



# ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

[www.ohmha.org](http://www.ohmha.org)

## OHMHA NEWSLETTER

May 2016

### OHMHA General Meeting and Election

Friday, June 10, 2016

7:00 pm

at Thurston School Media Center

Guest speaker to be announced on the OHMHA residents email list and Facebook page.



Join us at Thurston School on Friday, June 10 for the OHMHA General Meeting.

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### Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, May 14,  
starting at 9 am



OHMHA will run ads and will post signs at neighborhood entrances and major intersections. All you have to do is set up your garage sale and enjoy the day! You can help by posting your own signs and by posting your garage sale on craigslist, Facebook and wherever!

## Vote in OHMHA Annual Election

### WHO:

You are eligible to vote if you have paid your 2015-2016 dues. Not a member but want to vote? Simply pay your 2015-2016 dues and then cast your ballot!

### DEADLINE:

June 10, 2016

### HOW:

See instructions on page 7.

### DUES:

After June 10, we will be accepting dues (\$20) for the 2016-17 fiscal year (6/1-5/31).

### WHY JOIN OHMHA?

Your dues directly support our neighborhood by financing such projects as entryway landscaping and signage, newsletters, website costs, garage sale publicity, Fall Festival, and more. ■

## OHMHA Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

<b>Balance as of 3-31-2016</b>			
General Fund	7,827		
Legal Fund	3,834		
Paypal	351		
Georgetown Entrance Fund	2,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,012</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>Transfer between Funds</b>			
Legal Fund (no changes)	0	0	0
Georgetown Entrance Repair Fund (from General Fund)	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Income</b>			
Interest	3	2	4
<b>Annual Dues and Contributions</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>4,400</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>4,404</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>			
Grounds Maintenance	160	100	125
Neighborhood Social Events	2,000	2,179	2,200
Newsletter Expenses	950	888	950
Garage Sale	120	0	120
Organizational Fee	40	20	20
Bank Fees	0	40	0
Website Fees	50	60	60
Donation to Nature Center	500	500	500
Room Rentals for School use	180	15	15
Candidates Night	200	125	150
Liability from Previous Year	0	0	0
Plans drawn for Entrance Repair	0	50	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>4,640</b>



Your OHMHA Dues support the Annual Fall Festival and other community activities. Mark your calendar for the 2016 Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 25.

# OHAC Community Swimming Pools 2016 News & Updates

by Bo Bunnell

*The Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) is a separate organization from Orchard Hills Maplewood Homeowners Association (OHMHA). Pool news is included here as a neighborhood courtesy.*

We are looking forward to another great summer for our OHAC and Dolfin community pools. This summer we are emphasizing even more social events, including a “Kick-Off Party and Movie night” that occurred on Friday, April 29. Other events to look forward to include our 2nd Annual Opening Day Parade through the neighborhood, a School’s Out Party, Popsicle Poolooza (free popsicle weekdays from 6:30-7:00 PM from June 20-30), Got Color Parties, Friday Night Potlucks, Splash Contest, Dog Swim, Sunday Fundays and the regular 4th of July and Labor Day celebrations and games.



## Membership

In 2016 we also changed our marketing strategy by passing out colorful door hangers to advertise our pools and programs, instead of the more detailed brochure and paper application. We are hoping that more members will register online ([www.ohacpool.org](http://www.ohacpool.org)), but paper applications can still be downloaded through our website or picked up from the bulletin board outside of OHAC pool (and turned in at the mail slot at OHAC pool).

Speaking of membership, we are excited to offer **two new options for those interested in flexible use of the pool**. Based on feedback at community meetings, we will be offering a punchcard for \$75 (10 visits), and if you decide to upgrade to a membership we will apply a \$75 credit to your fees. We also are offering a “Sustaining” Membership option for OHAC alumni that want to support the pool but don’t really use it or want to pay a full membership fee (you still receive two family day passes for our appreciation of your donation).

## Teams and Programs

We also have teams and programs available to non-members throughout the season.

- Our OHAC Gator Swim and Dive team is coming off an undefeated season.
- Our synchronized swimming program has a long and proud tradition.
- We offer swimming lessons over three two-week sessions.
- At Dolfin, we will also be continuing an early morning Master’s Swimming program, evening Water Aerobics and evening Water Polo.

Sign up for all of these teams and programs online (and members get a considerable discount!).

Your support of OHAC Pools supports not only our pools but our community. The pools open on Saturday, May 28 right after the Opening Day Parade, come join us for the official plunge into the pool.■



# Community Forum at Zoup Fosters Communication

*by Emily Eisbruch*

There was a good turnout for the 3rd annual Community Forum, held on Sunday, April 16 at Zoup at Traver Village. The event, with Praveena Ramaswami serving as the emcee, featured presentations by a number of neighborhood and community groups, including:

- OHMHA Neighborhood
- Bromley Neighborhood
- AATA/ The Ride
- Thurston Nature Center
- OHAC Pools (for more see article on page 3)
- Nixon Area Alliance
- King Neighborhood Group opposing the University of Michigan Green Road Bus Center (<https://nea2cc.org>)
- Clague School PTSO
- Thurston School PTSO

After the presentations there were plenty of questions, including a focus on safe access to buses (issues around placement and design of bus stops) and on next steps for the efforts to oppose the U-M Green Road Bus Center. In addition there was a shoutout to the many hardworking volunteers who have implemented tremendous improvements to the Thurston Nature Center over the past year.

We hope to see you at the 2017 Community Forum.■



*Community sharing at the the 2016 Community Forum at Zoup*

## Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative!

OHMHA is launching the "Welcome to the Neighborhood" initiative to make it easier for new families to find out more information about our neighborhood and to make them feel at home.

