

ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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OHMHA NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Q&A with City Councilwoman Jane Lumm, March 13

What are the hot topics right now in Ann Arbor City Government? How does newly elected City Councilwoman Jane Lumm view the issues of importance to you?

Please join the OHMHA Board:

**Tuesday, March 13 from 7:30pm - 8:15pm
Thurston School Media Center**

for an update and Q&A session with City Councilwoman Jane Lumm. Afterwards, please stay for the OHMHA Board Meeting. The board appreciates your input and participation.



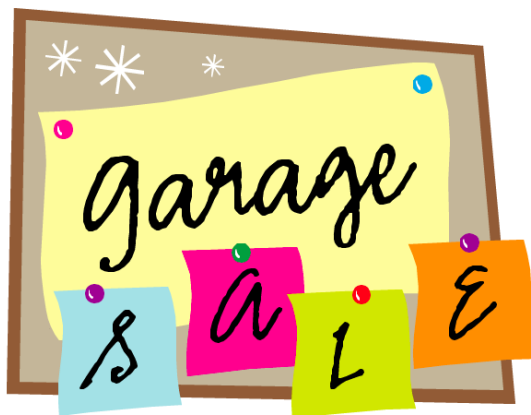
City Councilwoman Jane Lumm at
Candidates Forum in October 2011.
Photo: Jack Cederquist

Got Stuff?

Need Stuff?

**Neighborhood
Garage Sale !**

Save the date:



Saturday, May 19, 2012

starting at 9am

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Clague Walking/Running Path Proposed

- by Jack Cederquist

A Town Hall Meeting was held at Clague School on December 12, 2011 to discuss a Clague Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) proposal to use PTSO funds to construct a path around the perimeter of the Clague athletic field. The path would be about 2000 feet long, 5 feet wide and made of asphalt or "soft" concrete.

The meeting was led by the president and vice-president of the Clague PTSO and the principal of Clague. There were about 20 people in attendance, most of whom were parents of Clague students. The overwhelming majority of those attending indicated they were in favor of the proposal.

The path would provide a means for Clague students and athletic teams to run as well as a walking/exercise path for the Clague neighborhood. The field is often very wet during the spring and autumn, forcing students on cross country and track teams to run less safely elsewhere including on neighborhood sidewalks.

Funding

The Ann Arbor School District administration has approved, but will not fund, the proposal. The school district

would require that their chosen contractor would be used for construction and would supply independent oversight of the project. It should also be noted that snow removal is not planned, so the path would be less useful in winter.



Proposed walking/running path would extend around the perimeter of the Clague Athletic field.

The Clague PTSO has significant funds (about \$30,000) to put toward the project and would plan to raise the additional amount (again, about \$30,000) needed to execute the proposed project.

Committee Forming

The Clague PTSO voted to approve the proposal at its January 9, 2012 meeting. The PTSO is now seeking to form a committee dedicated to this project.

Individuals serving on the committee should be able to attend periodic meetings and be willing to engage in grant and fundraising pursuits.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Jennifer Barber at jenbarber4@gmail.com.

Learn More

Additional information is available at <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/clague.ptso/home> In the left column of that website, click the link for "Track Proposal and Flyer." The second page of that flyer includes info on "The History of the Idea of Creating the Cougar Track." ■

Power Outages in The Neighborhood

- by Peter Mooney

Where is Thomas Edison when you need him? Many Orchard Hill-Maplewood residents have wondered just that as the lights went out 3 times in the last 5 months.

Animal, Pole Fire and Unknown

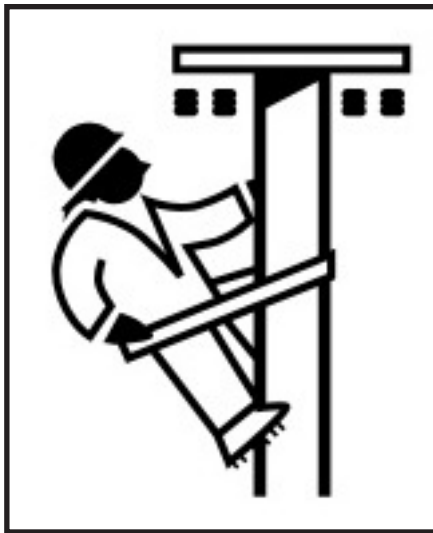
All or part of our neighborhood experienced power outages in August, October, and November of 2011. In response to an inquiry made to the Michigan Public Service Commission, DTE indicated that an animal caused the outage on October 21, and a pole fire caused the outage on November 27, but did not address the August outage.

DTE's letter to the Public Service Commission stated that its efforts address power outages in our area include tree trimming and pole maintenance. DTE also stated that new transformers were being installed

at the substation that serves OHMHA. There may be outages associated with this work, which DTE indicated will be communicated in advance.

Complaint to be Filed

Resident Jerry Schulte will file a complaint with the PSC arguing that DTE is in violation



of the Commission's rules requiring that "under normal conditions" a utility restore service to 90 percent of its customers within 8 hours and also that utility not experience interruptions 5 or more times during a 12 month period on more than 5 percent of its circuits.

If power outages occur in the future, residents may notify DTE on their website or by calling 1-800-477-4747. Complaints can be

submitted to the PSC online at <http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc>. ■

Requesting a Credit

Here is some interesting info from the Michigan Public Service Commission

Go To: <http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc>

Click "Electricity" and then Click "Electric Outage Service Credit Tips"



• Credit Under Normal Conditions (Rule 45)

A customer is eligible for a credit under normal conditions **if the utility fails to restore service within 16 hours** after an outage resulting from conditions other than catastrophic conditions. Customers need to notify their electric utility of the outage.

