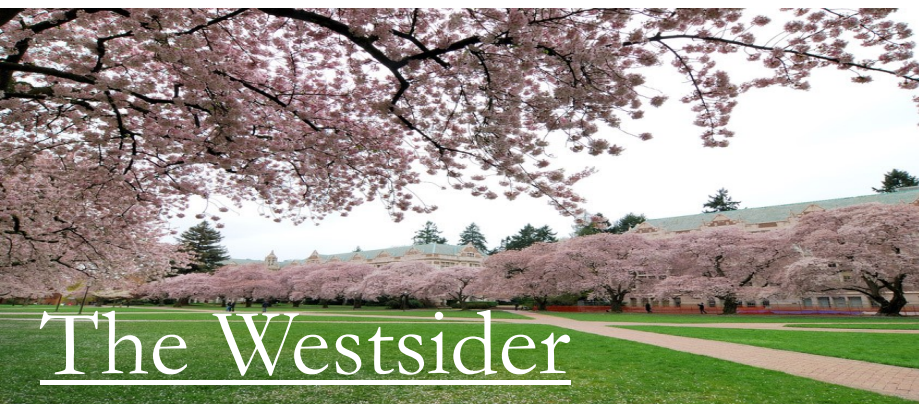


# Westside Neighborhood Association



## The Westsider

A Quarterly Publication for Lansing, Michigan's Westside Neighborhood

### 2014 Board Members & Responsibilities

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**Cathy Bacile Cunningham - Vice-President**, Committee chair: Yard Sale

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John Stratton

Cheryl Williams-Hecksel - Committee chair: Fiesta

### Summer Picnic and Concert in the Park

The Westside Neighborhood will, for the first time ever, host a Concert in the Park at St. Joseph park. Many thanks to Lansing Parks and Recreation and the Concert in the Park Series sponsors for making this possible! We'll kick off the concert with our annual Summer Picnic, free to all neighbors. Your RSVP for the picnic will be very helpful to our planning. You can RSVP online by typing in this URL: <http://goo.gl/BAXVMF> or email: [dcasavant@ameritech.net](mailto:dcasavant@ameritech.net) or call 517-402-2785. If emailing or calling, please provide your name, street address, number of adults/kids and number of vegetarians attending from your household.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014

**Location:** St. Joseph Park (just south of Sexton)

**Picnic:** 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - food and beverage provided

**Concert:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - featuring Lansing's own Big Willy (blues/rock)

**Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the concert!**

### Follow the WNA



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To contact the board, email [board@wnalansing.com](mailto:board@wnalansing.com) or call 517-618-WNA1(9621) and leave a message. To learn more, visit our website: <http://wnalansing.com>

Access to the WNA Website



## Save the date for the Fiesta!

Please join your neighbors for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

The date is **Sunday Oct. 5th!**

We will have a silent auction as well as food provided for the price of admission. Place is yet to be determined so, stay tuned for more information!

If you would like to help in any way, please contact

Dan Boutell at [db1992@yahoo.com](mailto:db1992@yahoo.com) or

Cheryl Williams-Hecksel at [checksel@comcast.net](mailto:checksel@comcast.net).

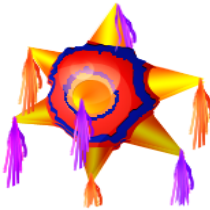
We are looking for volunteers to head up the following areas:

**Silent Auction** - Help coordinate solicitations and reach out to businesses.

**Tickets** - Aid in the distribution and tracking of ticket sales

**Pub/Food** - Coordinate with our event location

**Promotions** - Use Social Media and reach out to neighborhood businesses



## SPRING CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching and the Lansing Police Department wants to remind you of some tips to help keep you and your family safe.

