



# ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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**OHMHA NEWSLETTER**

**May 2018**

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## OHMHA General Meeting and Election

**Guest Speaker: Josie Parker,  
Ann Arbor District Library  
Director**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
at 7:00 pm at OHAC Pool**

**Program:**

- Overview of OHMHA's activities
- Election of next year's Board members and approval of OHMHA's annual budget
- Josie Parker speaks on key topics affecting the Ann Arbor District Library, followed by an opportunity for discussion.



*Ann Arbor District Library Director Josie Parker*

### Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, May 12  
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!



### A Word about OHMHA Annual Dues

Yes, they are voluntary but, for your \$20 each year, OHMHA

- Produces the Annual Fall Festival
- Holds Candidates Nights preceding elections
- Advertises and places signs for the annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Produces and distributes three newsletters each year
- Supports the Thurston Nature Center

Your dues are our only source of funds for these activities!  
See page 7 to pay your dues!

# OHMHA Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

## Balances as of 4-17-2018

General Fund	5,070
Legal Fund	3,834
Paypal	1,410
Georgetown Entrance Fund (sitting in general fund)	4,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>14,315</b>

	Budget 2017-2018	Actual as of April 2018 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019
<b>Transfer between Funds</b>			
Georgetown Entrance Repair Fund (from General Fund)	1,000	1,000	500
<b>Income</b>			
Interest	2	0	0
Annual Dues and Contributions	4,400	3,360	4,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,402</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>4,400</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>			
Grounds Maintenance	125	0	125
Neighborhood Social Events	2,800	2,452	2,800
Newsletter Expenses	900	445	900
Garage Sale	120	0	40
Organizational Fee	20	20	20
Website Fees	60	177	120
Donation to Nature Center	500	500	500
Room Rentals for School use	15	0	15
Candidates Night	150	125	300
Liability from Previous Year	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,690</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>4,820</b>

## Vote in OHMHA Annual Election

### WHO:

You are eligible to vote if you have paid your 2017-2018 dues. Not a member but want to vote? Simply pay your 2017-2018 dues and then cast your ballot!

**DEADLINE:** June 6, 2018

### HOW:

See instructions on page 7.

### DUES:

After June 6, we will be accepting dues (\$20) for the 2018-19 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 2018 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 look forward to another great summer in 2018. Last year we enjoyed another year of increased membership, which allows us to continue moving towards financial sustainability. Thank you for your support for the successful “Deck the Decks” end-of-year fundraising campaign that resulted in our purchasing of 15 new deck chaises for OHAC Pool.

This coming season members will also enjoy two new major improvement projects at OHAC Pool. First, we are replacing the OHAC pool plaster- a long-term investment of over \$35,000. Second, we are installing a new shade-sail and improving the concrete at OHAC pool (just north of the water slide). The latter project responds to long-time requests from members to increase shade availability at the pools. As you saw last year with the many updated projects (e.g., new roofs, concrete, flooring, updated bathrooms) we are continuously improving our pools and creating a more welcoming space for our community.

We will have another year full of programs for swimmers of all ages. Our OHAC Swim and Dive team season begins the week of June 4th; please come to the informational parent meeting on May 30 at 7 pm at OHAC Pool. After school ends on June 15, we will also begin our synchronized swimming program, water polo instruction, and group swimming lessons (all details are on our website: [www.ohacpool.org](http://www.ohacpool.org)). For adults, we also offer masters swimming program from 6:30-8:00 am on Mon-Wed-Fri. 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, Friday Night Potlucks, Wine Down Nights, Splash Contest, and the annual 4th of July and Labor Day celebrations.

Finally, come join us at the “Cinco de Mayo” kickoff party in the green space and parking lot adjacent to OHAC pool on Saturday, May 5 where we will be accepting membership applications (and Family Memberships submitted before May 8 get a \$45 discount). We will also have further information about membership opportunities, our team and programs, and upcoming events.

**The pools open on Saturday, May 26** right after the Opening Day Parade, come join us for the official plunge into the pool.

All membership information, programs, events and registration details are found on website, [www.ohacpool.org](http://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.■

	<b>Orchard Hills Athletic Club</b>
	<b>POOL GUEST PASS</b>
	One day pass valid June 15-25, 2018
	<b>Join us for a day at the pool</b>
	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:	OHAC Staff:
Family Name:	
Email Address:	
<small>Pass OHMHA 2018</small>	

# Thurston Nature Center News

*by Elizabeth Morehead, Thurston Nature Center Chair*

## Spring 2018

Dear OHMHA Neighbors,

Spring is such an exciting time in the Nature Center. As I write this the beginnings of resurrection can be seen. By the bridge we see skunk cabbage and in the wooded areas, spring bulbs. The resurgence of animal life can be seen and heard, especially by the song birds. It's glorious! It is also the season when dreamt projects come off the paper and into reality. Walking around the Nature Center you can see new benches and renovated picnic tables.

