

ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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OHMHA NEWSLETTER

May 2010

Annual General Meeting and Election at the Thurston Ice Cream Social

***Join us Friday, June 4, at 6 pm in the
Thurston School Library***



WHO:

You are eligible to vote if you have paid your 2009-2010 dues. Not a member but want to vote? Simply pay your '09-10 dues and then cast your ballot!

DEADLINE: Please turn in all ballots by June 4.

HOW:

- ◇ Turn in your ballot at the Social.
- ◇ Drop off or mail your ballot to Peter Mooney, 3352 Yellowstone, Ann Arbor, 48105

DUES: After June 1, we will be accepting dues (\$20) for the 2010-11 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 entryway landscaping and signage, newsletters, website costs, garage sale publicity, fall festival, maintaining a legal fund, and so on. ■

2010 Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Saturday, May 15, from 9 am

OHMHA will run an ads and will post signs at subdivision entrances and major intersections. All you have to do is set up your sale and enjoy the day!

Easter Seals will pick up unsold items, see page 2 for details



Thanks to Stuart Baggaley and Margaret Weiss

Thanks to retiring Board members Stuart Baggaley and Margaret Weiss for their service to the Board and to the Orchard Hills - Maplewood community. Stuart has served as Vice President and Neighborhood Watch Chair. Margaret did a fantastic job coordinating the Fall Festival in 2008 and 2009. We wish them well in their next endeavors! (See page 3 for an important project Margaret is spearheading.)■



Easter Seals Community Donation Neighborhood Garage Sale Pick Up

Sunday, May 16, 2010

On May 16, 2010, Easter Seals will have a truck in your neighborhood to collect gently used clothing and usable household misc. items left from your garage sale. The service will provide you with curbside service and tax deductible receipts.

**You MUST call us at 1-800-708-2716 to schedule a pick up by
3:00 PM on Friday, May 14th, please refer to**

Reference code Mi516

- All your items must be at the curb or end of your driveway by 9 am. No porch or garage pick-ups.
- Clothing must be packaged in bags and fragile items in boxes.
- Furniture must be in "resale" condition and is subject to driver discretion.
- We are unable to take furniture items that are self-constructed, i.e., Sauder furniture, etc.
- We DO NOT take Baby Cribs, Infant or Toddler Car Seats, Large Appliances, Mattress/Box Springs, Console Televisions, Microwave Ovens, Food, Personal Products, Weapons.
- We cannot pick up your items unless you have called us and we have your address on the driver record.

Georgetown Median Changes

by Margaret Weiss

In addition to the upcoming Georgetown resurfacing work that will be performed this summer by the City of Ann Arbor, OHMHA, in conjunction with the City, will be experimenting with different plantings along the Georgetown median. During the summer you will notice a small test area being prepared to receive new plants sometime in the fall.

The idea behind replacing the turf grass along the medians is to tackle a number of issues. First, OHMHA has been paying to have the medians treated with herbicides and pesticides to control weed growth and sustain the turf grass. Second, as the city budgets shrink, the number of mowings per season supplied by the city will be reduced starting next year which means the neighborhood might have to step in to provide necessary grass cutting.

Both activities represent expenditures for OHMHA and the former is not conducive to sound ecological practices, particularly in light of the fact we are part of the Millers Creek watershed which feeds directly into the Huron River.

It would be greatly beneficial to have plants along the median that are more suited to this climate and that require less care. OHMHA would save money and there would be no need to apply herbicides and pesticides to keep out weeds and support the turf grass.

Also, should budgets continue to shrink as they undoubtedly will, residents of this area will not be faced with the choice of letting the grass grow tall or contracting with an outside service to mow in between the city's scheduled mowings. The plants being considered are ones that do not require the same level of care and mowing as does turf grass.

OHMHA is excited to be partnering with the City of Ann Arbor's Natural Area Preservation Adopt-A-Park program in this endeavor. The

ultimate goal is to arrive at a more sustainable, less expensive, safe and ecologically friendly median layout. If you would like to know more about this project, feel free to contact the OHMHA board or Margaret Weiss at colinmargie@sbcglobal.net. ■

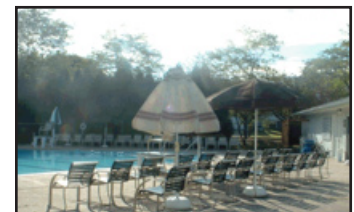


Pool News

by Lisa Smit

The Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) is a separate organization from the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association (OHMHA). Pool News is included here as a neighborhood courtesy.

Our neighborhood pools are gearing up for summer! Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) Pool on Yorktown and Dolphin Pool on Prairie are favorite places for families to spend sunny, summer afternoons. The pools offer private and group swim lessons, swim and dive team, synchronized swimming, private party rentals, lap swims and plenty of time for open swim time.



