



ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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OHMHA NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Join Your Neighbors at the Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 6



WHO: Residents of the Orchard Hills, Maplewood, and Bromley neighborhoods, and Friends of the Thurston Nature Center are invited!

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, from 12:00-4:00 pm (rain or shine).

WHERE: On Yorktown Drive at the grassy area by Thurston Pond and parking lot next to OHAC pool.

SPONSORSHIP: Sponsored by the Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners Association (OHMHA) along with support from the Thurston Nature Center, Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC), Bromley Neighborhood, and our local schools.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delicious Eatables and Drinks; Cider, donuts, and apples for all our neighbors to enjoy, courtesy of OHMHA.
- Once again our favorite eagle, hawk, and owl will be on hand for a Wildlife Demonstration presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center.
- A variety of musical acts.
- Critters From the Pond - live interactive presentation of some of our aquatic wildlife at Thurston Pond.
- Presentations and literature available from your local organizations, including the Ann Arbor District Library.
- Many more activities and games. We look forward to seeing you! ■



Delightful music from Thurston Elementary School students was a highlight of the 2018 Fall Festival.

OHAC Honors Joann Culbertson and Enjoys Another Great Season

- 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.

For those that have enjoyed the pool anytime since 1983, you have Joann Culbertson to thank! On July 5, 2019 Orchard Hills Athletic Club honored Joann Culbertson for her 36 years (and counting) service to the Board of Directors. Over these three decades, she has mostly served as Vice-President and overseen pool maintenance and capital improvement projects. While her daughter, Lisa, and her family were in town visiting from Georgia, the Board took the opportunity to honor Joann with a lifetime membership to the pool and by naming the OHAC pump room in her honor (stop by and see the permanent wooden engraving above the door). We had nearly 50 neighbors attend the joyful celebration and tell a few fun Joann stories.

OHAC enjoyed another strong year of membership (over 98% of our budgeted income). Programs and social events continue to be popular and provide opportunities for our community to come together. Our swim and dive team competed in the "A" Division of the Washtenaw Interclub Swim Conference this season- competing against much larger teams like Huron Valley, Travis Pointe, and Racquet Club.

Parents stepped up to the larger needs for volunteers, and their swimmers and divers showed improvement under a great set of coaches, many that grew up as a Gator. Just as last year, we finished 6th out of 18 teams at the Conference championships which means we will remain in "A" Division next summer. Neighbors also enjoyed an excellent Synchronized Swimming show this summer, and the Masters Swimming and Water Polo programs returned for yet another summer of fitness and learning.

We thank the neighborhood for their continued support of these two pools, and especially those that volunteer to sustain them! Email us anytime with questions or suggestions at president@ohacpool.org. We are especially looking for volunteers to join our Board of Directors for 2020.■



Joann Culbertson with her family showing off her temporary sign naming the OHAC Pump Room in her honor.

Welcome New OHMHA Board Member Jane Klingsten

When I was five, my family moved to Orchard Hills-Maplewood in 1978, and my parents still live here in the same home. After 20 years of living on the other side of Green, my husband Rob, my son, and I decided to move (back) to this neighborhood because we like the people and the homes. My son loves the OHAC pools and having Sugarbush Park in the backyard.

For several years, I've been involved in the community and local activism to support the quality of life in Ann Arbor, primarily to improve pedestrian safety and ADA accessibility, to preserve natural features, the environment, and water quality, and encourage sustainable development. In 2016, some local neighbors and I formed the Nixon Area Alliance, a non-profit dedicated to this, and I currently serve as its President. It has successfully lobbied for the preservation of land for endangered Trumpeter Swans residing locally: their homes, habitat, and breeding sites. If you see me traveling the neighborhood in my wheelchair, please stop to say hi! ■

Thurston Nature Center News

- by Elizabeth Moorehead, Thurston Nature Center Committee Chair

Over the summer the Nature Center has become lush and full of creatures big and small. Several large snappers have been recorded by community members, as well as others birds and small mammals. Stewards have kept busy with projects, such as clearing the prairie and oak opening, taking care of invasives and getting ready for fall plantings. Soon neighbors will begin to see a few Eagle Scout projects take shape and form. There will be some clearing under the old willow trees, trail upkeep and maintenance on the Pond Circle Trail, as well as some old benches getting a facelift.

Upcoming Events

- Thurston Nature Center Committee Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm, at Thurston Elementary School. Please come join us as we continue the legacy of taking care of the nature center.
- OHMHA Fall Festival Sunday, October 6. See page 1.
- Autumn Harvest Moon Walk. Upon popular request, we are planning a night walk October 25 from 6pm - 8pm. Bring your own hotdogs and marshmallows for we will have a bonfire to enjoy at our Georgetown Entrance.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Nature Center this summer and helped take care of this space. We couldn't make do without you. If you haven't yet checked out our website please do:
www.thurstonnaturecenter.info ■

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