

Westside
Neighborhood
Association



The Westsider

A Quarterly Publication for Lansing, Michigan's Westside Neighborhood

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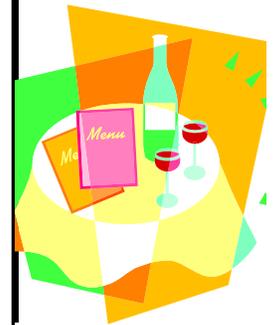
WNA Night at the Irish Pub!

On **Thursday, July 12, 2012** from **6-8 pm** the Irish Pub & Grill will generously donate **15%** of **ALL SALES** to the **WNA!**

This is an amazing opportunity to enjoy fantastic food, the company of neighbors and to support the WNA. Invite your family and friends from outside of the neighborhood to join us too!

If you see Dave, Greg or any of the Irish Pub staff - be sure to thank them for their support of our neighborhood.

Mark your calendars now - and we'll see you there!



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Follow the WNA

The WNA tries to connect with everyone in our neighborhood. There are so many things going on. Be sure to check out our website at www.wnalansing.com. You can also “like” the Westside Neighborhood Association on Facebook. Be sure to check it out!

Access to the WNA Website



Annual Garden Tour Set to Bloom on July 15th!

The Annual Westside Garden Tour is scheduled for Sunday, July 15, 2012 and will take place from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. This year nine gardens will be presented – from those with an English Cottage Garden theme to those with native plants and edibles, or still others with lush expanses of flowers, herbs and shrubs.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available the day of the tour at the former Westside Fire Station (#7) at the corner of Saginaw and Jenison. Advance ticket sales will start the week of June 25th with \$15 tickets available through our supporting merchants: Biggby at the Triangle (2002 W. Saginaw), Decker's Coffee (220 S. Washington), Smith Floral (1124 E. Mt. Hope) and The Mole Hole (4758 Marsh Rd., Okemos).

Also, join in our raffle for the chance to win great prizes – a handmade garden-themed quilt, by John Putnam, art glass pieces by two local artist, handmade jewelry, merchant gift baskets, gardening services and more. Raffle tickets are available from John Putnam (517-482—2883) and cost \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three.

Proceeds from the Garden Tour benefit Advent House Ministries, a non-profit organization that creates a community of hope for those struggling with poverty or homelessness in the Lansing area. Please join us for this exclusive opportunity to explore the beauty of local gardens, win garden-inspired raffle prizes and support the mission of Advent House Ministries.

For garden tour ticket information, please contact Libby Rice at 517-487-5012 or gardening.gal23@gmail.com.

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Democrat for State Representative

Share your Westside News!

Advertise your Westside Business!

Deadlines for article and ads are February 28, May 31, August 31, & November 30 of each year. The newsletter is delivered to about 2,000 addresses in the Westside Neighborhood. Articles for upcoming events should refer to dates at least one month after the submission deadline. The Westsider also welcomes ads from your business! Email for more information westsider@wnalansing.com.

Per issue advertising rates are:

- ◆ Eighth-page = \$40 (2.5" h x 3.5" w)
- ◆ Quarter-page = \$60 (5" h x 3.5" w)
- ◆ Half-page = \$100 (5" h x 7.5" w)

There is a 25% discount for purchasing identical ads in four consecutive newsletters with full payment due upon first ad placement.

Host a Block Party!

A "Block Party" packet has been put together for The Westside Neighborhood.

If you want to host a block party, this is a valuable resource of information including: contact numbers, how to get started, reasons for having one, ideas for activities to do, reminders and even an invitation to give to your neighbors.

National Night Out is Tuesday August 7th!

Many people celebrate this night with Block Parties and you should too!

For a packet, please contact Dan Boutell at db1992@yahoo.com.

Meet the Candidates for State Representative!

Westside Neighborhood residents are invited to a Candidates Night Forum on Tuesday, July 10. The Westside Neighborhood Association is hosting this event to give residents an opportunity to meet with the candidates who are vying to represent them in the Michigan House of Representatives and to learn more about their views.

The Candidates Night Forum is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, at Lett's Community Center. All candidates will be given time to introduce themselves to voters and share their views. After the candidates' presentations, candidates and residents will have to mingle and socialize. Light refreshments will be served.

Check out the Westside Neighborhood Association's Facebook page and website for more details as the date draws closer. We hope to see you there!

