

ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

OHMHA NEWSLETTER

October 2005

PROPOSED PLYMOUTH-GREEN DEVELOPMENT GOES BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 6

The open, green space on the Northwest corner of Plymouth and Green could be dramatically altered by a proposed commercial and residential development. Updated plans for a dense, multi-use project with 5 buildings, 35 condos, a bank, a restaurant, office and retail space, 264 parking spaces and another curb cut onto Plymouth Rd (between Commonwealth and Green) will be considered by the Planning Commission in October.

The density of this project, the traffic it will generate, and the changes in traffic patterns it will produce along with its affect on the wetland on the corner are all of potential concern for our residents. For this project to be approved this property must be rezoned. Project details and the process that will be necessary for it to gain approval can be found on our website www.ohmha.org.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this project Thursday October the 6th at City at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall.

We encourage you to provide us with your comments by emailing us at wjcarman@umich.edu.

You may also participate in the public hearing, or register your opinion by sending your comments by e-mail to the Planning Commission care of mlloyd@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us.

OHMHA'S 2ND WARD CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:30 P.M.



Echoes of Lincoln and Douglas will be heard throughout Orchard Hills/Maplewood during the Board-sponsored Second Ward City Council candidates' forum. The forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 26, and is scheduled to take place in the Clague Middle School media room. All are welcome to attend.

The 2nd Ward is one of just two wards in the city with a contested council election. This forum will be an excellent opportunity for residents to inquire about budget issues, development proposals, public safety, traffic and anything else that may relate to City Council.

The candidates are Republican Thomas Bourque, until recently president of the Washtenaw County Bar Association, and Democrat Stephen Rapundalo, a longtime chair of the OHMHA board and member of many city boards/commissions. For more information, please contact Peter Mooney at pmooney@sfplaw.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Monday, 10/31.** Halloween. Trick or Treat, and drive carefully.
- **Tuesday, 11/8.** Election Day. Vote for your favorite City Council candidate and cast your ballot on the ash tree replacement initiative.
- **Tuesday, 11/15, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.** OHMHA Board Meeting, Thurston Library. Public invited. Meet your Board members and bring up issues and solutions.
- **Thursday, 1/12, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.** OHMHA Board Meeting. Thurston Library. Public invited. Make attending a board meeting your New Year's resolution! You won't regret it.

HELP, WE NEED SOMEBODY

When watching “All the President’s Men,” have you always wanted to be Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee? Well, now you have a chance. OHMHA needs an **editor for its newsletter**. The responsibilities include working with the Board to determine what articles should appear in the newsletter, and then formatting the newsletter and getting it printed. The newsletter comes out quarterly. The editor doesn’t have to be a board member or attend board meetings, and the timing of the work can be flexible. This is an ideal opportunity for those of you who have background in desktop publishing (or for someone without a background who is willing to learn). For more information, please email the Board at Info@ohmha.org or call Peter Mooney at 213-0440.

We are also looking for a **distribution coordinator**. The distribution coordinator picks the newsletters up from printing, folds them, staple/stickers them closed, attaches labels, groups them by street/address. This person also, potentially, takes newsletters to the post office on W. Stadium for bulk mailing or acts as central contact for hand-delivery distribution by volunteers. For more information, please email the board at Info@ohmha.org or call Peter Mooney at 213-0440.

HELP, WE NEED SOMEBODY (Part II)

We encourage the residents on Georgetown who face the median to lend a hand and pull unsightly weeds, bundle broken branches, and pick up trash in the median. We have had individuals in the past work on this area, but we are urging residents who face Georgetown to lend a hand. Your dues pay for the fertilization of the medians and shrubs but the only thing the City will do is mow. Anything else is our responsibility. If you can help, your neighbors will applaud your effort.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Thanks to the efforts of info member Emily Eisbruch, OHMHA has officially entered the last decade of the 20th Century. We have registered a website domain at www.ohmha.org, and have a page which Emily was kind enough to design. The site features photographs of the neighborhood, links to city government, announcements of upcoming events and, soon, links to this newsletter. We hope that the website becomes a way to communicate to the neighborhood without having to rely on hand-delivering this newsletter or fliers. If you have suggestions or comments on the website, please email the info at Info@ohmha.org.

