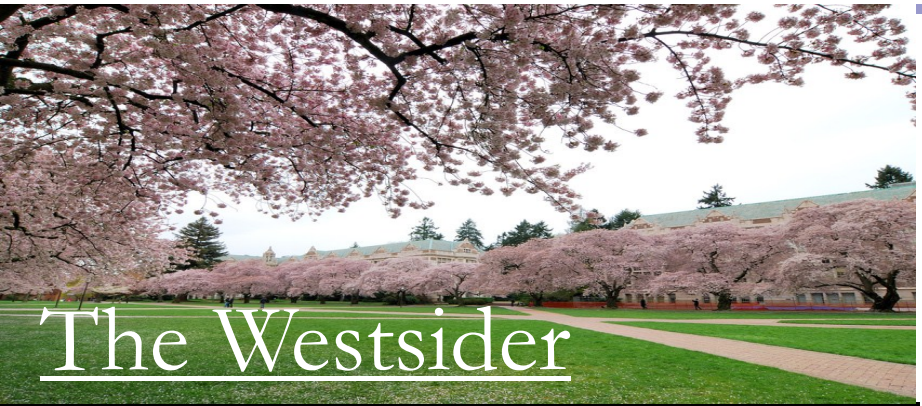


Westside Neighborhood Association



The Westsider

A Quarterly Publication for Lansing, Michigan's Westside Neighborhood

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WNA Spring Fiesta!

Our annual fundraiser supports 2 - \$1,000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors. Any additional funds raised are put toward the general purposes of the WNA.

Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 4-6 pm

The Nuthouse Sports Grill

420 E. Michigan Ave in Lansing

Advance tickets are strongly recommended! Purchased by April 21, tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. **If tickets are available after the 22nd or at the door**, \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets are available from any board member, online at www.wnalansing.com or by emailing dcasa-vant@ameritech.net or calling (517)402-2785.

A buffet meal will be provided with a **cash bar** for all beverage purchases.

Our **Silent Auction** will feature great items and gift certificates from local businesses and neighbors. If you own a business and care to donate a gift card or product, please contact our auction coordinator John Putnam at johnthequilter@gmail.com or 482-2883.



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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 view our website at www.wnalansing.com. You can also "like" the Westside Neighborhood Association on Facebook. Be sure to check out both!

Access to the WNA Website



Westside Neighborhood Business Directory

We are still gathering information on business located in the neighborhood or owned by neighbors. We'd love to help promote your business to our neighbors and beyond by making the first edition available in our June 2013 newsletter and on our website. To be included, send the following information to dcasavant@ameritech.net:

Name of Business

Name of Business Owner

Address of Business Owner (not included in publication)

Address of Business (if home-based, online or by appointment only this is not needed)

Business Contact Phone Number

Business Contact Email

Business Website

Social Media Links

Brief description of goods/services offered by your business

Send your business information by May 15 in order to ensure your inclusion in Summer Newsletter!

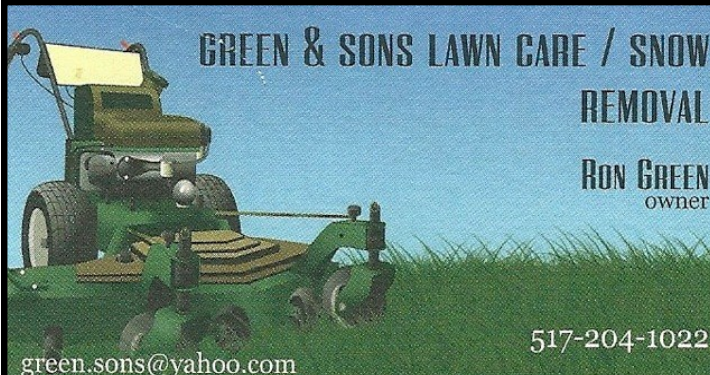
Congrats!

Westside neighbor Nancy Martling received a Spirit of Hospice Care for 2012 from Sparrow Hospice Services. As a volunteer, she has had numerous volunteer roles in the last six years. Nancy and husband Al have lived on the west side for over 10 years.

Environmental News:

An Earth Day program will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa. Sponsored by several environmental groups, the multi-media presentation by Peter Sinclair features the latest science of climate extremes in plain language and stunning illustration.

The program is free and open to the public. For info call Carol at 517-487-6467.



Call for Gardeners

Community garden plots are available in our neighborhood for folks who want to grow their own vegetables or flowers. Plots are generally 8 by 10 feet and may require a small plot fee. The MLK garden between Allegan and Chelsea is a WNA supported garden. We organize in the spring for summer planting. Whether you are an experienced gardener or just want to try your hand, call Carol for more information: 517-487-6467.