- 1.) Keep your doors locked at all times. If you are working in the backyard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked, and your backdoors locked if you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors if you are gone only for a few minutes.
- 2.) Install motion-activated lights in your front and backyards.
- 3.) Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home
- 4.) Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with them. If a utility representative comes to your house request identification
- 5.) Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if it is parked in your own driveway.
- 6.) Summer is a perfect time to spend riding a bicycle. Make sure your bike is secured by locking it up when left unattended
- 7.) Be a good neighbor, this can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can spot potential criminals and alert the Police.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Westiders, Remember to vote for Rebecca Bahar- Cook

Ingham County Commissioner  
District 2



Primary—August 5, 2014  
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Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope's Office has a variety of important services available on the 9th Floor of the Lansing City Hall that you might not be aware of. Here are a few services that may surprise you.

### U.S. Passport

If you need to apply for or to renew a U.S. Passport, you can complete the application at the Lansing City Clerk's Office. With photography services on-site, accessible bathrooms, and convenient hours, you can "buy local" by applying for your passport and keep the \$25 service fee in your city. Credit cards are not accepted at this time and two separate payments are required when submitting an application, so please bring your checkbook, money orders or cashier checks.

### Elections

The City Clerk's office is responsible for the orderly conduct of elections. If you are interested and eligible for an absentee ballot or need to change your voter registration, please contact the office. Every election, poll workers earn \$120 or more to work the entire Election Day.

### Summer Time brings great weather and... Door to Door Sales, Ice Cream Trucks – Are they licensed?

To help protect our residents, the City requires background checks as part of the license approval process for door-to-door sales people (Peddlers License), ice cream truck drivers (Ice Cream Peddler License) and some of our other 20+ licenses. When they knock on your door, ask to see their city license.

### And More

The City Clerk Office also prepares agendas and minutes for the Lansing City Council, maintains public city records, and has other legal responsibilities per the State of Michigan and the Lansing City Charter. If you have any questions related to these services, please contact the Lansing City Clerk at 517-483-4131 or visit the Clerk's web page at [www.lansingmi.gov/clerk](http://www.lansingmi.gov/clerk)

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## ***Neighborhood Garage Sale June 27-29***

Mark your calendar and tell your friends: The Westside Neighborhood is teaming with the Old Oakland Neighborhood for a dual neighborhood-wide garage sale the weekend of June 27-29.

Join the fun by clearing out your clutter and making a few bucks, or see what your neighbors are selling that you just can't live without. The WNA and OONA will do all the work to advertise and put up signs. All you have to do to participate is price your stuff and set it out during the weekend of the sale.

If you'd like to add your home to the map that will be handed out during the weekend, go to the following website and fill out the form: <http://bit.ly/1fxwuNh>. You can also send an email to Cathy Bacile Cunningham at [CathyCBC@gmail.com](mailto:CathyCBC@gmail.com). Use the subject line "Garage sale" and include:

First and last name

Address

Which neighborhood you live in

Email address

Phone number

Optional: Specify the type of items you'll be selling (i.e. baby gear, home goods, art supplies, etc.)

If you'd like to help volunteer to hand out maps or put up/take down signs, please send an email to [CathyCBC@gmail.com](mailto:CathyCBC@gmail.com).

### **Go Nuts with Your Neighbors!**

Join your neighbors on **Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 2:00 pm** for an outing to see a Lansing Lugnuts baseball game. This is a Super Heroes at the Ballpark and Kids Run the Bases day. All tickets are \$10 (\$10.50 if paying by credit card) for ages 3 and up. Tickets must be paid for by July 1, 2014 and will be distributed in advance of the game. To purchase tickets, Please contact Danielle at: [dcasavant@ameritech.net](mailto:dcasavant@ameritech.net) or 517-402-2785. Tickets may be purchased by cash, check (WNA), or credit card.



**Chris Swope**  
Lansing City Clerk

### **Passport Services at City Hall**



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**Passport Service Hours**  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm  
124 W. Michigan Ave, 9th Floor

## Where Can I Get Information About an Emergency?

**Emergency Alert System (EAS)** -EAS messages are the messages that you get on TV and Radio in an emergency. Those messages come directly from Emergency Management or the National Weather Service.

