



# ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## OHMHA NEWSLETTER

May 2019

### OHMHA General Meeting and Election

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2019**  
**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
- Nick Hutchinson speaks on key projects affecting our area, (such as Nixon Corridor improvements, street repairs and more) followed by an opportunity for discussion.



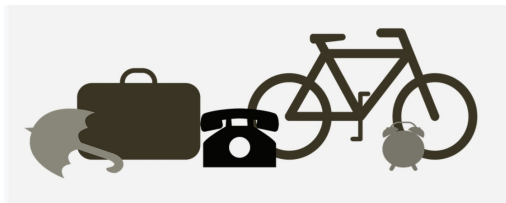
*Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer, will be our guest speaker on Wed. June 5, 2019*

### Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, May 18  
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.



### Please pay your OHMHA Annual Dues

Dues 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
- In 2020 we plan to upgrade the Georgetown entrance structures

See page 7 to pay your dues.

# OHMHA Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

General Fund	\$6,173		
Legal Fund	\$3,834		
Georgetown Entrance Fund	\$4,500		
Total Assets	\$14,507		
	Budget 2018-2019	Expenses 2018-2019 (as of April 1, 2019)	Proposed Budget 2019-2020
Transfer from General Fund to Georgetown Entrance Fund	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Income	\$4,400	\$3,555	\$4,200
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Dues and Contributions	\$4,400	\$3,555	\$4,200
General Expenses	\$4,820	\$3,190	\$5,460
Grounds Maintenance	\$125	\$11	\$250
Neighborhood Social Events	\$2,800	\$2,169	\$2,800
Newsletter Expenses	\$900	\$470	\$900
Garage Sale	\$40	\$0	\$70
Organizational Fee	\$20	\$26	\$25
Website Fees	\$120	\$0	\$200
Donation to Nature Center	\$500	\$500	\$500
Room Rentals for School use	\$15	\$15	\$15
Candidates Night	\$300	\$0	\$200
City Fee for Georgetown Entrance Project	\$0	\$0	\$500
Liability from Previous Year	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Vote in OHMHA Annual Election

### WHO:

You are eligible to vote if you have paid your 2018-2019 dues. Not a member but want to vote? Simply pay your 2018-2019 dues and then cast your ballot!

**DEADLINE:** June 5, 2019

### HOW:

See instructions on page 7.

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### DUES:

After June 5, we will be accepting dues (\$20) for the 2019-20 fiscal year (6/1-5/31).

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### 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 2019 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 2019. If you are new to the neighborhood or have never joined before, we are very fortunate to have two neighborhood pools to enjoy. They are run by a volunteer Board of Directors and are managed by one of our own neighbors and lifeguarded by many of our neighborhood high school and college-age kids (a great summer job). Over the past several years we have made several investments to these 50+ year pools, including a shade-sail and improvements to the bathrooms, as well as other infrastructure improvements that are somewhat less visible in the pump rooms. Our goal is to create a welcoming space for community to flourish and to provide a diversity of swimming instruction opportunities for all ages.

Our OHAC Swim and Dive team has moved up to the A Division after an incredibly successful 2018 season. Practices this year begins the week of June 3rd; please come to the informational parent meeting on May 29th at 7 PM at OHAC Pool. After school ends on June 14th, 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 hope to bring back masters swimming (for the 5th summer!) from 6:30-8:00 AM on Mon-Wed-Fri, although we are still seeking a coach as of press time. Sign up for all these teams and programs online (and members get a 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, Wine Down Nights, Splash Contest, and the annual 4th of July and Labor Day celebrations. Families that purchase a full-season membership get a \$50 early-bird discount by registering before May 8. Families that have never joined the pool receive an additional \$50 discount on a full-season family membership.

The pools open on Saturday, May 25, 2019 right after the Opening Day Parade, come join us for the official opening plunge into the pool at noon!

All membership information, programs, events and registration details are found on our 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 also our community.

## **OHAC Pool**

2300 Yorktown Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

## **Dolphin Pool**

2050 Prairie Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

We look forward to seeing you  
this summer! ■

	<b>Orchard Hills Athletic Club</b>
	<b>POOL GUEST PASS</b>
	One day pass valid June 15-25, 2019
	<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. <b>All must have FUN!</b>
Date:	OHAC Staff:
Family Name:	
Email Address:	

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# Thurston Nature Center News

by Elizabeth Morehead, Thurston Nature Center Chair

Spring Greetings! As Mother Nature gently brings spring to us, it is exciting to see buds on trees, flowers poking up through the leaves, and color being reintroduced to the shades of brown. This time of year is the busy season for the Nature Center Committee as we work on trail maintenance, invasive species, controlled burns, new projects and more!

We hope to see you and your families out enjoying this space that is for you!

## Special Honors and Events

- A special thank you to those from our school and local community who came to help on our April 6, 2019 work day. A special guest was Ward 2 Representative Jane Lumm. It was a great time, great weather, and great success.
- In March 2019, Thurston Nature Center was honored with an award from Washtenaw County Water Commission for our exceptional work done in improving water quality, providing educational opportunities and diligently maintaining the preserve for the benefit of our community.  

