



ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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OHMHA NEWSLETTER

May 2017

OHMHA General Meeting and Election

**Guest Speaker: Howard
Lazarus, Ann Arbor City
Administrator**

**Friday, June 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm at
Thurston School Media Center**

Program:

Join your neighbors on the evening of Friday, June 9 for the OHMHA General Meeting and Election, starting at 7pm at Thurston School Media Center. At 7:30pm, Ann Arbor's new City Administrator Howard Lazarus will give a talk on key topics related to the city's administration. This is a great chance to hear his thoughts and engage in Q&A on topics such as city services, transportation, development, public safety and more.



Ann Arbor City Administrator, Howard Lazarus

Neighborhood Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 20,
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!

OHMHA Proposed 2017-2018 Budget

Balances as of 3-31-2017

General Fund	7,071
Legal Fund	3,834
Paypal	682
Georgetown Entrance Fund (sitting in general fund)	3,000
Total Assets	14,587

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Transfer between Funds			
Legal Fund (no changes)	0	0	0
Georgetown Entrance Repair Fund (from General Fund)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Income			
Interest	4	2	4
Annual Dues and Contributions	4,400	4,520	4,400
Total	4,404	4,522	4,404
General Expenses			
Grounds Maintenance	125	0	125
Neighborhood Social Events	2,200	2,720	2,800
Newsletter Expenses	950	444	900
Garage Sale	120	0	120
Organizational Fee	20	20	20
Website Fees	60	0	60
Donation to Nature Center	500	500	500
Room Rentals for School use	15	0	15
Candidates Night	150	0	150
Liability from Previous Year	0	0	0
Plans drawn for Entrance Repair	500	0	0
Total	4,640	3,684	4690

Vote in OHMHA Annual Election

WHO:

You are eligible to vote if you have paid your 2016-2017 dues. Not a member but want to vote? Simply pay your 2016-2017 dues and then cast your ballot!

DEADLINE: June 9, 2017

HOW:

See instructions on page 7.

DUES:

After June 9, we will be accepting dues (\$20) for the 2017-18 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. ■

OHAC Community Swimming Pools 2017 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.

OHAC Community Pools have a lot to celebrate as we look forward to opening another great summer season in the neighborhood. Last year we introduced several new membership options and offered even more social opportunities for all age groups to enjoy. These efforts contributed to a 16% increase in membership revenues, which helps us slowly rebuild our savings. Our second reason to celebrate was achievement of becoming a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization - given our focus on aquatic instruction and education. We hope this recognition assists with future fund-raising efforts now that donations are tax-deductible.

Speaking of aquatic education- we will have another year full of opportunities for swimmers of all ages. Our OHAC Swim and Dive team season begins the week of June 5th; please come to the informational parent meeting on May 31st at 7 PM at OHAC Pool. After school ends, we will also begin our synchronized swimming program, water polo instruction, and group swimming lessons (all details are on our website: www.ohacpool.org). For adults, we also offer a water aerobics program and masters swimming program. Come get fit with your neighbors this summer in a supportive and fun environment! Sign up for all of these teams and programs online this year (and members get a considerable discount!).



All members enjoy open swim hours, lap swimming hours, and many social events at our two neighborhood pools. Fun events to keep an eye open for include the Opening Day Parade through the neighborhood, a School's Out Ice Cream Social, Popsicle Poolooza, Friday Night Potlucks, Wine and Cheese Night, Splash Contest, Sunday Fundays and the annual 4th of July and Labor Day celebrations.



Orchard Hills Athletic Club
POOL GUEST PASS
One day pass valid June 11-25, 2017
Join us for a day at the pool
Guest pass admits up to 5 individuals per household.
Only one use per household. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **All must have FUN!**

Date: _____
Family Name: _____
Email Address: _____

Pass OHMHA 2017

The pools open on Saturday, May 27 right after the Opening Day Parade, come join us for the official plunge into the pool. All membership and registration details are found on website, www.ohacpool.org and you can follow us on Facebook by liking us at "OHACpool". Your support of OHAC Pools supports not only our pools but our community. ■

Forum at Zoup Updates the Community

by Jack Cederquist

The fourth annual OHMHA-sponsored Community Forum took place at our local Zoup! on Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm with about 20 neighbors in attendance. Many thanks to Zoup! for hosting us once again.

OHMHA News

OHMHA President, Greg Jagst, spoke about the Neighborhood Garage Sale, the Fall Festival planned for this September, Neighborhood Watch and the increasing use of Nextdoor, the neighborhood connection application, as a means for both residents and City police to rapidly disseminate crime information along with other topics that may be of interest. The police will host a Neighborhood Watch meeting at Clague School at 6:30 pm on May 18.

Thurston Nature Center News

Jim Vallem spoke about developments at the Thurston Nature Center and the Spring Work Days on April 22 and 23. Volunteers are always needed for various projects at the Nature Center. Repair of the bridge and burns to reduce invasive species are also planned.

OHAC and Dolfin Pools

Linda Klimach spoke about the Orchard Hills and Dolfin community pools. The pools have earned 501c(3) charitable status in the past year.

That designation will reduce some costs of operating the pools. Pool membership increased last year, so the pools are on a better financial footing as they start the 2017 season. Residents are encouraged to become pool members this summer and enjoy the pools!



