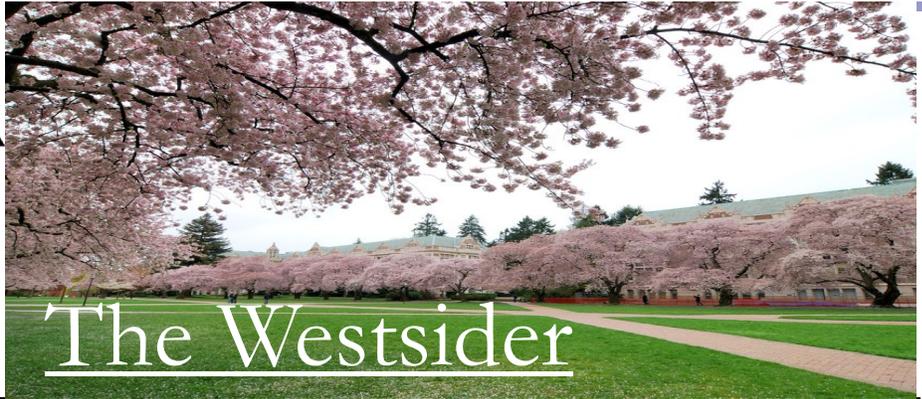




Westside Neighborhood Association



The Westsider

A Quarterly Publication for Lansing, Michigan's Westside Neighborhood

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Advent House Needs Our Support!

As many of you know, Advent House is located in our neighborhood and is the primary beneficiary of the funds raised through the Westside Home Tours and Garden Tours. They are facing up to a \$30,000 loss in grant funding as a result of federal sequestration.

The WNA board members have unanimously approved a challenge to our neighbors. Initially the challenge was for every \$100 (cumulative) donated by neighbors, the WNA, as an organization, would match with \$25, up to \$125 total. Then, on a personal level, board members decided we wanted to do more to make the challenge even more enticing. We conducted an internal fundraising campaign and, collectively, the board members have added personal contributions making the match total now \$550! So, if we can collect a minimum (hoping for more) from our neighbors of \$500, we'll be able to contribute \$1050 in support of Advent House. That's 504 meals!

The challenge runs through October 15, 2013. You can make a check payable to "WNA" with "Advent House" in the memo line and mail to:

WNA Treasurer
1516 N Genesee
Lansing, MI 48915

You can also make your gift online at www.wnalansing.com – there is a special link to make a donation at the top of the home page.



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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 Wednesday at Harry's Place

On the second Wednesday of each month, neighbors gather informally to meet others, talk about neighborhood matters, and to support a neighborhood business. Suggested time is 6-8 pm. Harry's is family-friendly, so don't hesitate to bring the kids! If you don't use Facebook and would like an email reminder about this and other social events, contact our Fun Fun Fun Committee at fun@wnalansing.com Upcoming dates: Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 and Dec 11. We hope to see you there!

The Ingham County Animal Control Outreach Center, located at 826 W. Saginaw St., is here to provide resources and education to pet owners in Lansing. The Outreach Center has a pet food bank, low-price pet items, low-cost vaccination clinics, free dog training and information on low-cost spay and neutering. We also have adoptions on most Saturdays and we accept donations for the Outreach Center and Shelter.

Stop by the Outreach Center to see what it has to offer. Hours are 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and noon-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For current events you can call the Outreach Center at 517-367-0676 or like us on Facebook: "Ingham County Animal Control Outreach Center." The Outreach Center is completely run by volunteers and we are always looking for more help. If you are interested in volunteering, our next training session is 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Outreach Center. For more information about volunteering contact Ashley at ahayes@ingham.org

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.

Vote November 5th!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in volunteering in your neighborhood park?

Lansing Parks and Recreation is seeking neighborhood groups and individuals who would like to volunteer and distribute wood-chips in local parks and around playground equipment.

The Parks and Recreation would supply and deliver the wood-chips to your local park. We would need 10 volunteers for each park for approximately 5 hours. Volunteers would need to bring their own rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows.

If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Brett Kaschinske at 517.483.4042 or brett.kaschinske@lansingmi.gov

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Westside Stories

We have a neighborhood book club! We have selected our books and meeting dates for our next three selections. Our meetings are all on Mondays at Harry's Place at 7:30 pm.

Sept 30 – Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret by Steve Luxenberg

Oct 28 – The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman

Dec 2 – Ursula Under by Ingrid Hill

Summer Neighborhood Picnic

We had almost 30 neighbors (4-legged neighbors too) attend the summer picnic on July 20th at St. Joseph Park. It was a gorgeous Saturday for neighbors to enjoy the largest park in our neighborhood. Thank you neighbors that were able to join us, hope to see more of you next year.

Do you have a neighbor(s) who goes above and beyond to be neighborly? Whether it was a one-off thing, like helping with your extra heavy parcel, or something they do regularly like neighborhood tidying as they take a daily walk. Now's your chance to say thank you – a little more publicly! We're launching a **Neighborhood Shout Out** feature in our quarterly newsletter. Tell us who you want to thank and for what. Shout Outs can be "signed" or anonymous. If you want to say a big old thank you – send your **Shout Out** by email to shoutout@wnalansing.com or leave a message at 517-402-2785.

Jessica Yorko

Action Not Words



Jessica Yorko creates safe, active and caring communities for all Lansing residents, fights for good jobs and a healthy environment, and makes sure that all Lansing residents have access to city services and a voice in local government.

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Westside Winter Wonderland!

A new event to beat the winter doldrums! Join your neighbors to eat, drink and be merry on Saturday, December 7, 2013. We're hosting a caroling event that will take place throughout the neighborhood with Harry's as our meeting and ending place. Caroling will be followed by camaraderie at Harry's with free hot cocoa for carolers, plus food and drink specials. DJ Fudgie will be spinning her magic, so you can get your holiday groove on. RSVPs will be helpful in planning – so let us know if you are going to join us for the fun!

We'll meet at **6:30 pm** to form small groups. Each group will get assigned an area within the neighborhood. Music will be provided. We'd love some volunteers to lead groups!

Want to have your house caroled or request carolers to visit your friends or neighbors? Let us know! We'll try to accommodate all requests.