

Whitehills Neighborhood Association of East Lansing

Fall NEWSLETTER 2013



Upcoming Events! Mark Your Calendars

The September and early October days were balmy and pleasant, so much so that it is difficult to grasp that colder, darker times are edging in. But pumpkins are on porches and corn shocks adorn light posts. Can little goblins, princesses and super-heroes be far behind? To be sure, they will all gather at the Whitehills Elementary School parking lot prior to trick-or-treating on October 31, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for the annual Whitehills Neighborhood Association Halloween Parade. Contact Hillary Henderson 351.0203 or hillhenderson@hotmail.com to volunteer your assistance for this beloved event.

Then, just when the gloomy days of winter seem to drag on interminably, raise your spirits and raise a toast at the WNAEL Winter Party. This mid-season pick-me-up, always a great time, will take place on February 8, 2014 at a location to be announced. Enjoy banter and laughter, hearty appetizers and an assortment of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Cost is \$20 per person for WNAEL members; \$25 per person for non-members. For more information, contact Mike or Susan Perry, co-chairs of this event, at: susanperry54@hotmail.com.

Annual Meeting -- Wednesday, November 13, 2013; 7:00 p.m.

Please join other Whitehills homeowners and neighbors at the WNA Annual Meeting at Whitehills Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m.

Major agenda items are: report from the City, update on Whitehills Elementary, and reports from committees of the WNAEL Board. Also, as in the past, the annual Pride In The Neighborhood Award will be presented to a homeowner who a) is a WNAEL dues-paying member; b) has made significant improvements in his/her property; and c) submitted plans to the WNA Pride/Covenants Committee for pre-approval in accordance with deed restrictions.

This Annual Meeting presents a wonderful opportunity to greet folks new to the neighborhood and reconnect with old friends, all the while bringing yourself up to speed on issues that affect you and your family.

What Is the Whitehills Neighborhood Association and What Does It DO?

The WNAEL is a cooperative, energetic group of homeowners who pay annual dues, currently \$40, to collaborate on issues that impact the neighborhood and to maintain the beauty, safety and vibrancy for which this lovely residential area is known. The WNAEL Board is comprised of your friends and neighbors elected to carry out Board functions—they are dedicated volunteers who go the extra mile and give generously of their time.

Your modest annual dues of \$40 per household benefit each of you in so many ways including, but certainly not limited to, the following:

- * Maintenance and landscaping of entrances
- * Neighborhood Website: www.wnael.com
- * Enforcement of deed restrictions
- * Liaison with City of East Lansing police, officials and departments. WNAEL is a voice the City listens to!
- * WNAEL Neighbor-to-Neighbor Alert System (wnael@wnael.com; telephone: 517.332.1575) and link to crime-mapping (crimemapping.com)
- * Winter Party; Summer Meet and Greet; Halloween Parade
- * Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and presentation of Pride in the Neighborhood Award
- * Personal visit to new homeowners, with a welcome folder (Jessica Cohen, Chair, Welcoming Committee; 412.977.6199)
- * Holiday lighting and decoration
- * E-blasts regarding upcoming events, safety notices, etc.

A Big Thank-You

The WNAEL Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the homeowners who have paid their 2013 membership dues in support of your Whitehills Neighborhood Association. If you don't see your name on the list at the end of this newsletter, hasten to your checkbook and send your \$40 annual payment to the Whitehills Neighborhood Association of East Lansing, (WNAEL), at P.O. Box 1213, East Lansing, MI 48826 or click on the PayPal link at wnael.com. It's that easy, and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you've done your part.

The WNAEL website also describes the many activities and benefits that membership provides. Please join your neighbors in showing financial support for this ongoing endeavor. If you have questions, contact WNAEL Treasurer Stephen Ivkovich at: stephen_ivkovich@yahoo.com.

Huzzah!

It is with pleasure that the WNAEL Board acknowledges residents who have shown their deep commitment to the Whitehills neighborhood by making significant, and much appreciated, monetary donations above and beyond their annual dues:

Gerald and Karen Jennings, Hitching Post Road
Tom Meyer and Susan Ahrens, Dennison Road
Terrell and Beverly Oetzel, Dennison Road
John and Bobbie Roberts, Northgate Drive

Such generous financial assistance allows for additional landscape enhancement, repair of brickwork and lighting at entrances and similar projects that would not otherwise be possible.