Over Earth Day Weekend the TNC had over 60 volunteers and reached the three project goals. The prairie has re-established trails, new woodchips and invasive species were removed. The peninsula cedars had the brush around them removed. Finally the new berm was established and is already doing a great job catching water from uphill. Also, the trail map sign was freshly painted. There were two girl scout groups from Thurston who came and helped out, the Daisies and Brownies.

Earth Week at Thurston was a flurry of activity with each grade level doing different projects outdoors. The different grade levels have helped with maintenance of the rain gardens, measuring tree diameter to determine health and water absorption, butterfly habitat trail staking, vegetable gardening, pond water quality and bugs. A special thank you to Catherine Wytychak of Washtenaw County Water Commission, the Stout family, The Brecks, and Green Things Farms on Nixon.

Other worthy things to keep in mind include rejuvenating the Nature Committee. At our April 2018 meeting the executive board was re-established! Praveena Ramaswami is vice chair, Holly Zechar is treasurer, and Pam O'Neil is secretary.

We are still looking to round the committee out with a water steward and at large members. In addition, Angela Hawkins volunteered to help with our website. There is information that needs to be gathered on different aspects of the Nature Center, If you are interested in helping us, please let us know!



As is always the case, the TNC continues to be a fully operational non-profit group. All work done is done generously by volunteers. We are always accepting donations- whether monetary or the intangible value of time and expertise.

# Thurston Nature Center News - continued

In closing, I would like to give a special shout out to the team who performed controlled burns, AAPS on fixing the bridge, Green Things Farm on Nixon Road for donating seeds and plants for the children's vegetable garden plantings, Ben Bialek, Colin Brooks and the unnamed dad who worked on the new benches, Rick Taylor of Reinhart Realtors and to our Facebook photographer as well as the countless others whom I do not have names for that have given financially and/or with your time. THANK YOU! We could not do what we do or have what we have without your generosity.

Finally, the community owes a huge debt of gratitude to Frank Commiskey, who stepped down as Thurston Nature Center chair in early 2018. Frank's contributions, including leading the Thurston Pond restoration project, have made an incredible difference and helped pave the way for an exciting future.

Blessings,  
Elizabeth Morehead, Thurston Nature Center Committee Chair  
elizabeth.e.morehead@gmail.com



## Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative

OHMHA has 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. The way it works is that an OHMHA Board member or other neighbor stops by with a page of helpful information and links.

If you are aware of a new neighbor moving in, please contact an OHMHA Board member (see list on back of newsletter) with a street address so that we can make sure that we include them in this initiative.

# Forum at Zoup Updates the Community

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Community Forum at Zoup on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Several community leaders provided informative updates.

During the question and answer portion of the forum, there was much interest expressed in the Bluett Traffic Calming process. Information on that topic is available on the city website. Simply Google "Ann Arbor Bluett Traffic Calming." ■



# Volunteer to Maintain the Georgetown Entrance Garden!

*by Jack Cederquist*

It is Spring and soon the perennial plantings at the Georgetown Boulevard entrance at Plymouth Road will be in leaf and flower.

However, the garden needs weeding every two weeks from May to October. If you are interested in volunteering for this work, please contact Jack Cederquist at [john\\_cederquist@comcast.net](mailto:john_cederquist@comcast.net).

This work is ideal for a student wanting to do community service. We'll be happy to provide a letter certifying the volunteer service for use at your school.■



# OHMHA 2018 Election Ballot

*All residents who are paid members for the 2017-2018 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 (2018-2020). Please vote for up to six candidates

- Jack Cederquist
- Greg Jagst
- Anne Karabakal
- Joe Trulik
- Dave Hibbs
- Debbie Torch
- write-in

## Thanks!

Much appreciation goes to Frank Commiskey and Jennifer Oldham for their service as OHMHA board members.

Also, thanks to neighbors Dave Hibbs and Debbie Torch for stepping up to serve.

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 2018-2019 (see page 2)

Approve     Do not approve

## HOW TO VOTE

- Drop ballot in OHMHA Ballot box at the Annual General Meeting on June 6
- Drop off or mail to Nadine Wong, OHMHA Treasurer, 3092 Lexington, 48105

### ORCHARD HILLS - MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019

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

**OHMHA BOARD MEMBERS**

Jack Cederquist	2145 Ardenne	665-2282	President
Greg Jagst	2080 Yorktown	846-6332	Vice President
Nadine Wong	3092 Lexington	222-1716	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	
Joe Trulik	2529 Bunker Hill		
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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