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Bea Christy Awards Nominee

An association functions the best when there is an organizer. Our Bea Christy Award nominee, Willie Vinson is the ultimate organizer and always willing to help! She is a great neighbor! Her computer knowledge, public relations expertise and genuine dedication to the neighborhood all make her invaluable. She creates our bi-annual newsletter that is sent to

over 1,400 households in our neighborhood.

have won high praise and are a valuable asset. She also keeps our website (www.cvnanews.com) up to date with important information.



From Left to right: Evelyn Bush, Willie Vinson, June Kenfield

Willie has helped Anne Wilson and Anita Beavers organize our "Meet the Candidates" night in our neighborhood for the past several years. This event is designed to encourage residents to get to know

The agendas, minutes, letters, logos and special events brochures she creates and designs

Start a Neighborhood Watch

It has been proven that Neighborhood Watch programs have been successful in helping to keep neighborhoods safe by helping police catch criminals.

Neighborhood Watch coordinators are advised on: how to recognize criminal activities and when to report them to police; how to make homes more secure against crime.

To start a program for your street or area, contact Officer Tucker, Lansing Police, at 517-483-4469.

Safety Tips

Lock all doors and windows when leaving home, even if for a short period of time.

Remain calm if confronted by a robber. The majority of robbers are young, inexperienced persons who are extremely nervous. Turn over your property. Everything the robber asks for can be replaced. Get a good description, write it down and report it to the police.

Shopping Malls -
Use charge cards instead of cash. Shop with a friend, if possible. Keep purse or valuables off the floor when using public restrooms. Choose a parking space that is well lit. Lock all doors and windows of your vehicle. Place all packages in the trunk or cover them with a blanket. Be alert to anyone near you in the parking lot.

When neighbors watch out for each other, we enjoy a safer environment.

From the President

Anita Beavers



Spring is here and neighbors are busy cleaning up yards and anticipating gardens. I was pleased to see Evie Bush, Judy Koelish and Janet Anderson clearing out the islands and roundabouts. Some neighbors were attacking the abundant burrs from the Sweet Gum trees. That can be a losing battle.

We look forward to another active year. The annual garage sale will be Saturday, June 16. So start sorting out your stuff now.

Our annual picnic on Tuesday, August 7 will have a new activity for the children this year, the obstacle course from the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department.

We are asking for your support either as volunteers or as donors to help us keep CVNA a strong, active

association.

Residents can learn about events affecting our city, county and state by attending our meetings. We encourage you to come and meet our elected officials. We are here to keep you informed about our businesses, schools, churches, those events which affect our lives, and to keep our neighborhood safe and well maintained.

We welcome our new Area 2 Representative Mary Bechtol. (517) 487-3907.

People and Businesses

Diane Krantz, former CVNA secretary, has been very busy with her new job as manager of Everybody Reads bookstore on Michigan Avenue. The store is a great place to visit and offers a wide variety of reading choices.

Colleen Davis, owner of the Gone Wired Café located next to the Everybody Reads bookstore, also lives in our neighborhood and is slowly working to repair the fire damage done to her home in December. We wish these entrepreneurs good fortune.

Neighborhood Business Profiles

Fantastic Sams



Fantastic Sams owner Kim Howlet is an enthusiastic, energetic woman. She opened in March 2004. The timing caused her some

worry as the traffic was tied up in orange barrels because of the CSO project. Her perseverance and optimism kept her going.

"Colonial Village is a great family oriented location," Kim states. She hopes to encourage more businesses to occupy the empty spaces in the shopping center. Kim employs 5 hair

stylists and 3 receptionists and anticipates hiring more as business improves. The shop is comfortable and clean and the staff is very friendly. The prices are very reasonable and fit well in a family budget.

Kim has a bachelor degree in health and a master degree in business. She worked as office manager at

health related agencies and was an inspector for the Ingham County Health Department. She decided it was time to be her own boss and is finding the challenge requires long hours and hard work.

We encourage the neighbors to support our local businesses. Kim's Fantastic Sams is a welcome addition to Colonial Village.

Logan Square Auto Care

Mark Perski owns Logan Square Auto Care. Mark has been at Logan Center for 13 years, continuing the long time auto care business that has been at that location since Logan Center opened. Mark has three experienced, well-trained employees and a dog.

Logan Square Auto Center provides maintenance and repair services and is open from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Mark puts out a quarterly newsletter with many valuable tips on auto care. His philosophy is "Any

growth a company is to experience depends on the reputation it builds and 'word of mouth' referrals it receives.

Customer satisfaction is big with high quality repairs, personalized service, and attention to detail." His

motto is "Where service and workmanship are priorities." When not at the shop Mark enjoys his home on Houghton Lake.