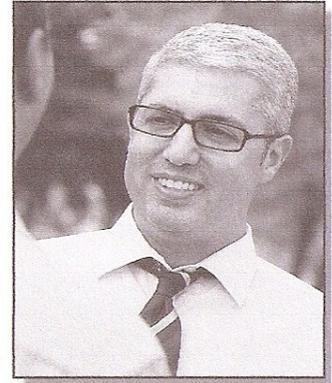
Ken Ross for Circuit Court Judge

Experienced ■ Fair ■ Compassionate ■ Ready

An Experienced Attorney

Ken Ross has the experience we need as a Circuit Court Judge. His public sector experience includes service as an Assistant Attorney General and Michigan Insurance Commissioner. As Insurance Commissioner he fought for consumers by fighting against insurance credit scoring. In the private sector Ken has worked for the Michigan

Credit Union League and Citizens Republic Bancorp making sure the Bank and Credit Unions were working within the rules while offering consumers the best service possible. Ken is a graduate of Cooley Law School where he has served as an Adjunct Professor.



Vote for Ken Ross

Paid for by Committee to Elect Ken Ross
Judge, 1408 Cambridge, Lansing, MI
48911. Liz Boyd, Treasurer.

for Circuit Court Judge on August 7th

Letts/Riddle Clean-Up Results

April's Letts/Riddle clean-up in partnership with the National Center and Caucus on Black Aged – Lansing Chapter was incredibly successful. Over twenty people came between 9am and noon to spruce up the Letts Community Center and Riddle Elementary.

Volunteers weeded flower beds spread mulch around the community center and at the Ascent sculpture native plantings garden, picked up litter around the community center and in the play equipment areas of Riddle Elementary and Letts, and even had time to fill an entire trash bag full of garbage from a footpath leading between Lenawee and Kalamazoo just south of the community center.

The WNA Neighborhood Improvement Committee would like to thank our partner in this cleanup, the National Center and Caucus on Black Aged – Lansing Chapter; the multiple donors who supplied snacks, drinks, lunch, mulch, tools; and of course the great people who gave up their Saturday morning to labor on improving the look and safety of this area for all to enjoy!

More photos are available at the bottom of this photo gallery page: <http://wnalansing.com/photos/?psmash-gallery=8>



Crime & Safety Update

The Westside has been plagued with break-ins this winter and spring which seemed to subside for a time but are starting up again. In response, the WNA is working to expand Neighborhood Watch throughout the Westside this summer. We want the people who are preying on our area to know that we are watching and reporting what we see and sharing information with our neighbors. We will not tolerate our neighborhood being victimized and degraded.

Most of the Westside is not covered by Neighborhood Watch. We hope to have the entire area included in a Neighborhood Watch group by Labor Day. We need your help to achieve this goal.

Each block needs a block captain who will contact his or her neighbors and ask them to participate by sharing their contact information with you; name, address, telephone number and email if they have that. As a Block Captain, you will call your neighbors, or send them an email, with information on any break-ins in your area. You get that information from three sources provided by the Lansing Police Department.

For more details and to volunteer to cover your block, contact Jackie Payne at 517-482-4068 or come to our next Crime and Safety Committee meeting on June 26th at the Letts Center at 6 PM. You will meet other block captains and share information on keeping our neighborhood safe. The LPD will be there to answer questions. Refreshments will be provided.

We hope to see you there.

Summer Kids Camp!

Camp begins June 18th and goes until August 10th. Monday-Friday 9am-3pm, \$25/week for Lansing residents, breakfast and lunch included. Field trip every week (except the week of the 4th of July), locations with pre and post care available as well.

Contact Awna Ari
Letts Community Center Programmer
(517)483-4311

Brochure:

http://www.lansingmi.gov/Lansing/parks/2012_Summer_Kids_Camp_Brochure.pdf

Summer Event!

August 26th, Westside neighborhood picnic.

Hosted outdoors at EC3, on Main St. Playground and family fun games. 2-5pm.

See our Facebook and WNA website for further details.

We hope to see you there!

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Meet the Recipients of the WNA Scholarships -

By Paul Pratt

Each year the Neighborhood Association donates two scholarships (\$1000 each) for college to high school seniors living in the WNA boundaries or graduating from Sexton High School. This year our awardees live just outside the neighborhood, but graduate from Sexton.

Harleigh Putmon graduated 6th in her class, and will attend Central Michigan University. She told us about a dizzying array of extracurricular activities, including volleyball, softball and golf, volunteering with Impression 5 and as a tutor in math and English. She wrote a thoughtful essay on educating people about obesity, and this holds promise for her chosen career of teaching. She wrote: "I can see myself as one of those cool high school English teachers that make reading and writing fun." Harleigh will attend Central Michigan University.

Kierra Hughey plans to attend Michigan State University. She is an academic standout who has excelled in numerous extracurricular activities including the MSU Upward Bound college preparation program and the Future Nurses Club. She has been involved in basketball, volleyball, softball, cross country and track/field. She wrote a strong essay on the obstacles and benefits of growing up on the Westside.

I was able to meet each of these young women at the Sexton Senior Honors Assembly where I represented WNA and announced their scholarships. They are credits to our community.

The people who served this year on the WNA Scholarship Committee were Carol Rall, Patricia St. George, Chris Kolbe and Paul Pratt.