**CodeRED Emergency Alerts** - CodeRED is an emergency alert system that will call your home phone when there is an emergency in your area. Landlines are automatically registered with CodeRED. If you don't have a landline, or if you want to register your cell phone, you can do so at: [www.lansingmi.gov/codered](http://www.lansingmi.gov/codered).

**Nixle** - Nixle is a free service that lets police and fire departments send alert messages by email or texting. You can subscribe to Nixle by visiting **Nixle.com**. (There is no charge for Nixle, but your cell phone company's messaging rates may apply.)

**NOAA Weather Radios** -The EAS also sends messages to NOAA weather radios—radios that give emergency weather information directly from the National Weather Service. These radios can turn themselves on when a weather warning is issued. Weather radios are available at most stores that sell radios.

**Outdoor Warning Sirens** -There are more than 50 outdoor warning sirens in Ingham County. The sirens are only meant to warn people who are outdoors. You hear the sirens most often when there is a tornado warning, but they would also be used to warn of strong winds, or other times when it is not safe to stay outside. When you hear the sirens, take cover and tune in. Go inside immediately and turn on the radio or television for more information. Don't forget, most sirens are tested at 1:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

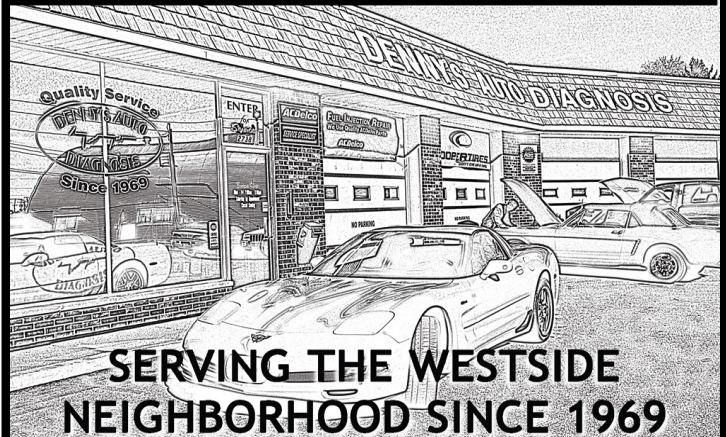
The Westside Stories book club will meet at Harry's Place at 7:30 pm on the following dates to discuss the books noted. All are welcome! Join our Facebook group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestsideStoriesLansing/>

Hyperbole and a Half, Allie Brosh,  
July 28

Let the Great World Spin, Colum  
McCann, August 25

Tell the Wolves I'm Home, Carol Rifka  
Brunt, September 22

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## **RACER Trust to Hold Meeting July 8 on Remediation Proposal for Former GM Sites**

**The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Letts  
Community Center, 1220 W Kalamazoo St., in Lansing.**

The RACER Trust has been performing comprehensive environmental studies at Plants 2, 3 and 6 for nearly three years under the oversight of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). As RACER was finishing its environmental investigations last year, it detected 1, 4-dioxane in groundwater on a portion of Plants 2 and 3. Local residents in the area obtain drinking water from a municipal water supply, which is not impacted by the compound from the site.

The compound 1, 4-dioxane is typically used as an additive in cleaning solvents, The State of Michigan has identified 1, 4-dioxane as a compound of concern.

The discovery of 1, 4-dioxane prompted the need for additional investigations to delineate the impacted area and allow for development and evaluation of possible remedies. The additional investigations prevented RACER from submitting a remediation plan to the MDEQ last summer, as originally outlined when it briefed Westside Neighborhood residents in June 2013.

Working closely with MDEQ, RACER has completed the additional investigations and has finalized its report on the findings and remediation recommendations for the all three properties.

To learn more about RACER Trust visit: [www.racertrust.org](http://www.racertrust.org)