If you are aware of a new neighbor moving in, please contact OHMHA Board Member Nadine Wong ([nadinewong@gmail.com](mailto:nadinewong@gmail.com)) with a street address so that we can make sure that we include them in this initiative.



# Thurston Nature Center News

*by Frank Commiskey*

It has been an exciting spring at the Thurston Nature Center, including these highlights:

- the newly restored pond has filled with water
- the newly installed outlet system is working well to prevent overflow of water on the trails as we have seen in past years
- plans are underway to introduce fish into the pond within the next few months
- invasive species have been cleared with lots of hard work from volunteers
- wetland areas will be seeded and native plants will be added to replace invasive species
- trails have been improved with logs on the sides to create better definition
- new woodchips on the trails
- over 35 new tree labels were added to improve outdoor education
- as a part of Arbor Day a new tamarack tree was planted next to the existing tamarack
- a successful prescribed and controlled burn was conducted at the Oak Hickory woodlot

## Staying Informed / Getting Involved

- To sign up for the Thurston Nature Center E-Newsletter contact [frank@thurstonnaturecenter.org](mailto:frank@thurstonnaturecenter.org)
- Reminders are often posted on the Thurston Nature Center Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ThurstonNatureCenter>.
- For more information on the various tasks that need volunteers please contact [frank@thurstonnaturecenter.org](mailto:frank@thurstonnaturecenter.org).
- Students looking to expand their experience and build up their resume are more than welcome to sign up and join us. ■



*New tree labels enhance the experience of walking around the Thurston Nature Center*



*Thanks to everyone who helped out at recent workdays, including these Huron High School students*

# Accessory Dwelling Unit Meeting

## Neighbors Learned about Proposed Changes to Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations

*by Jack Cederquist*

At Clague School on March 22, 2016 OHMHA residents met with City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County staff for a presentation on, and discussion of, possible changes to the City's accessory dwelling unit regulations. Chris Cheng represented the City while Teresa Gillotti and Brett Lenart represented the County. All of their informative materials are available at [www.a2gov.org/ADU](http://www.a2gov.org/ADU).

The City has a goal of increasing affordable housing in the City and the possible changes are intended to increase the number of rental units at affordable rents. The majority of those present raised questions and concerns about the possible negative effects on neighborhoods of the changes.

City Council Members Eaton, Lumm and Westphal were in attendance as well as six members of the OHMHA Board. Those interested should review the materials at the City website and contact Chris Cheng at the City ([ccheng@a2gov.org](mailto:ccheng@a2gov.org)), their Council Member or an OHMHA Board Member with their inputs.■



*Accessory Dwelling Units, such as the one above the garage in this photo, may become more common in Ann Arbor if the zoning is changed.*



*Neighborhood meeting at Clague Middle School in March informed the community about the proposed zoning changes around Accessory Dwelling Units.*

# OHMHA 2016 Election Ballot

*All residents who are paid members for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are eligible to vote, one vote per household.*

OHMHA BOARD MEMBERS: The following candidates have been nominated for board membership, and would serve a two-year term (2016-2018). Please vote for up to six candidates

☐ Jack Cederquist  
☐ Jennifer Oldham  
☐ Martin Torch-Ishii  
☐ Greg Jagst  
☐ Frank Commiskey  
☐ Anne Karabakal

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 name). If you are interested in becoming a board member yourself, please contact any current board member or attend an upcoming meeting.

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2016-2017 (see page 2)

☐ Approve    ☐ Do not approve

## HOW TO VOTE

- Drop ballot in OHMHA Ballot box at the Annual General Meeting
- Drop off or mail to Martin Torch-Ishii, 3366 Bluett, Ann Arbor 48105
- Vote online at <http://www.ohmha.org/ballot.html>

### ORCHARD HILLS - MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Please remove me from email list

**Comments (we welcome suggestions and/or efforts to volunteer on OHMHA projects)**

#### TO PAY DUES:

Mail or deliver dues to:

Martin Torch-Ishii, OHMHA Treasurer, 3366 Bluett, 48105

or

Pay OHMHA dues online via Paypal, see [www.ohmha.org](http://www.ohmha.org)



## **OHMHA BOARD MEMBERS**

Jack Cederquist	2145 Ardenne	665-2282	President
Greg Jagst	2080 Yorktown	846-6332	Vice President
Martin Torch-Ishii	3366 Bluett	474-1249	Treasurer
Peter Mooney	3352 Yellowstone	213-0440	Secretary
Emily Eisbruch	2561 Bunker Hill	665-0533	Newsletter (eisbruchs@gmail.com)
Anne Karabakal	2405 Bunker Hill	669-2084	Webmaster
Jerry Schulte	3334 Yellowstone	668-2590	
Amy Seetoo	3111 Cedarbrook	332-0390	
Nadine Wong	3092 Lexington	222-1716	
Jennifer Oldham	3337 Yellowstone	834 0775	
Frank Commiskey	2647 Antietam Ct	369-0992	
Wendy Carman	2340 Georgetown	761-8693	

## **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

Christopher Taylor (Mayor)	794-6165	CTaylor@a2gov.org
Kirk Westphal (Council Member, Ward 2)	660-9955	KWestphal@a2gov.org
Jane Lumm (Council Member, Ward 2)	677-4010	JLumm@a2gov.org

How do I get on the neighborhood email list? go to [www.ohmha.org/contact](http://www.ohmha.org/contact)

How do I get on the neighborhood watch list? email [gjagst@gmail.com](mailto:gjagst@gmail.com)

How to "like" the OHMHA Facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/ohmhaneighborhood/>

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