Logan Square Auto Center is located at 3222 S. MLK, Jr. Blvd in Logan Center. The telephone number is 393-7500.

Bea Christy Awards - continued from page 1

candidates, ask questions, get involved in the political process, and get out and vote.

Willie is a precinct worker on Election Day. She helps with day-to-day things the association can do to increase its value to our neighbors. She encourages active participation in events and recommends speakers that will be interesting and enlighten our meetings. Whenever a problem occurs she has possible solutions and participates in working the problem out. She is the person

that makes the framework of the association a sturdy structure that can be built upon.

Willie is a compassionate caring citizen who donates time to WKAR's Radio Talking Book program where she has been a volunteer for 16 years (since 1991). She has been involved with Toastmasters International – District 62, even serving as newsletter editor.

She is an avid sports person. She has been involved in Michigan's Senior Olympics –

winning 1st place for her age group in Women's Tennis Singles in the summer 2005 Games. She is active on two golf leagues. She works out at the local YMCA and enjoys walking in the neighborhood.

She has been involved with the American Cancer Society & the Lansing Relay for Life and has spent many hours at the registration table for the Relay for Life. She has helped other non-profits with public relations and marketing plans. She is a retired State of Michigan employee.

She has an adult daughter that lives in California. She loves to travel.

An association functions the best when there is an organizer. Our Bea Christy nominee, Willie Vinson, is the ultimate! She brings our association into the 21st Century with her computer information skills and her ability to do the public relations necessary for the vitality of the neighborhood and her overall willingness to help wherever she is needed. She is available day or night to help with any project and we appreciate her!

Neighborhood Schools and Churches

Elmhurst Elementary - P.T.A., are planning their annual Spring Carnival. The event is for the school and neighborhood. They are seeking volunteers from local groups to help decorate, set-up and run games, take down Spring Carnival and other such duties.

For additional information please contact:

Jennifer Jacobson-Goff, Elmhurst PTA President, at 887-3663 or 387-3663 or

Susan Sulzman
Elmhurst Elementary
Principal
755-1290

Date: Friday, May 11, 2007

Location: Elmhurst Elementary, 2400 Pattengill, Lansing, MI
Set-up Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Carnival Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Clean up Time: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Area Churches -

There are three churches located within the Colonial Village neighborhood borders. Events are often held that may be of interest to residents of the area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Grace United Methodist Church
1900 Boston Blvd.,
Lansing, MI 48910
Call (517) 482-5750 for additional information

April 29, 2007 – Cake Auction – The theme for the Cake Auction is

Nature; however there will be many cakes to choose from. The event will start at noon with a Potluck and Cake Auction. Hamburger and hot dogs are provided. This is a fundraiser for youth trips. Come and eat or even donate a cake.

May 6, 2007 – Youth Volleyball Tournament
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The event will benefit the “Nothing But Nets” campaign to prevent the spread of malaria in kids.

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Grace United Methodist Church Cont.

June 18-22, 2007 - VBS
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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Woldumar Nature Center
The theme is Avalanche Ranch. VBS will be held for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Colonial Village Baptist Church
2010 Boston Blvd
Lansing, MI 48910
Call (517) 484-4446 for additional information.

July 23-27, 2007 – VBS

June 12, July 17, and August 21, 2007 - 5-8 p.m
Cruise-N-Tuesday's will feature many Vintage/Antique/Classic Cars and Motorcycles, Hotrods and more. 50s – 60s music will be played and there will be a hot dog concession stand. The event is open to anyone. If you have a car to show, please contact the church at 484-4446.

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

An Outdoor Concert on the Green of the church will feature the Lanning Family from Phoenix, Arizona. A picnic dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. and concert at 7:00 p.m.

New Home Missionary Baptist Church
3133 Pleasant Grove
Lansing, MI 48910
(517) 882-0300
Contact church for services and activities.

Randy Williams Resigns City Council

CVNA will lose a strong voice on City Council with the resignation of Randy Williams.

Randy has served on the Council since 2003 and was CVNA's founder in 1997. His dedication, honesty, sincerity and compassion made him an admired advocate for the many issues involving the Third Ward and all of South Lansing.

We wish Randy and his family best wishes for a healthy and happy future.

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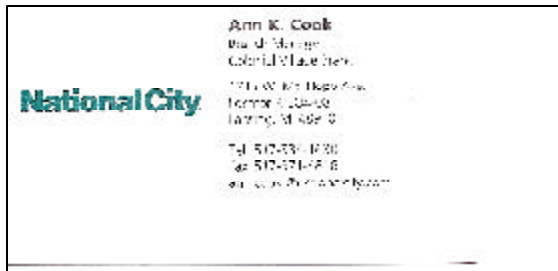
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