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)
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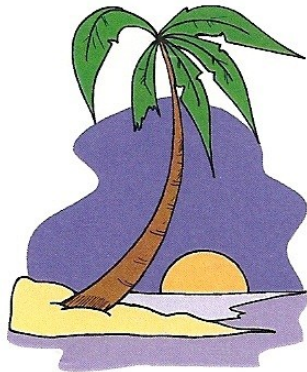
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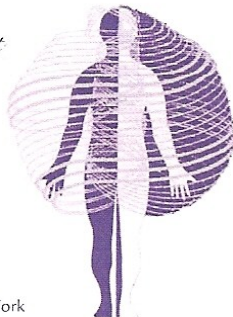
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Did you know our neighborhood Facebook group has 380 members! It has become a “go to” tool for many of us to communicate important (and fun) information related to the neighborhood and/or of interest to neighbors. If you have an account, consider joining the group and getting to know even more of your neighbors. <http://www.facebook.com/groups/WestsideNeighborhoodAssociation/>

In addition to the main group, neighbors have created special interest groups for neighbors.

Groups include:

Lansing Westside Freebies - to post items you want or that you have to give away for FREE.

Lansing's Westside Neighborhood For Sale Group - to post items for sale.

Westside Gardeners - interested in gardening vegetables, fruits, and some beneficial flowers.

Westside Stories - a book club that meets every 4-6 weeks at Harry's Place.

Westside Runners - for runners and walkers.

Westside Worters - for homebrewers of beer, cider, mead; wine makers; and craft-beer enthusiasts.

You should be able to find the group by searching for the name on Facebook. If you can't find them, or aren't on Facebook but are interested in events held by these groups, send an email to dcasavant@ameritech.net with the name of the group in the subject line and I'll put you in touch with the group leader(s).

DON'T TAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR GRANTED!

Our Westside neighborhood is known for its friendly, welcoming neighbors. The Westside Neighborhood Association (WNA) has a long history of promoting that sense of community that marks a great neighborhood. The board is asking you to consider what the WNA means to you. If you value having a neighborhood organization, there are lots of ways that you can support the WNA. Whether you are new to the neighborhood or have been here many years, please consider:

⇒ Joining the WNA board: In addition to monthly meetings, board members may take on an assignment on one of the committees or a special project. Maybe you have fresh ideas to enhance the neighborhood or are just curious to get involved.

⇒ Volunteering: Board meetings not your thing? Maybe you would be willing to work on a specific task, like a beautification project or being a neighborhood watch captain. Can we call on you if we need help?

⇒ Providing monetary support: Apart from a few grants, the WNA is self-supporting. We depend on your generous donations to provide things like the newsletter (\$3,000/yr) or our scholarships (\$2,000). Your contributions are vital to our success.

⇒ Engage! We often have quarterly events, like the annual meeting or Fiesta fundraiser that are fun and neighborly. Attend the WNA events and keep in touch with issues that are of interest to the neighborhood.

We can't do it without you. To respond or for any question about the board, contact a board member or email the board at board@wnalansing.com. And thanks for your support!

WCA's Spring Sweep and Flower Planting

Saturday, May 18 is 9th Annual WCA Spring Clean Sweep and Flower Planting

Lansing's Westside Commercial Association's Organization Committee needs help from our residents, business owners, property owners and others who #lovelansing on SATURDAY, MAY 18! As spring approaches, WCA is preparing for our 9th annual Spring Clean Sweep and Flower Planting. Each year, residents, business owners and community organizations unite to clean the grounds and sidewalks along Saginaw Street between MLK and Pine of winter debris; and begin anew by planting flowers along streets and sidewalks. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday May 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The "staging area" / meet up spot for the 9:00 a.m. start time is at Shanora's Wigs and General Merchandise located at 829 West Saginaw Street. Please park on Butler Boulevard (so as not to take up all of the customer parking at Shanora's).

WCA's Spring Clean Sweep and Flower Planting does more than shake off winter's leftover gloom and welcome spring. It's a great community-building event that brings together volunteers, residents, business owners and community organizers in collaborative work they can be proud of. Besides beautifying the streets and making Lansing West a more pleasant place to live and work, the WCA Planting Party is guaranteed to be great time with valuable neighbors and citizens. Before or after the event, we also encourage you to visit other businesses in this part of Lansing's Westside, including the new Ingham County Animal Outreach Center and others.

Morning refreshments and lunch, planting and cleaning materials including gloves, shovels, mulch, bags, fertilizer and, flowers will be provided by Domino's Pizza and other Westside businesses and event organizers. We also welcome new volunteers in helping us design the planters, suggest plants, help water throughout the summer, and host the event. To be part of the event, contact jessica@lansingsfourthward.com or call Jessica Yorko at 517-599-0949. We are also accepting in-kind or cash donations toward flowers, mulch and refreshments. Donors will be featured in a special article on our website blog and facebook and twitter feeds.

