt. Hope
and Boston Blvd.

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