

# ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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### **OHMHA NEWSLETTER**

February 2013

## **Q&A** with City Administrator Steve Powers, March 12

Tuesday, March 12 from 7:30pm - 8:15pm Clague Middle School Media Center

Steve Powers has served as Ann Arbor's City Administrator for just over a year, replacing Roger Fraser in 2011. As his title suggests, he is Ann Arbor's top administrator, and supervises the operations of city government on a day-to-day basis. He has graciously agreed to join us for our March meeting and to engage in a question and answer session about the issues the city faces in the coming year, and how they may affect our neighborhood.

If you have questions about cuts or enhancements to city services, public safety, transportation or any other topic of concern to Ann Arbor and our neighborhood this is a great chance for some important dialog. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to suggest a question, please email Pete Mooney (pmooney@sfplaw.com).



**Steve Powers** 

Afterwards, please stay for the OHMHA Board Meeting. The board appreciates your input and participation. We look forward to seeing you on March 12 at Clague.■

Got Stuff? Need Stuff?
Neighborhood Garage Sale
Saturday, May 18, 2013
Starting 9am



## Sixth Annual Fall Festival A Success

#### -by Phil Savage

About 125 neighbors gathered on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2012 under the big tent pitched between Thurston Pond and the Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) pool for the 6th 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, including the bald eagle, was both educational and entertaining. Many attendees took the short walk along the banks of Thurston Pond to view the new bench that was installed to memorialize Anita Jones' many contributions to the neighborhood.

#### **Donuts, Raffle and More**

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, and of course, food tables. OHMHA again provided donuts, cider, and apples. Several local businesses generously donated numerous items for the free raffle drawings that were held throughout the festival. About 30 people went home with a prize, and many of the

## The OHMHA Board thanks the generous Fall Festival donors:

- Cafe Marie
- Carpenter Bros. Hardware
- Exotic Bakeries
- Espresso Royale
- Evergreen
- Ita Yoga Studio
- Kumon Learning Center
- Mark's Midtown Coney Island
- Nail and Co.
- UMI Sushi
- The Wine Seller

children enjoyed taking part in drawing tickets and announcing the winning numbers. The festival ended with the Tree Tour led by Mike Conboy.

#### Thanks to All Contributors

Many, many people contributed to the success of the Fall Festival. We are grateful to our local businesses for their donations again this year. 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 7th OHMHA Fall Festival in 2013.



## Clague Walking/Running Path Update

The Cougar Track Committee continues to work towards creating a walking/running path around the perimeter of the existing athletic fields at Clague Middle School for use by students, neighbors and the northeast area community at large. Preliminary hurdles have been crossed and now the challenge is to complete the funding. The committee has reached out to Clague parents/families and in Fall 2012, they received over \$900 additional dollars on top of the \$30,000 that Clague's PTSO has generously set aside for the project (which came from Clague families as well).

The committee has been writing grants for health/wellness initiatives for the track funding. They would like to ask the Clague

neighborhood (who will also greatly benefit from this project) to please consider any contributions toward the goal of \$60,000. If any friend/neighbor would like to contribute, please write a check to Clague PTSO (with Cougar Track in the memo line) and mail to:

Clague PTSO, 2616 Nixon Rd. Ann Arbor MI 48105.

Members of the Cougar Track committee include Jennifer Barber, Gene Darnell, Lola Killey, Mara Kent, Kris Verhey, and Karen Yamada. You can email them at clague claguecougartrack@gmail.com and jenbarber4@gmail.com.

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 "The Cougar Track Project."

## Friendly Reminder for the Winter Months

- A reminder that we depend on each other to keep our neighborhood sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. City code requires that, within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation of snow greater than 1 inch, residential property owners must remove the snow from the adjacent public sidewalk and ramps leading to the crosswalk. Ice should be treated with sand, salt, or other substance to prevent it from being slippery and removed within 24 hours after formation. See the city's website for more information: http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us/government/safetyservices/Police/Pages/SnowRemovalonSidewalks.aspx
- If you have physical challenges or other issues that prevent you from clearing your sidewalk, please contact an OHMHA board member, who will try to put you in touch with someone who can help. ■

## ORCHARD HILLS ~ MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JUNE 1, 2012 ~ MAY 31, 2013

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

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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

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