To learn more about the WCA Organization Committee and how to get involved,, contact the committee chairperson, Steve Manchester at smanch@comcast.net or 517-517-599-0492. The committee meets on 3rd

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and is responsible for bringing volunteers, funding and promotion to Lansing's Westside Commercial Association. Other members include Tim Kaltenbach, Deann Brown, Danielle Casavant, Pete Chiaravalli and Jessica Yorko.



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- Member, Michigan Democratic Party & the Ingham County Democratic Party, Delegate to 2008 Democratic National Convention
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Recycle Rama

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

Time: 9am-2pm

Location: Ingham County Health Dept, 5303 S. Cedar, Lansing

This one day special recycling collection will accept many types of items for free. Computers, electronics, bikes, scrap metal, appliances, unwanted medicine and much more!

Come Participate In Lansing's Largest One Day Recycling Event!

An event this big doesn't work without the help of volunteers. If you are interested in helping for a few hours or even for the entire event, please contact 517/292-3078 or email: midmeac@gmail.com to sign up. A Recycle Rama t-shirt, drinks and snacks will be provided to volunteers.

For more detailed information about items accepted for recycling: <http://www.lansingmi.gov/Lansing/pubserv/wastereduction/recycleramaflyer2013.pdf>

This week's featured listing in the Westside Neighborhood is 619 Bartlett. \$29,900.

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Our **Shelter Home Program** provides shelter to homeless families, as well as homeless single adults working to overcome substance abuse. We serve between 25 and 40 single adults and 1 to 2 families annually.

The **Literacy Program** offers classes in reading, writing, and mathematics to adults and children, as well as GED preparation for adults (over 3600 meals are provided annually as part of weekly sessions). More than 250 adults and 85 children are helped each year.

Homeless and at-risk adults build job readiness in our **Good Work! Employment Program**, which provides training in basic skills needed to gain and keep employment, housing, and other elements of stability (meals are provided with most sessions). Of those who develop employment plans, 60% gain permanent employment. In addition, we have specialized employment and life skills programs for veterans.

Contact: Susan Cancro, Executive Director 485-4722 or secancro@adventhouse.com

Attention Westside Neighbors:

Are you a multi-generational Westsider? Do you have the full story on your home's history? Do you have stories from the neighborhood's past? We want to talk to you! The WNA is working on a very special project to tell our neighborhood's story from the beginning and we need your input! Please contact michael.j.schury@gmail.com with ideas, pictures, or anecdotes.

Yard Sale:

We are in the planning stage for the annual Westside Neighborhood Yard Sale! It is scheduled for the weekend of June 15th. People interested in joining the sale can e-mail info to: yardsale@wnalansing.com

Crime and Safety:

The WNA Crime and Safety Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the Letts Community Center on Kalamazoo Street. Dates for meetings for the remainder of this year are as follows: March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 26. The committee does not meet in December. All residents of the Westside are welcome to attend and to participate. Our meetings are open and informal and usually last about an hour. We discuss any issues related to crime, safety and code compliance. An officer of the Lansing Police Department attends our meetings when possible. Currently we are focusing on building and maintaining Neighborhood Watch groups and on building lists of landlords who own properties on Kalamazoo, Lenawee and Hillsdale streets. Our goal is to build good relationships with landlords and tenants to maintain safe, stable and peaceful communities.

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RACER Trust Update on Lansing/Lansing Township Properties

In October RACER Trust held an informational meeting regarding the status of its properties in Lansing and Lansing Township. At that time, RACER promised to hold a follow up meeting in early Spring to update residents on the Trust's remedial plan. Since then, however, it's become apparent that additional field work is going to be necessary to complete our draft remedial plan. Therefore, the meeting originally planned for late March/early April will now be held in late May/early June.

The investigation of the environmental conditions on site continues as planned. An update meeting was held on February 28, 2013 with MDEQ staff and additional field work is expected in March to further investigate groundwater conditions on Plant 3 north of Saginaw Street. While the draft remedial plan is scheduled to be prepared between April and June, the MDEQ has agreed to review the proposed plan with the goal of final approval in September 2013.

The debris cleanup and demolition completion activities are wrapping up and RACER Trust expects the construction company will demobilize and leave the site in early March. Improved fencing and landscaping along Michigan Avenue will be completed when weather allows soil placement and seeding in the spring. These combined efforts will improve overall site appearance and site conditions.

RACER Trust will be working with the Westside Neighborhood Association to notify residents in advance of our informational meeting later this Spring.