Greg Jagst, John Cederquist, Linda Klimach and Jim Vallem update the neighbors at the 2017 Community Forum at Zoup

Nixon Road Traffic News

Jack Cederquist, OHMHA Vice-President, spoke about the Nixon Road Traffic Corridor as reported elsewhere in this Newsletter. These presentations were followed by questions and a lively discussion of local issues dominated by the increase in speeding vehicles in our neighborhoods and the consequent danger to pedestrians. Residents are encouraged to call the City police at 734-994-2911 to report speeding vehicles and any other behavior of concern.

Don't hesitate! Input from residents aids the police in allocating their resources across the City. We hope to see you at the 2018 Community Forum.■

Thurston Nature Center News

by Frank Commiskey

Remembering Mike Conboy

The Thurston Nature Center community lost a dear friend in February 2017, as our longtime nature educator, land steward, advocate and incredible volunteer Mike Conboy passed away. The neighborhood recognized Mike at the Fall Festival in September 2016. Mike's legacy continues in many ways, including in the wonderful variety of trees he planted and helped nurture at the Thurston Nature Center. His memory inspires all who were fortunate to know him.



April 2017 Work Days

Many thanks to everyone who chipped in and helped out with the Thurston Nature Center Work Days on April 22 and 23, 2017.

Staying Informed / Getting Involved

- To sign up for the Thurston Nature Center E-Newsletter contact 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.
- Students looking to expand their experience and build up their resume are more than welcome to sign up and join us. ■



Volunteers spreading woodchips on the trails at the Thurston Nature Center Work Days in April. Thanks to all the terrific volunteers who keep the Nature Center a jewel of our area!

2nd Ward City Council Update

by Pete Mooney

2017 will be the last “odd year” election in the long and storied history of Ann Arbor’s 2nd Ward, which roughly encompasses northeast Ann Arbor. All of Orchard Hills-Maplewood is within the 2nd. Ann Arbor voters decided last year to extend council terms from 2 years to 4, and as a result all future elections will be in even years.

Independent councilmember Jane Lumm is seeking reelection this fall for a 4-year term. Lumm is one of OHMHA’s two council representatives. She was elected to her current seat in 2011, and won reelection in 2013 and 2015. She previously served on the council from 1993 to 1997.

In her past three elections Lumm has faced challenges from Democratic and Mixed Use Party candidates. According to the Ann Arbor City Clerk’s office Jared Hoffert has submitted petitions to run as Democratic candidate. The general election is on Nov. 7. Assuming candidate availability, OHMHA intends to hold a candidate forum as it has in past council elections, and will provide updates in future newsletters.■

Update on Nixon Road Traffic Corridor

by Jack Cederquist

The City of Ann Arbor is proceeding with the project to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Nixon, Green and Dhu Varren Roads. The plan is nearly complete. Some vegetation at the southwest corner of the intersection was removed in preparation for roundabout construction. The request for proposals to build the roundabout will be advertised and awarded by the Michigan

Department of Transportation. The majority of the project is planned to be completed while the public schools are not in session, i.e., mid-June to the end of August. During construction, the intersection is planned to be closed to through traffic, except for emergency vehicle access. Up to date information is available on the city's website. Please google "City of Ann Arbor Nixon Dhu Varren Green project".

Construction of both the Toll Brothers' development on the west side of Nixon Road and the Bleznak Woodbury Club development on the east side of Nixon Road is proceeding. As part of their agreement with Bleznak, the City of Ann Arbor has purchased the 26 acre eastern half of the Bleznak property to be dedicated as City parkland.■



Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative!

OHMHA has launched 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) with a street address so that we can make sure that we include them in this initiative.■

OHMHA 2017 Election Ballot

All residents who are paid members for the 2016-2017 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 (2017-2019). Please vote for up to six candidates

- ___ Emily Eisbruch
- ___ Wendy Carmen
- ___ Pete Mooney
- ___ Amy Seetoo
- ___ Jerry Schulte
- ___ write-in

Thanks!

Appreciation to Martin Torch-Ishii for his service as OHMHA board member and treasurer.

Martin is stepping down as he and his wife are moving to the west coast. Best wishes to them!

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 2017-2018 (see page 2)

___ Approve ___ Do not approve

HOW TO VOTE

- Drop ballot in OHMHA Ballot box at the Annual General Meeting on June 9
- Drop off or mail to Nadine Wong, OHMHA Treasurer, 3092 Lexington, 48105
- Vote online at <http://www.ohmha.org/ballot.html>

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Amt Paid _____

Email _____ Please remove me from email list

Dues are \$20 yearly. Additional Donations welcome. We also welcome suggestions and/or offers to volunteer on OHMHA projects.

TO PAY DUES:

Mail or deliver dues to:

Nadine Wong, OHMHA Treasurer, 3092 Lexington, 48105

or

Pay OHMHA dues online via Paypal, see www.ohmha.org

OHMHA BOARD MEMBERS

Greg Jagst	2080 Yorktown	846-6332	President
Jack Cederquist	2145 Ardenne	665-2282	Vice President
Martin Torch-Ishii	3366 Bluett	474-1249	
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	Treasurer
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

How do I get on the neighborhood watch list? email gjagst@gmail.com

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

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