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Sparrow-St. Lawrence Campus Emergency Department To Remain Open During Upcoming Phase of Lansing's CSO Project

The city of Lansing's combined sewage overflow (CSO) project, which begins March 15 and continues until November, will include work on eastbound Saginaw between Westmoreland and Chestnut.

To help promote community awareness about access to medical services during construction, Sparrow has announced that access to the Sparrow-St. Lawrence Campus Emergency Department and the Sparrow-St. Lawrence outpatient building will remain available at all times during this project.

Please note, however, that drivers may experience significant delays during rush hour traffic (approximately 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.) during the first week or two. You may want to allow for extra drive time if you have an appointment at the Sparrow-St. Lawrence campus during this time.

Specific changes that will impact traffic include:

- City construction crews will begin to reduce traffic from four lanes beginning at Jennison Avenue, and to restrict traffic to one lane beginning at Westmoreland Street, which is located at the west end of the Sparrow-St. Lawrence campus.
- While one eastbound lane will remain open for the duration of the project, drivers will have detours to navigate and are encouraged to find alternative routes.
- Between July 19 through Sept. 3, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard is scheduled to be closed to north- and southbound traffic at the intersection of Saginaw.
- Alternate routes include Genessee Street or I-496.

If you have any questions about the project, you can call the CSO Hotline at 517-394-5566.

Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser!!!!

Friday, April 30th, 2010 6:00PM

The Annual silent auction will be at the VFW on Rosemary St just west of the old Verlinden Plant

Come join in the fun, great food and fabulous neighbors!!! This event helps pay for the two \$1000 Scholarship s we award each year to neighborhood high school seniors. Tickets are \$15.00 each.

We are also looking for donations for silent auction items.

For more information or tickets please call (517)614-8752 or email me at donclearwater@yahoo.com

Wild Ones-Red Cedar Chapter is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and share information with its members and the community and promote biodiversity and sound environmental practices through the use of native plant species in landscaping. The chapter holds monthly educational meetings on the third Wednesday at Fenner Arboritum at 7:00 pm. Several field trips are held during the summer months. The public is welcome. For more information contact: Kathy Prelesnik at 580-8322 or bottletreegirl@yahoo.com

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The Westside Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, at the Letts Community Center, located at

1200 W. Kalamazoo, in Lansing.
(517)614-8752

All Westside neighbors are welcome to attend these meetings. Please come and share with us - the direction you would like us to take our community. We look forward to meeting you!

Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale

May 22-23 (Sat-Sun) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm each day

This is the weekend before Labor Day weekend

There will be a 2010 neighborhood wide spring garage sale!

Spring is coming! And that means cleaning out the old stuff!

How it works:

1. Carol Skillings is this year's coordinator. Contact Carol no later than May 15 if you plan to have a yard sale and would like your address included on a map. Provide your name, street address, and email address so she can contact you. Contact Carol at: skillings@mindspring.com or her home phone: 374-6666.

2. Individual participants will set up their own sales in their yards. This is flexible. You can do one or both days, whatever times work for you.

3. The WNA will provide a neighborhood wide map and publicity for the sale. Please hand out maps as you are able to. Maps will be available just prior to the dates. Only your street address will be displayed on the numbered map. OR -- Register for a table at the Letts Community Center. This is for Saturday May 22nd only, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Call the Letts Community Center 483-4311 if you are interested. Tables and chairs will be provided - just bring your stuff and set it out.

WSNA and Advent House Ministries Ramping Up for Garden Festival 2010!

Calling All Gardeners!! In celebration of the warm weather that we know will be coming soon, the Westside Neighborhood Association and Advent House Ministries are in the early stages of planning the Westside Garden Festival for July 2010 (exact date to be determined). This event benefits the work of Advent House Ministries to assist those who struggle with homelessness and poverty in our community and the commitment of the Westside Neighborhood Association to provide scholarships to area youngsters. The event provides critical funding to both organizations and is a worthwhile and very enjoyable event for all involved!

We are presently talking with several local gardeners and are looking for more gardens to showcase at the Festival. If you are interested in showing your garden as part of the Festival, we would love to talk with you.

Gardeners responsibilities include:

- meeting with a committee member for information and orientation to the Festival process;
- preparing your garden for the Festival;
- working, as needed, with committee members to finalize preparations 2-3 weeks before the Festival;
- enjoying all the compliments you'll receive from visitors on the day of the Festival!

The Garden Festival Committee is also looking for members interested in planning this wonderful event. Committee duties include:

- recruiting and selecting gardens;
- publicity and Festival materials design;
- planning for the raffle of wonderful garden items;
- getting to know great neighbors (i.e., other Committee members and gardeners) and enjoying the satisfaction of planning a great event!

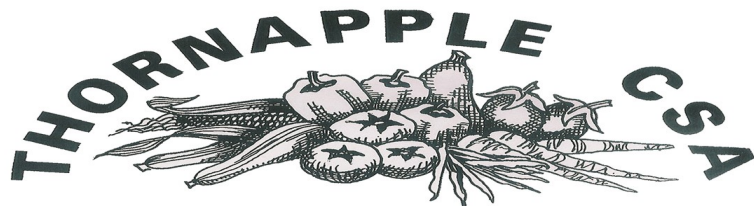
If you are an interested *gardener* or potential *committee member*, please contact Carolyn Callen, Garden Tour Committee facilitator at 372-6088 or Susan Cancro, Advent House Director, at 485-4722. Thanks and looking forward to talking with you!

Want Gardening Space??????????