- Earth Week events were celebrated the week of April 22, with the kids of Thurston Elementary all week long! Preschool enjoyed a sensory exploration, kindergarten and 1st grade did vegetable gardening, 2nd grade butterflies and seed bombs, 3rd grade trees and invasives, 4th grade water monitoring, 5th grade rain gardens. It was lots of fun.
- Join us for a wildflower walk with Beth Caldwell on **Saturday May 11, 2019 at 3pm**. Meet by the information kiosk at the southwest side of the Thurston Nature Center, near the Thurston School vegetable gardens.

*Thurston Nature Center representatives at the Washtenaw County Environmental Awards Ceremony March 28, 2019. Left to right: Beth Caldwell, Sandy Beck, Madeline Conboy, Jim Vallem, Frank Commiskey, Emily Eisbruch and Avi Eisbruch*

## Keep in Touch with Thurston Nature Center!

We invite you to visit the Thurston Nature Center's new website at [www.thurstonnaturecenter.info](http://www.thurstonnaturecenter.info). To sign up for the Thurston Nature Center email list, scroll to the bottom of the webpage for the easy sign up form. ■



# 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).



*The garden at Georgetown and Plymouth creates an attractive entrance to our neighborhood.*

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. ■

## Welcome to the Neighborhood Initiative

OHMHA's "Welcome to the Neighborhood" initiative makes it easier for new families to find out information about our neighborhood and to 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 website links.

If you are aware of new neighbors moving in, please contact OHMHA Board member Jerry Schulte ([schulte6@comcast.net](mailto:schulte6@comcast.net)) with a street address so that we can be sure to welcome them. ■



# Community Gathers for 6th Annual Forum

by Jack Cederquist

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the Forum at Zoup! on Sunday, March 10. We heard about the continuing strong membership at the Orchard Hills and Dolphin pools, planned activities and opportunities to volunteer at the Thurston Nature Center, community-building events in the Bromley neighborhood and a review of planned OHMHA activities, including the May Garage Sale which will encompass the Orchard Hills, Maplewood and Bromley neighborhoods.

Local issues discussed included the status of the continuing City-hired consultant study of possible traffic improvements to Nixon Road, the possible enlargement of the medical marijuana provisioning dispensary next to the Plymouth Mall, and the possibility of City arborists attending to the trees in the Georgetown median, amongst others. Our Ward 2 City Council members were present and engaged in these discussions.



*Bo Bunnell, President of the Board of the Orchard Hills Athletic Association (OHAC) presented an overview to the neighbors assembled at the Community Forum.*

The recent turn-around of finances at OHAC, the dredging and water quality improvements of Thurston Pond, the ongoing success of the community-created, annual Thurston Play and the increasing popularity of the annual OHMHA Fall Festival demonstrate that our northeast Ann Arbor neighborhoods can work together to add to the quality of life for local families.

Many will feel we have had less success in affecting City government decisions that have consequences for our neighborhoods. The Forum emphasized that we need to increase our interaction with City officials at all levels with positive, fact-based and well-argued inputs to ensure that we are not left out of the decision-making processes that ultimately affect our area. ■



*Community members shared thoughts on the proposed expansion of the medical marijuana dispensary at Nixon and Plymouth among other topics.*

# OHMHA 2019 Election Ballot

*All residents who are paid members for the 2018-2019 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 (2019-2021). Please vote for up to six candidates

\_\_\_\_ Wendy Carman  
\_\_\_\_ Emily Eisbruch  
\_\_\_\_ Jane Klingsten  
\_\_\_\_ Pete Mooney  
\_\_\_\_ Jerry Schulte  
\_\_\_\_ Amy Seetoo  
\_\_\_\_ write-in

## Thanks!

Much appreciation goes to our neighbor Nadine Wong for her service on the OHMHA Board 2014-2019. Nadine served as Welcome to the Neighborhood founder and coordinator and then as Treasurer.

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 2019-2020 (see page 2)

\_\_\_\_ Approve    \_\_\_\_ Do not approve

## HOW TO VOTE

- Drop ballot in OHMHA Ballot box at the Annual General Meeting on June 5
- Drop off or mail to Wendy Carman, 2340 Georgetown, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
- Vote online at <http://www.ohmha.org/ballot.html>

## ORCHARD HILLS - MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020

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:

Wendy Carman, OHMHA Board Member, 2340 Georgetown, 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 (stepping down June 2019)
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	Welcome to the Neighborhood
Coordinator			
Amy Seetoo	3111 Cedarbrook	332-0390	
Joe Trulik	2529 Bunker Hill	761-5561	
Debbie Torch	3366 Bluett	369-1244	
Dave Hibbs	2196 Lexington	205-8993	
Wendy Carman	2340 Georgetown	761-8693	

## **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

Christopher Taylor (Mayor)	794-6165	CTaylor@a2gov.org
Kahty Griswold (Council Member, Ward 2)	657-7900	KGriswold@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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