OMHMA FINANCIAL REPORT Income Statement-6/1/05 through 8/31/05:

Income:

Contributions	\$430.00
Dues	3,115.00
Interest Earned	<u>1.67</u>
Total Income:	\$3,546.67

Expenses:

Garage Sale Ads	40.00
Newsletter Expense	<u>184.44</u>
Total Expenses	\$224.44

Total Income \$3,322.23

Assets:

Cash & Bank Accounts:	
Legal Account	\$1,833.86
Operating Account	<u>7,767.46</u>
Total Legal and Operating Accounts:	\$9,601.32

Liabilities & Equity:

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity-	<u>9,601.32</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$9,601.32

OHMHA NOTES

- **THANK YOU!** The Board thanks all residents who have joined OHMHA since our fiscal year began on June 1st. At present 27% of the residents of OHMHA have joined. We are encouraged that so many of you have sent us your dues and additional donations. We have raised the necessary funds to improve the Georgetown entrance with refurbished louvers and cupolas. Thank you for your continued support. Your dues make a difference.
- **THANK YOU!** Cathy Behrent who has resigned as our Newsletter editor. The Board sincerely thanks Cathy for all the volunteer hours she donated to OHMHA.
- **THANK YOU!** Ann Attarian who did not seek re-election to the OHMHA Board. Ann was responsible for newsletter distribution, and the Board appreciates Ann's contributions

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

To better communicate about events that the Association sponsors including the neighborhood garage sale and picnic-as well as other issues such as proposed residential and commercial developments that may affect our neighborhood-we would like to create an email listserv. We promise not to clog your in-box with a barrage of email, but think that having a list would be a way to communicate in a more timely and cost effective manner than just relying on the quarterly newsletter. If you would like to be on the OHMHA list, please email -Sakina Zerrel: sz@sakinazerrel.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

- Looking for someone to shovel snow this Winter. 2136 Georgetown Blvd.-Please contact Irena at (734) 662-2379.
- Looking for someone to occasionally shovel snow (when over 4") this Winter. 3447 Yellowstone Dr.- Please contact Jane at (734) 747-9149.

OHMHA Board Election Results

Stuart Baggaley, Wendy Carman, Emily Eisbruch, Anita Jones, Peter Mooney, Sakina Zerrel

Proposed 2005-2006 Budget Accepted:

Memo: Members with terms expiring May 31st, 2006:

Henry Brysk, Jack Cederquist, Sylvia Ertman, Carrie Gaffield, Denise Schlotfeldt, & Sandy Smith.

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ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR June 1, 2005- May 31, 2006

(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 **Denise Schlotfeldt, OHMHA Treasurer, 3356 Yellowstone Drive**

OHMHA BOARD MEMBERS

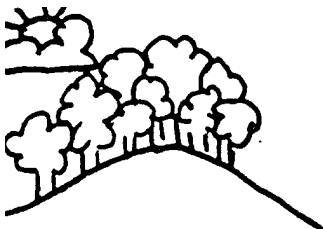
Stuart Baggaley	3111 Cedarbrook	332-1874	Vice Chair/Neighborhood watch
Henry Brysk	3032 Cedarbrook	369-2986	
Wendy Carman	2340 Georgetown	761-8693	
Jack Cederquist	2145 Ardenne	665-2285	
Emily Eisbruch	2561 Bunker Hill	665-0533	Webmaster
Sylvia Ertman	3465 Yellowstone	662-9573	
Anita Jones	3359 Yellowstone	761-2748	Secretary
Peter Mooney	3352 Yellowstone	213-0440	Chair
Denise Schlotfeldt	3356 Yellowstone	913-0738	Treasurer
Sandy Smith	3188 Rumsey	769-2663	
Sakina Zerrel	3318 Yellowstone	644-3770	City Hall Liaison

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

John Hieftje (Mayor)	1800 Traver	996-0493	jhieftje@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us
Joan Lowenstein (Council Rep.)	502 Burson	761-5248	jlowenstein@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us
Mike Reid (Council Rep.)	1070 Chestnut	971-2636	mreid@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us

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