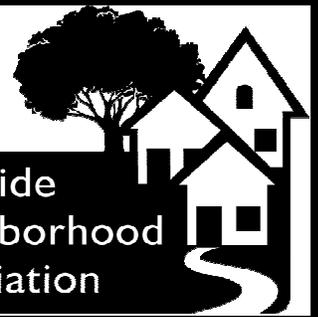


# Westsider

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A quarterly publication of Lansing, Michigan's Westside Neighborhood

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## Capital Area District Library Millage Renewal

Recently, the Capital Area District Library's (CADL) Board of Trustees approved a plan to place a renewal of the library's operating millage on the August 3, 2010 ballot. This millage is **not a new tax or a tax increase** but a renewal of CADL's four-year 1.56 mill millage which expired on December 31, 2009. Rather than ask for more money, CADL has significantly reduced its budget without drastically reducing services.

If approved, funds from the millage renewal will enable CADL to remain open and to continue providing a wide variety of materials, resources and services to our community. Examples of programs and services include job seeker tools; small business resources; literacy support for all ages; a variety of story times; special teen collections; computer classes; downloadable books; resources for those with English as a second language, an extensive local history collection; educational and entertainment DVDs; and much more.

If the renewal is not passed, all of the CADL locations and the Bookmobile would close on January 3, 2011. They would remain closed until operational funding is approved. You can read more online at: <http://www.cadl.org/news/2010millage>

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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 - 1200 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, MI.

*All Westside neighbors are welcome to attend these meetings. Join us as we, together, shape the future of our neighborhood. We look forward to meeting you!*

Questions? Contact our President, Don Clearwater - (517) 614-8752 or donclearwater@yahoo.com



**Westside Summer Fest**

The 4th annual Westside Summer Fest is Saturday July 24, from 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Saginaw & Princeton. The Westside Summer Fest is a free, family-friendly festival featuring live music and dancing, a health and wellness expo, kids' activities, a basketball tournament and a farmers' and artisans' market. Last year more than 8,000 people attended throughout the day.

This year's headlining band is Oqruesta Ritmo - Michigan's Premier Salsa Orchestra. This 12-piece Cuban band is known for its rich salsa music performed with bongos, trumpets, saxophones, piano, bass, timbale, congas and classic vocals. Here's the full entertainment line-up:

- 1:00 pm Grupo Fiesta
- 1:30 pm Charles Ford: Dance For Life
- 3:30 pm Christian Nelson
- 5:00 pm Summer of Sol
- 6:30 pm Too Smooth For Notes
- 8:00 pm Orquesta Ritmo

This is the second year of the festival's health and wellness expo. Sponsored by Sparrow Health System and Junior League of Lansing, the expo will feature activities and information about healthy living and preventative care.

**Other Activities:**

- Food vendors 1:00—9:00 pm
- A Farmer's & Artisan's Market 1:00—7:00 pm
- Basketball Tournament for ages 16 and under  
*Visit [www.westsidesummerfest.com/basketball\\_tournament](http://www.westsidesummerfest.com/basketball_tournament)*
- Greater Lansing Housing Coalition demos 2:30—3:30 pm
- Face Painting 1:00—9:00 pm  
*\$1 charge OR turn in health expo passport for free face painting*
- Non-profit exhibits throughout the day

**Participate!**

There are many ways to participate in the festival. Vendor spaces range from \$10 to \$50 and sponsor levels range from \$250 to \$5,000. Contributions in any amount are welcome. Sponsor packets and vendor forms are available at [www.westsidesummerfest.com](http://www.westsidesummerfest.com) or contact Katie Hans at [hanskati@msu.edu](mailto:hanskati@msu.edu). Current sponsors include:

- Chiaravalli & Maxson DDS, Preventative and Restorative Dentistry ·
- City of Lansing Waste Reduction Services · Domino's Pizza at 820 W. Saginaw ·
- Downtown Neighborhood Association · Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing ·
- Independent Bank · Lansing Board of Water and Light · Lansing Community College ·
- MSU Federal Credit Union · Origami Brain Injury Rehab Center

### On-Street Parking, Too Restrictive?

A few years back, Westside Neighborhood residents received a survey from the City of Lansing Transportation and Parking Office. The survey asked for your input regarding restrictions for on-street parking in our neighborhood and asked if changes were needed. Most of the restrictions still in place today were established to keep traffic and parking from the GM plant at a minimum on our neighborhood streets. The survey results were inconclusive.

Since then, the Transportation and Parking Office has fielded many complaints from our neighborhood about the parking restrictions that residents encounter. With some streets having absolutely no parking on either side of the street, residents are forced to violate the law when they need to take care of snow removal or other routine homeowner maintenance. One of our neighbors received two \$40 tickets this past winter while shoveling snow from his driveway.

Our 4th Ward City Council Member, Jessica Yorke, and a staffer from Transportation and Parking will be in attendance at the July WNA meeting to share maps showing the current on-street parking rules in the neighborhood. They hope to learn your thoughts about possible changes to the parking rules on some of our streets. **Join us at 7:00 pm on July 21st** at the Lett's Community Center and make your voice heard.

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### Garage Chat Continues

On the third Thursday of each month, except December, automobile enthusiasts from the Westside Neighborhood gather to talk cars. The group meets at 7:00 pm and any interested participant can volunteer to host. Want to join or host a summer meeting? Contact Ted O'Dell for more information about the upcoming meetings via phone at 517-316-1140 or email him at [todell8@gmail.com](mailto:todell8@gmail.com).

Hosting is as simple as making a space available in your garage, backyard, driveway or living room. You can offer to provide refreshments or ask the group to bring their own beverage and snacks to share. If you are the owner of a vintage car or motorcycle or are especially proud of your newer car with or without added *\*bling\** please drive it to "Garage Chat" and show it off to your neighbors!

**We need your help!** Great community building activities - like neighborhood picnics, WNA scholarships and this newsletter - are not free. If you value the sense of community that the WNA brings to our great neighborhood, please consider a donation today! Your tax deductible contribution, made payable to the Westside Neighborhood Association, can be mailed to Don Clearwater 1408 W Kalamazoo St Lansing, MI 48915 or send him an email ([donclearwater@yahoo.com](mailto:donclearwater@yahoo.com)) and he'll be happy to pick up your check and thank you in person!



## Summer 2010 Westsider



### Share your Westside News! Advertise your Westside Business or Event!

Deadlines for article submissions and advertisements are as follows:

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

News articles and announcements will be printed as space and time allow. The newsletter is delivered to approximately 2,000 Westside households, about one month after the submission deadline. All articles for upcoming events should refer to dates at least one month after the submission deadline. Contact Danielle Casavant by email ([dcasavant@ameritech.net](mailto:dcasavant@ameritech.net)) or phone (517-402-2785) for additional information. Be sure to put "Westsider" as the subject of your email!

Ads must be e-mailed to Danielle in JPG, BMP or TIF format. 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)

Ad copy and the payment must be received by the submission deadline. A proof of your ad and its placement in the newsletter will be provided if time allows.

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