It might feel strange thinking about a vegetable garden when it is so chilly outside. But now is the best time to start planning a garden and the Westside Neighborhood Association has some great news for all gardeners in our neighborhood, experienced and beginner alike. The Ingham County Land Bank has offered the Westside Neighborhood Association an opportunity to create beautiful gardens in the vacant and unused properties in our neighborhood. This is a great way to help our neighborhood look beautiful and to provide food for our tables. The Ingham County Land Bank will make sure the soil is tested, cultivated and will even provide seeds for the gardens. You can even join up with your neighbors to start a "neighborhood garden." Simply provide the love and care your garden needs and you will reap scrumptious rewards and save a little money on groceries too!

If you have the desire and time for a garden, we have a plot waiting for you. Simply contact Carol Rall: phone: 487-6467 e-mail: carolrall@sbcglobal.net. The number of garden plots is limited and will be available to Westside Neighbors on a first come, first serve basis. Your Westside Neighborhood Association is willing to help with any of your gardening needs

Community Supported Agriculture



Thornapple CSA has returned with shares available for the 2010 growing season. Shareholders can expect a variety of seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs each week. A share will feed a family of 4, and costs less than \$30 a week & a little sweat equity!

www.thornapplecsa.com

Hosted by Appleschram Orchards

Want to keep the neighborhood newsletter, picnics, scholarships etc. ? We need your help. Please donate to the WNA even if it is only \$5. It costs over \$400 to print and mail this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your help! Please Make donations to the Westside Neighborhood Association. Mail to Don Clearwater 1408 W Kalamazoo St Lansing ,Mi 48915 Or email me and ill come pick it up. donclearwater@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Island Beautification

Looking for volunteers to help with the cleanup of our traffic islands and other common space areas. We would like to trim overgrowth, plant perennials, create flower beds and are considering other ideas for their improvement.

Contact Jesse Keys at 517.285.4671 or attend our monthly Westside Neighborhood Board Meeting.

keysjessew@yahoo.com

Gentlemen (and Ladies) Start Your Engine!

Hello Westsiders:

As residents of the Westside and collectors of antique cars along with all items related to Shell Oil Petrolia, we are wondering if there might be other residents (*both men and women*) in the Westside neighborhood who would be interested in getting together once a month for purposes of kicking tires and talking about cars and car stuff?

We would like to start a monthly "Garage Chat" get together. The way it works is simple. Those of us who live in the Westside neighborhood and have a common interest in antique, classic, hotrod or new cars (or motorcycles) or an interest in petroleum collectibles who would like to get together once a month to share stories, tell lies and look at each other's toys. It's that simple! NO membership dues, NO officers, NO by-laws, NO minutes, NO fuss, just car people getting together with other car people.

Each month except December we would meet in the early evening one night a month in each other's garage, workshop, driveway or living room to talk about cars! That could include sharing news articles, extra parts, recently read books about motoring etc.

If the person hosting wants to provide simple refreshments such as coffee, soda pop, chips, cookies etc. you're welcome to do so or individuals can bring a bag of munchies to pass and drink of their choice.

This past summer we spotted several classic cars in our great Westside neighborhood, such as a Model T Ford, two Ford Model A's, a Carmin Ghia, and a 1950's era Cadillac.

We help start a small group like this a few years back in Southern Michigan and it has grown to over two dozen people that come together once a month for some conversation and fun. We would suggest that if you're interested in such a group, that we exchange email addresses to keep in touch so everyone interested knows when and where we will be meeting in and around the Westside neighborhood.

Ted O'Dell and John Granger will host the first "Garage Chat" on April 22 at 6:30 P.M. in their garage located at 1310 W. Shiawassee Street. If you're an owner of a vintage car or motorcycle or are especially proud of your newer car with or without added bling please drive it and show it off at our get together!

WHAT: Westside Neighborhood Garage Chat

WHEN: April 22 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: 1310 W. Shiawassee St.

If you're interested in this type of activity please contact us at:

Ted O'Dell and John Granger – todell8@gmail.com – or call us at (517)316-1140

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Looking for News! Looking for Ads!

Westside Neighborhood residents are encouraged to submit articles, and area businesses are invited to advertise in *The Westsider*. Articles and ads (including payment) must be submitted by the following deadlines:

**Spring issue = Feb. 28 Summer issue = May 31
Fall issue = Aug. 31 Winter issue = Nov. 30**

Items will be printed as space and time allow. The newsletter is delivered to approximately 2,000 Westside households approximately one month after the submission deadline. Consequently, all articles about upcoming events should refer to dates at least one month after the submission deadline. Think ahead - way ahead!

Contact The Westsider editor Don Clearwater at donclearwater@yahoo.com or call (517)614-8752 for additional information.

How to Submit an Article:

- ⇒ Articles must be e-mailed to donclearwater@yahoo.com by the appropriate deadline (see above).
- ⇒ Type "Westsider Newsletter Article" as the subject of your e-mail.
- ⇒ If you have multiple articles, it is preferable that you send them in one email in the order of importance.
- ⇒ Articles are edited as needed for length and content.

How to Place an Advertisement:

- ⇒ Ads must be e-mailed as **PDF, JPG, or TIFF** files to donclearwater@yahoo.com. The editor and WNA assume no responsibility for the quality of the ads submitted in other formats.
- ⇒ Checks must be made payable to "**Westside Neighborhood Association**" and mailed to **Don Clearwater, 1408 W Kalamazoo St Lansing, MI 48915**.
Per issue advertising rates are as follows:
 - Business card = \$40 (approx 2" h x 3.5" w)
 - Quarter-page = \$60 (approx 4" h x 3.75" w)
 - Half-page = \$100 (approx 4.5" h x 7" w)
 - Full-page = \$200 (approx 8.6" h x 7" w)