Eligible customers should contact their utility to request an electric outage service credit. Customers can contact the MPSC if a credit request is denied by the utility. Rules regarding outage service credits – and eligibility requirements – are presented in the MPSC's Service Quality and Reliability Standards. ■

Fifth Annual Fall Festival Brings Smiles

- by Phil Savage

On the gorgeous Sunday afternoon of October 9, about 150 neighbors gathered under the big tent pitched between Thurston Pond and the Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) pool for the 5th Annual OHMHA Fall Festival. Tom Teller provided musical entertainment with his mix of folk and blues again this year to the delight of all. The raptors from Leslie Science & Nature Center were also featured. The presentation of the different birds of prey was both educational and entertaining. The bald eagle was impressive, and it was easy to see why it was adopted as our national symbol.



Gotta love those live pond critters!

There were various tables and displays for attendees to visit. There were live critters from the pond, which was especially appealing to the children, a candy-guess table, a membership table, an Eagle Scout project display on Thurston Nature Center habitat reclamation by David Vallem, a Morning Edition Kiwanis table, and of course, food tables. OHMHA again provided donuts, cider, and apples.

Thanks All Around!

We were delighted that the Achatz Pie Company provided free samples of their pies throughout the afternoon and Zamaan Cafe did the same with their hummus and pitas. These and other local businesses generously donated numerous items for the free raffle drawings that were held throughout the festival. About 50 people went home

Fall Festival - Continued

with a prize, and many of the children enjoyed taking part in drawing tickets and announcing the winning numbers.

All who attended could take advantage of the many coupons given freely by local businesses. The festival ended with the Tree Tour led by Mike Conboy.

Many, many people contributed to the success of the Fall Festival. We are grateful to our local businesses for their donations again this year.

Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) graciously donated the festival site and electricity, and Joann Culbertson made sure everything was in order with the site.

OHMHA board members and their spouses participated in planning, publicizing, soliciting donations, and volunteering at the Festival.

The annual Fall Festival is a great way to connect with your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you at the 6th OHMHA Fall Festival in 2012. ■



The OHMHA Board thanks the generous Fall Festival donors:

- Achatz Handmade Pie Co.
- Anytime Fitness
- Avanti Hair Designers
- Baskin Robbins
- Big Boy Restaurant
- Busch's Fresh Food Market
- Carpenter Bros. Hardware
- The Crown House of Gifts
- Espresso Royale
- Ita Yoga Studio
- Knit A Round Yarn Shop
- Kroger
- Mark's Midtown Coney Island
- Nail and Co.
- Olga's Kitchen
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea
- Tortoise and Hare Running and Fitness Center
- Tree Town Toys
- UMI Sushi
- The Wine Seller
- Zamaan Café
- Zoup

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- To get on the neighborhood email list, email wjcarman@umich.edu
- To get on the neighborhood WATCH list, email gjagst@aol.com

Great Neighborhood Participation at Recent Events

Thanks to everyone who came out for the recent OHMHA events



The OHMHA-sponsored **Candidates Forum** on Oct. 26, 2011 gave Ann Arbor city council candidatees Stephen Rapundalo (Democrat) and Jane Lumm (Independent) the chance to share their views prior to the November 8 election. ■



Ralph Salmeron, Manager of **Community Television Network**, presented at the OHMHA Open House at Clague Middle School on Jan. 10, 2012.

Ralph encouraged neighbors to take advantage of and get involved with Community Television Network, both on TV and online.

See <http://www.a2gov.org/ctn> to learn more about CTN's free production classes and informative programming. ■

Please join us for the next OHMHA-sponsored community event, Tuesday, March 13, featuring City Councilwoman Jane Lumm. See front page for details.

Welcome New Board Members

The OHMHA Board is pleased to welcome two new board members, **David Bizot** and **Rabia Shafie**. Both were appointed recently to fill board vacancies that developed between the election cycle. Rabia will be on the ballot this summer and David will be on the ballot in summer 2013. We look forward to working together to serve the neighborhood. ■

David Bizot

My wife Paula and I have lived on Yellowstone since we moved to Ann Arbor in 2009. We enjoy the sense of community, the woods and parks nearby, and the great neighbors we have. You will often see us out running, biking, or chasing our toddler down the sidewalk. Paula and I have backgrounds in environmental science and policy and work locally in Ann Arbor.

It's my pleasure to join the OHMHA board, and I look forward to contributing to the great work the board does for the neighborhood. ■

Rabia Shafie

My husband and I have lived on Bluett since 1973. Our three children grew up here and attended Thurston and Clague. We are delighted to say that we have six grandchildren and we love spending time with them.

I recently retired after teaching 4th grade at King Elementary for many years. My husband retired from a career in public health.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve on the OHMHA Board. ■

ORCHARD HILLS ~ MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JUNE 1, 2011 ~ MAY 31, 2012

(Make check for \$20.00 payable to OHMHA ~ additional contributions gratefully accepted.)

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ ☐ Please remove my name from your email list.

COMMENTS (we welcome suggestions and/or offers to volunteer on OHMHA projects):

Mail or deliver your dues to: Wendy Carman, OHMHA Treasurer, 2340 Georgetown, Ann Arbor 48105

OHMHA BOARD MEMBERS

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ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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Jane Lumm (Council Member, Ward 2) 3075 Override Drive	677-4010	JLumm@a2gov.org

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Question: How do I get on the neighborhood watch list? **Answer:** email gjagst@aol.com

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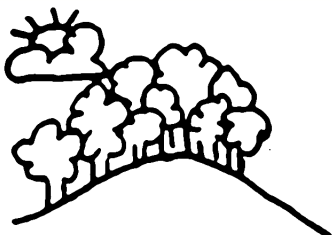
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