

**ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD  
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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**OHMHA NEWSLETTER**

**May 2007**

**Annual Election at the  
THURSTON ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Join us this **Friday, June 1, 6~8 pm**  
to cast your ballot,  
pick up some great reads at bargain prices,  
catch up with friends and neighbors, and of course,  
enjoy some ice cream!

**WHO:** You are eligible to vote if you have paid your 2006-2007 dues. Your paid status is stamped on this newsletter. Not a member but want to vote? Simply pay your '06-07 dues and then cast your ballot!

**DEADLINE:** Please turn in all ballots by June 11.

**HOW:** ♦ Turn in your ballot at the Social.  
♦ Vote at [www.ohmha.org](http://www.ohmha.org)  
♦ Drop off or mail your ballot to Stuart Baggaley, 3111 Cedarbrook, A2, 48105

**DUES:** After June 1, we will be accepting dues (\$20) for the 2007-08 fiscal year (6/1-5/31).

**MEETINGS:** Board meetings are open to the public, and your participation is welcomed. OHMHA aims to maintain and improve our neighborhood and to help with community issues.

**WHY JOIN OHMHA?** Membership is voluntary, but your dues directly support our neighborhood by financing such projects as entry-way landscaping, newsletters, website costs, garage sale publicity, maintaining a legal fund, and so on. This past year, we also helped organize the Tree Team Project in our neighborhood, a component of the city's efforts to replace the ash trees.

## Roundabout Proposed for Nixon-Huron Parkway

There could soon be a touch of Paris in northeast Ann Arbor. While there are no plans to build a replica of the Eiffel Tower in our neighborhood, the city of Ann Arbor is considering a traffic circle (significantly smaller, admittedly, than the Parisian version) at the intersection of Nixon and Huron Parkway.

Igor Kotlyar, a project engineer with the city, says that the current intersection is “failing.” With traffic from four directions coming together at one point, the issue of who goes first is often more a game of chicken than an orderly process.

Kotlyar believes that given the proximity of traffic lights at Huron Parkway and Plymouth, and at Nixon and Plymouth, it would not make sense to add another light at Nixon and Huron Parkway. He says that a roundabout would greatly improve safety for drivers, and that the goals of the project are also to make the intersection friendlier to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

The intention is that this project will go forward next summer. Also slated for next summer are proposed upgrades to Nixon, between Plymouth and Huron Parkway, resulting in that road being reduced to one lane in each direction.

On Wednesday, June 6, there will be a public meeting from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Parkway Meadows’ clubhouse, located at 2575 Sandalwood (just west of Nixon and north of Huron Parkway). This will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions of, and provide input to, the city’s design team.

More information on the project can be found on the web at <http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us/PublicServices/ProjectManagement/Huron%20Pkwy-Nixon%20Improvements/index.html>



(Above) The current Nixon and Huron Parkway intersection.

(Left) The current intersection is a busy and often confusing four-way stop.

## Neighborhood Garage Sale

The weather cooperated and business was brisk at this year's OHMHA-sponsored neighborhood garage sale. This year the sale was held on both Friday and Saturday. The OHMHA Board welcomes your assessment of this change and the sale's overall success.



Bluett resident Elsa Stuber and OHMHA board member Emily Eisbruch discuss the merchandise at the recent OHMHA-sponsored neighborhood garage sale.

## OHMHA Proposed Budget

2006-07 Proposed Budget	2006-07 Actual Budget	Proposed 2007-2008 Budget*	
\$5758	\$5758	Operating account, beginning balance	\$9205
\$1834	\$1834	Legal fund, beginning balance	1834
		<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,030</b>
		<b>Operating Budget</b>	
\$5100	\$3960	Annual dues	\$4000
425	610	Contributions	400
	140	Prepaid for 2008	0
10	11	Interest	10
	181	Refunds	0
\$5535	\$4902	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4410</b>
		<b>Expenses</b>	
\$3950	\$603	Grounds maintenance	\$700
150		Neighborhood socials	1000
910	1248	Newsletter expenses	1800
120	158	Garage sale expenses	220
170	16	Mail permit fee/postage	100
140	61	Copy/bank fees/checks/supplies	90
25	25	OHMHA organizational fee	25
25	0	Website expenses	75
\$5490	\$2086	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4010</b>

\*As this issue was prepared, the Board considered and expects to approve a proposal to donate \$500 to the Thurston Pond Nature Center Committee for maintenance expenses in connection with the Thurston Pond restoration.

### ORCHARD HILLS ~ MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JUNE 1, 2006 ~ MAY 31, 2007

(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.

## OHMHA 2007 Election Ballot

All residents who are paid members for the 2006-2007 fiscal year (as stamped on this newsletter) are eligible to vote, one vote per household.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** The following candidates have been nominated for Board membership, and would serve a two-year term (2007-2009). Please vote for up to seven candidates.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Stuart Baggaley
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wendy Carman
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emily Eisbruch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neal Foster
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anita Jones
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Mooney
- \_\_\_\_\_ Greg Jagst (to complete a 2006-2008 term)

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007-2008** (see page 3 of this newsletter):

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve      \_\_\_\_\_ Do not approve

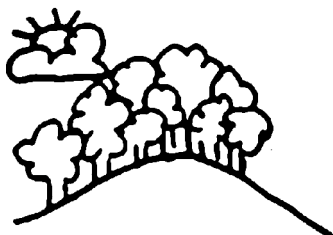
### HOW TO VOTE

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- ~Turn in to Stuart Baggaley, 3111 Cedarbrook, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, by June 11
- ~Vote online at [www.ohmha.org](http://www.ohmha.org)

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