Did You Know?

Neighborhood homeowners have responsibility for trimming trees and bushes to maintain an orderly appearance and to make certain pedestrians do not walk into low-hanging branches over the sidewalk or street in front of residences. Tonight you might want to take a walk around your yard and sidewalk, or street curb, and lop off drooping branches. The City of East Lansing Code requires that branches be properly pruned to a minimum height of 7 feet over sidewalks, and 12 feet over roadways. Please reconnoiter your property to identify the branches and bushes that need trimming. Your neighbors, and the Whitehills Neighborhood Association will thank you!



Tips From Detective Steve Whelan

At a recent Board meeting, City of East Lansing Police Department Detective Steve Whelan presented useful information and advice for keeping Whitehills safe and crime free. Detective Whelan noted Whitehills has the lowest incidence of crime of any East Lansing subdivision or neighborhood grouping. Violations here are typically crimes of opportunity, such as items removed from open garages or unlocked cars. Pilferers are on the lookout for handbags, computers, cell phones or loose change in unlocked cars, or for tools or bicycles in garages with open doors.

Detective Whelan offered these tips:

- * When leaving town for the weekend or for vacation, notify your neighbors and the East Lansing Police Department.
- * Remember that door-to-door solicitors are required to obtain a license from the city. Ask to see it. If none is produced, call the ELPD.
- * Lock your garages. Keep the garage door closed when you are not outside. Lock your car if it is in the street or driveway.
- * The East Lansing Police Department, which has added thirteen new officers in the last year and one-half, welcomes the "aware eyes" of residents. When noting unusual activity, keep a positive, but not naïve, outlook, and be certain to advise ELPD of patently suspicious behavior.
- * Slow down at intersections. Make a full stop at stop signs. We have many new families with young children in the neighborhood.
- * Social interaction is a vital component of safe neighborhoods. Take the time to chat, to pass along information and to discuss items of concern with your neighbors.

- * Keep a watchful, friendly eye on your elderly neighbors, who can be quite vulnerable to property crimes or fraudsters. Check in with them from time to time to make certain they are safe and unafraid.
- * The non-emergency telephone number for the East Lansing Police Department is: 517.351.4220. This number is county-based. Press prompt #2 for the Dispatch Center. Be patient—there may not be an immediate answer, but someone will eventually take the call.



Woof-Woof!

As you take a leisurely stroll in the neighborhood, we hope you do not encounter pet excrement that has not been properly cleaned up by dog-walkers. Remember, City of East Lansing ordinances not only require that all dogs be licensed and leashed, but that pet owners immediately clean up after their canine companions. There have been several complaints of late regarding dog-walkers who neglect this most basic of neighborly courtesies. Our lovely streets host many folks engaged in enjoyable activities: joggers, runners, bikers, elderly couples out for an amble, children on their way to school and young families with babies and toddlers. Please do your part to keep our sidewalks and streets safe and clean.

WNAEL Board Members:

President: Tom Jones (332-1683)

Vice President: Mike Kreutziger

Treasurer: Stephen Ivkovich (812-2128)

Secretary: Mary McDaniel

Members-at-large:

Megan Busque (Welcome Committee)

Jessica Cohen (Welcome Committee)

Hillary Henderson (Summer Meet-n-Greet and Halloween Parade)

Mark McDaniel (Marketing)

Roberta McElmurry (Pride Committee and Neighbor-to-Neighbor Alert System: 517-332-1575)

Mike Perry (Pride Committee and Winter Party)

Roy Saper (Pride Committee)

Kevin Sayers (Landscaping Committee)

Meri Anne Stowe (Newsletter and Pride Committee)

Elizabeth Vanis (Landscaping Committee)