Membership is open to both those who live in and out of the neighborhood and gives you access to both pools.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the pools for free during the open house on Saturday, June 5, from 1-5pm. Bring your family and plan to spend a relaxing afternoon at the pool. For more information, visit www.ohacpool.org. ■

Budget Notes:

The proposed budget for 2010-2011 proposes to use some of our reserves to

- Replace the signs at the Georgetown entrance
- Supplement City mowing of the medians in face of dropping TruGreen applications for this season
- Create a demonstration low maintenance garden on part of the Georgetown median to see whether such plantings could reduce or end the need for chemical applications to keep down the weeds on the medians. ■

Update on Memorial Bench for Anita Jones



We are pleased to report that we have received donations from 14 households towards our desire to erect a memorial bench in honor of Anita Jones, past president and 25 year member of the OHMHA board, who passed away last October. We thank those who donated. We will keep everyone updated as our memorial project progresses.

If anyone is still interested in donating, please send a check to the OHMHA treasurer, Wendy Carman, at 2340 Georgetown. ■

OHMHA Proposed 2010-2011 BUDGET

	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
Balance at Start of Year			
General Balance	9146	8287	7797
Legal Balance	3834	3834	3834
Total	12980	12121	11631
Anticipated Income			
interest	5	5	5
Annual Dues and Contributions	4300	3320	4520
Total	4305	3325	4525
Anticipated General Expenses			
Replacement of Entrance Sign	0	0	600
Grounds Maintenance	485	482.98	750
Neighborhood Social Events	1500	625.15	1000
Newsletter Expenses	900	1469.30	1500
Mail permit/Postage	620	499.20	900
Garage Sale	300	53.60	100
State Organizational Fee	30	30.00	40
Bank Fees/ Checks	50	17.50	40
Website fees	120	37.74	50
Donation to Nature Center	300	300.00	300
Transfer to Legal Fund	300	300.00	0
	4505	3815.47	5280
Anticipated Legal Budget			
Legal Expenses	300	300.00	0
Balance at End of Year			
Operating Fund	9146	7796.53	7042
Legal Fund	3834	3834.00	3834
Total Assets	12980	11630.53	10876

Fall Festival Q&A

Q: What's the date of the OHMHA Fall Festival for 2010?

A: Sunday, October 10th!

Q: How can I help the planning?

A: Call Amy Seetoo at 332-0390, or come to the Annual Meeting on Fri., June 4 at 6pm in the Thurston Library. We need your participation!



OHMHA 2010 Election Ballot

All residents who are paid members for the 2009-2010 fiscal year 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 (2010-2012), except as noted. Please vote for up to seven candidates.

- _____ Chad Bailey
- _____ Henry Brysk
- _____ Jack Cederquist
- _____ Greg Jagst
- _____ Anne Karabakal
- _____ Phil Savage
- _____ Amy Seetoo (to complete a 2009 - 2011 term)
- _____ Write-in* (name, address, phone)_____

*If submitting write-in candidates, please make sure they are eligible for board membership (that is, they are current OHMHA members, and you have their permission to submit their names). If you are interested in becoming a board member yourself, please contact any current board member or attend an upcoming meeting.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 (see page 4 of this newsletter)

_____ Approve _____ Do not approve

HOW TO VOTE

- Drop ballot in OHMHA ballot box at Thurston Ice Cream Social, June 4, 6-8 pm
- Turn in to Peter Mooney, 3352 Yellowstone, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, by June 4

ORCHARD HILLS ~ MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JUNE 1, 2010 ~ MAY 31, 2011

(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

Jack Cederquist	2145 Ardenne	665-2285	President
Henry Brysk	3032 Cedarbrook	369-2986	
Wendy Carman	2340 Georgetown	761-8693	Treasurer
Emily Eisbruch	2561 Bunker Hill	665-0533	Newsletter (eisbruchs@aol.com)
Neal Foster	2115 Georgetown	663-0756	
Greg Jagst	2080 Yorktown	846-6332	Secretary
Phil Savage	3304 Bluett	994-6560	
Anne Karabakal	2405 Bunker Hill	669-2084	Webmaster
Peter Mooney	3352 Yellowstone	213-0440	
Monica Hanna	2163 Ardenne	622-8113	
Margie Weiss	2215 Yorktown	997-6541	

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

John Hieftje (Mayor)	1800 Traver	794-6161	jhieftje@a2gov.org
Tony Dereziński (Council Member, Ward 2)	1345 Glendaloch Cir.	995-2686	TDereziński@a2gov.org
Stephen Rapundalo (Council Member, Ward 2)	3106 Bluett	476-0648	SRapundalo@a2gov.org

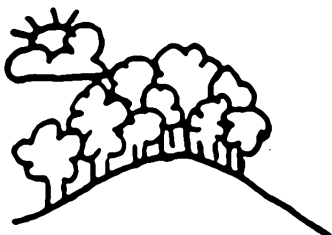
Question: How do I get on the neighborhood email list? **Answer:** email wjcarman@umich.edu

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