



# Colonial Village Newsletter

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## Bylaws Changes

By: June Kenfield

Changes to CVNA Bylaws were approved at the October 19th General Membership meeting. Major changes include: 1) a redefining of Officers Duties; 2) a new liability section which conforms with the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act; 3) a new section on decorum at meetings; 4) a change to the elections process. Election of officers will be held in November rather than September; 5) a new section on privacy which protects the release of members' personal information such as addresses and phone numbers was added.

This is the first time the Association's Bylaws have been changed since they were first adopted August 19, 1998.

If you would like a copy of the amended Bylaws, go to [www.cvnanews.com](http://www.cvnanews.com) and click on Bylaws or call President Anita Beavers at (517) 882-0015.

## VOTE

**Please exercise your  
right to vote on  
November 8, 2005**

## Neighborhood In Action

By: Willie Vinson

### ColonialVillage residents pull together for a fun filled and meaningful year of activities and projects.

**Garage Sale** - After a fun filled day at Elmhurst School's June Carnival, Colonial Village residents began searching their closets, attics, basements and garages for treasures in preparation for CVNA's annual neighborhood-wide garage sale which was held on June 11, 2005. An ad was placed in the Lansing State Journal, garage sale signs popped up everywhere like popcorn and residents sat back and enjoyed a weekend of sales and folly.

**Neighborhood in Bloom** - Anne Wilson, CVNA Vice President, and her green-thumb committee of volunteers are entitled to a great big thank you for planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers on Boston Blvd. In addition to Boston, flowers were planted under the CVNA Neighborhood sign on Martin Luther King and Mt. Hope, in both neighborhood parks, the Shopping Center parking lot, and Elmhurst School.

The flowers were the result of a grant received from the Lansing Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Beautification Program. Over 30 flats of flowers were received and what a beautiful difference they made.

Each flower bed was colorful and creatively done by members of the committee.

**Relay For Life** - You don't have to be a resident of Colonial Village to know how caring and generous the residents of this great neighborhood really are. Neighbors came together for the third consecutive year to join the fight against Cancer by participating in the (ACS) Capital Area American Cancer Society's fifth annual Relay For Life. CVNA joined by neighboring Associations (Averill Woods, Lewton/Rich, Quentin Park and Sagamore Hills) teamed up to form the "South Side Settlers," in keeping with ACS's "Wild West" theme of this year. The annual 24 hour event was held at the Eastern High School track beginning at 10:00 A.M. on June 25 and ended 10:00 A.M. June 26.

Team members took turns walking around the track while others socialized, picnicked, played games, and participated in activities and festivities of the event. The Southside Settler's raised \$2,800 during the event which was well over the \$2,005 goal set for the 2005 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

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## From the President

By: Anita Beavers

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**W**elcome neighbors. We encourage you to attend our neighborhood association meetings at Grace United Methodist Church, Mt Hope and Boston Blvd, every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

The meetings provide an opportunity to hear from representatives from the Lansing Police Department, City Council, Ingham County Commission, South Lansing Community Development, and others.

In addition, during the past year, we invited speakers from Ingham County Animal Control, Capital Area District Library, Lansing Recycling, Neighborhood Watch, Lansing Parks and Recreation, Energy Conservation (Urban Options and Lansing Board of Water & Light), and MSU Extension Services who provided us with valuable information.

The meetings also give us information about what is

happening in the area. For example, Officer Jason Bock of the Lansing Police Department received the 2005 Outstanding Policeman of the Year Award for his bravery in rescuing a disabled person from a burning building. Officer Bock attends our meetings regularly and keeps us updated on any criminal activity in the area. Fortunately, Colonial Village remains a low crime area.

We also work with area schools, businesses, and churches to keep you informed.

Recently, Mr. Brandon C. White, III, Assistant Vice President of National City Bank, Colonial Village Branch, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his generous contribution toward the sponsorship of the CVNA newsletter.

For more information contact me at 882-0015.

*Anita Beavers,*  
CVNA President

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## Holidays Ahead

By: Anita Beavers

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CVNA's annual Red Bows on Boston has been well received. Ann Leeper provided us with the bows. June and Paul Kenfield have been hanging the bows along with help from Anita and Claude Beavers and Greg Kozak.

Bows are scheduled to go up after the Thanksgiving Holiday and will be taken down after Christmas. We need a few more volunteers to help put up the bows. Call Anita Beavers at 517-882-0015 to volunteer.