Website Administrator: Michael Mackoul

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Dues Paying Members

<u>Anderson Way</u>	<u>Cranston Court</u>	Larkin	Tesseris
Jennings	Gillespie	Lebeda	Wakulsky
Lindsey/Wirtz	Kreutziger	O'Leary	Warrick
Pearce	Lashbrook	Shaheen	Young
Watters	O'Leksy	Wellman	<u>Old Hickory Lane</u>
<u>Applegate Lane</u>	Paris	Wilkinson	Bauries
Danigelis	<u>Curtis Road</u>	Wirtz	<u>Old Mill Road</u>
Daugherty	Barr	<u>Hillwood Circle</u>	Dotto/Herklotz
Dines	Berg/Fine	Branoff	Finifter
Fitzgerald/Malouin	Greenbaum	Doblas-Madrid/Burt	Hardies
Forrest-Pressley	Mattarella-Micke	Hamick	Howell
Frangos	Preston	McElmurry	Karabatsos
Hawkins	Thomas	<u>Hitching Post Road</u>	Loomis
Johnson	Titus	Beachler	Mittleman
Joseph	<u>Dennison Road</u>	Beard	Parker
Kennedy/Bunn	Abood	Carruthers	Springer
Maguire	Adams	Contreras	Wellman
Mauro/Bergeron	Bertsch	Damer	Zoeller
Mayhew	Casey/Dunn	Gandlesman	<u>Pebblebrook Lane</u>
Moody	Ching/Thompson	Jennings	Atkins
Neal	Close	Jones/Stowe	Bails
Nystrom	Dela Cruz	Kiefer	Benca
Papesh	Draggoo	Miller	Bustamante
Perry	Hufnagel	Quinn	Civilette
Saker	Hulse/Anderson	Seitz	Ganakas-Dalebout
Saper/Kuhnmuench	Ivkovich	Vlahakis	Gisholt
Shaheen	Ivkovich	Wilcox/Del Buono	Hale
Sinder	James/Ghering	Zygmontowicz	Loomis
Strasburg/Reay	Lark	<u>Meadowbrook Lane</u>	Mayer
Vaughn-Hoffman	Meyer/Ahrens	Busque	Peery
Wolford	Oetzel	Gregory/Hoyt	Sanders/Hansen
<u>Belmonte Circle</u>	Penn	Gustafson	Swan
Suits/Vieth	Powers	Johnson	Takahasi
<u>Blossom Lane</u>	Schluckebier	Mielock	Uecker
Rundquist	Smith	Schubert	Weiland
Schlesinger	Wickard	Schutte	Wilhelm
Shea	Zumbrink	Whitmer, G.	Williams
Vanis	<u>East Lake Lansing Road</u>	Whitmer, R.	<u>Portage Path</u>
<u>Cambria Drive</u>	Mcguire Jr.	<u>Northgate Drive</u>	Taylor/McGlothian
Curry/Vrooman	<u>Foxcroft Road</u>	Bollen	<u>Rudgate Lane</u>
Davis/Breslau	Andary	Endres	Carroll
Hughes	Baril	Gorchow	<u>Stanlake Drive</u>
McDaniel	Beltran	Hidlay	Corey
Mosholder	Cavanagh	Kennedy	Hackney
Rogerson	Clark	Larson/Nwankwo	Horowitz
Sanchez	Ellis	Roberts	Leader
Yusuf	Kaplowitz	Sayers	Long
	Lanigan	Sheets	Underwood

<p><u>Stonegate Lane</u> Foster Greene Hess Johnson Last/Canny Leyden Northrup Sakamoto <u>Tanglewood Lane</u> Belloli Breslin/Scott Curtis Hammond Johnson Messerschmidt Negash Penner Stocker <u>Tavistock Place</u> Carr Lake/Baines Smith <u>Walbridge Drive</u> Abbott Desjardins Floden Foote Hekhuis Hickman/Tatto Kritselis Markakis McKeel Meara Miller Pappas Pearlman Petersmark Sambaer Shaw Spagnuolo Sprecher Straub Zand</p>	<p><u>Windale Place</u> Beauboeuf McKenna Topping <u>Woodland Pass</u> Burnett Cohen Elliott Fort Kennedy Krause Reid <u>Wyangarden Lane</u> Chapin Downey Fletcher/Singel Hughes Issacs Jr. Little Poston Ring/Hartman Yeadon</p>		
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