Holiday Lighting Contest is another event coming up in December. Prizes are awarded to homes judged to be the best decorated. Judges for this contest are volunteers from the Colonial Woods Senior Complex. We welcome others wishing to help. Call Anne Wilson at 517-374-6460 to volunteer your help.

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## CVNA To Elect New Officers

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Nominations for the 2006 Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) Board are now being accepted. A recent change to the Association's Bylaws states that election of officers will take place in November and the new officers will begin their duties in January 2006.

### Description of Officer Duties

**President:** shall preside at general membership and Board of Directors meetings; shall sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer; shall have the authority to co-sign checks issued by the association in excess of \$200.

**Vice President:** shall assume the executive duties in the absence of the President; act as Chief Parliamentarian at all general membership meetings; have the authority to co-sign checks issued by the association in excess of \$200; oversee all CVNA committees.

**Treasurer:** shall receive and deposit all funds to the CVNA account; shall be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the CVNA. Any checks over \$200 shall require a co-signer (the President or Vice President). Any checks over \$1,000 must be approved by vote of the CVNA members.

**Secretary:** shall record minutes of all CVNA meetings; assume correspondence duties as required; maintain such files and records as requested by CVNA.

**Area Representative:** Area 1, 2 and 3 representatives represents the members of their CVNA area respectively and is the main contact for members in the area they represent. See map and article on Area Representatives page 3.

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## What is an Area Representative

By: Greg Kozak

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The neighborhood is divided into three separate areas, and each area is served by one of the three Area Representatives (Area Reps), who are board Members of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association. Area Reps are a resource for residents who may have questions about city services, code compliance, animal control issues, or any other topic that may be of concern. These are the colonial Village Neighborhood Association areas and their associated Reps:

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.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Area Map



Hope. We are currently seeking an Area 2 Rep. Until then, please contact President Anita Beavers at 517-882-0015.

Area 3: Bounded by Victor, Pleasant Grove, Holmes, and

MLK Jr. Blvd., and represented by Greg Kozak. You may contact Greg at 517-887-2901.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Area Rep with your question

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## CVNA 2005 Board

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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

## New Pastor at Grace United Methodist Church

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Grace United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Mt. Hope and Boston Blvd., is the location of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association's monthly meetings and South Lansing Community Development Association. Recently, Grace Church welcomed a new Pastor, Tim Boal from Montague United Methodist Church.

Pastor Boal has been in ministry for more than 30 years, serving on several

boards and committees as well as ministering to congregations. He especially enjoys performing Sacraments as part of a worship service, and has implemented Bible Study and Disciple classes.

The church invites you to join the congregation at worship services on Sundays at 9:30 AM, followed by fellowship time and Sunday School. If you would like to receive a *Grace Notes* newsletter from Grace United Methodist Church to learn about other opportunities and events, please feel free to call the church office at 482-5850.

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## Neighborhood

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

**Picnic** - Elmhurst Elementary School grounds were alive with laughter and fun-filled activities as neighbors, gathered together on National Night Out, August 2, 2005. Over 300 folks came out in full force to enjoy CVNA's annual picnic. The event was a great success thanks to all the event's volunteers and grill masters and sponsors. See Sponsorships & Supporters below.

**Candidates Night** - Grace United Methodist Church was the site of the annual Candidates Night, held September 21, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.. The purpose of the event was to give local residents and businesses an opportunity to meet and greet candidates running for office in the November 8 election. Each of the following candidates were given an opportunity to discuss their platform and answer questions from the audience. A reception followed the formal program. Thank you to all the candidates who participated.

### Mayoral Candidates:

Tony Benavides, Virg Bernero

### City Clerk Candidates:

Debbie Miner, Chris Swope

### Council Member At Large Candidates

Kathie Dunbar, Brian Jeffries, Bob Johnson, John Pollard

## Box Top Education

Earn Cash for Elmhurst Elementary School With Box Tops for Education

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.

## MOPS Program at Grace United Methodist Church

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is an international organization that celebrates motherhood, meeting needs, making connections and experiencing God's love through relationships and resources. MOPS recognizes that the years from infancy to kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and are filled with unique needs.

Grace United Methodist Church, on the corner of Mt. Hope and Boston Blvd., hosts a MOPS group on the first and third Fridays of the month, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Meetings offer a time for moms to connect with each other, learn and share. Child care is provided! Call Lisa at (482-5750) for more information. We would love to welcome you to MOPS!

## 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.*

*Lowe's - S. Cedar*

*Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board*

*Meijers - S. Pennsylvania Ave.*

*Pizza Hut - Martin Luther King Blvd.*

*Subway - Logan Center*

*Target - Edgewood Blvd.*

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