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# WELCOME TO THE WESTSIDE!

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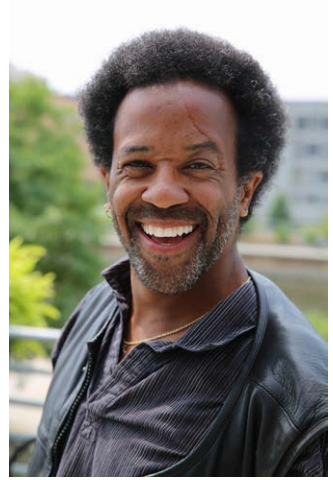
I'm Metro Melik, current Vice President of the Westside Neighborhood Association. Welcome to spring time on the West Side. We seem to be in full swing of working and playing in our yards. As we tend to our yard duties, I encourage you to cultivate your neighbor connections. We are a diverse neighborhood and I hope you can continue to celebrate how cool that is.

In this newsletter there are details about different social gatherings and neighborhood improvements that will be taking place this summer. The West Side Neighborhood board hopes that you will participate in any way that you feel comfortable. From the neighborhood picnic to the shared promotion garage sale with the Old Oakland Neighborhood Association, there are many scheduled activities to meet and greet your neighbors.

If you have been living in the West Side for days or decades, let's get to know one another a little more. It builds camaraderie and community, which leads to communication. And that will help our collective goal of the West Side being the best side.

Enjoy your newsletter,

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# Riddle Elementary School

Vivian Riddle Elementary School - a school we can be proud to call our neighborhood school! Riddle is tucked into our neighborhood behind Letts Community Center, at 221 Huron Street. It serves students Pre-K - 3rd, including ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) classrooms as well as 2 Great Start Readiness classrooms. Dr. Nicole Beard is the principal.



The school opened in 1976. Vivian Riddle was well known as a teacher of foreign languages. Mrs. Riddle also worked as a consultant at MSU, helping prospective teachers interested in the challenges of urban schools. She was a strong leader in the black community. She died in 1973.

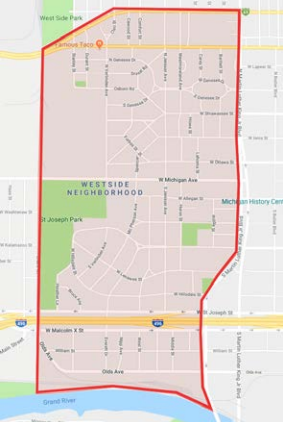
Riddle is fortunate to have a thriving school garden that includes a hoop house. The Northwest Initiative Food Systems Project, a nonprofit, oversees the garden. Students are engaged in hands-on cooking lessons, nutrition education and seasonal garden activities. There are also opportunities to participate in an after-school garden club as well as a Summer Garden Club.

A beautiful garden mural, painted by the students, is hanging on an inside wall depicting the joys of the Riddle School Garden. Perhaps someday you can visit the garden !



Submitted by Diane Thompson WNA - Riddle School liaison

## NEIGHBORHOOD *Notes*



- Trash cans are not to be placed before 4:00 p.m. the day preceding the scheduled collection day and are to be removed no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day following the collection day.
- The Ingham County Animal Shelter has an outreach location at 826 West Saginaw St. This site is essentially on the NE corner of Martin Luther King and Saginaw. They provide food as well as discounted vaccines and spaying and neutering services.



# NorthWest Initiative

## Free Summer Lunch Program

As soon as school gets out in June, NorthWest Initiative, in collaboration with the YMCA, will be offering a free fitness and lunch program M-F from 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. at 211 N. Chestnut Street (east entrance area of the First Presbyterian Church building). All children up to age 18 and the adults who bring the children are eligible for a free lunch! Please register your family so that we know how many lunches are needed by calling 517-999-2894 or emailing [renee@nwlansing.org](mailto:renee@nwlansing.org). First Presbyterian Church sits at the corner of Ottawa & Pine Streets and is only three blocks east of the Westside neighborhood!

## Free Food Distribution

Every Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., NorthWest Initiative offers a free food distribution program for those who are food insecure. We always have fresh fruits and vegetables, Panera Bread, and other food items available until it runs out. To register, please call Renee or Kevin at 517-999-2894 or email [kevin@nwlansing.org](mailto:kevin@nwlansing.org).

## Lansing Mobile Farmer's Market

The Lansing Mobile Farmer's Market is slated to start its season around mid-July. We're looking for the best day, time, and location for our weekly or bi-weekly stop in the Westside Neighborhood area. Last year, we stopped at the Letts Community Center on the 3rd Wednesday of the month around 1 p.m., but we didn't have a great turnout. If you have ideas of better days and times or for more information about the Lansing Mobile Farmer's Market, please give us a call at 517-999-2894 or email [kevin@nwlansing.org](mailto:kevin@nwlansing.org).



## Cooking With Teens Camp

NorthWest Initiative is offering a free 4-day camp for teenagers ages 12-18 who would like to learn how to cook delicious recipes. Campers will be making their own lunch and snack each day and the week will culminate with a fun "cook-off"! The camp will be held August 5-8, 2019, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at NorthWest Initiative, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI 48933. We'll be meeting in Litton Hall (lower level of First Presbyterian Church building). To register your child(ren) or for more information, please email [alexandriam@nwlansing.org](mailto:alexandriam@nwlansing.org).

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## *Pet Spotlight:* CHARLIE



Charlie is a 7 year old Bernese Mountain Dog, German Shepherd mix that resides near Everett and Kalamazoo in the Westside Neighborhood. You would never know it to look at him, but Charlie was born with a severe birth defect in his right hip that made walking very difficult. Tipping the scales at over 100 lbs today, Charlie hasn't let his hip slow him down one bit! He is incredibly strong and can pull hundreds of pounds of weight. A new addition to the Westside, Charlie loves to walk the neighborhood and meet other dogs and new friends. While his size and deep bark can be intimidating, Charlie is incredibly sweet and fiercely loyal to his

family. His interests include red meat, keeping track of his feline neighbor, jumping into the largest mud puddles he can find and staying as cool as possible, which can be tricky with a double coat of fur. Charlie shares his human family with his Aussie Shepherd brother Quincy, horse Friday and leopard gecko Tyrone.

# NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Since the beginning of its settlement, the Westside Neighborhood has served as a place of wonder within the City of Lansing's boundaries. It began as a swampland on the western outskirts of the original Lansing plat and has grown to approximately 2,000 households within the Westside Neighborhood boundaries of Oakland Avenue on the north, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on the east, the Grand River on the south, and the boundary of the city on the west.



The Westside is one of the most desired neighborhoods in the city. Its tree lined streets and unique homes by architectural standards, the residents that make up its community, both past and present, have been equally unique and diverse.

One of our residents, Mrs. Marian Cyberski, has lived in her home since buying it with her husband in 1949.

On October 28, 1948, Barney A. Cyberski, a traffic engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation, applied and paid \$10 for a permit to move what was to become their home from 324 E. Main to its current location. Since moving in, Mrs. Cyberski has remained in the house for 70 years.

The home where Mrs. Cyberski raised seven children, has been impeccably maintained and lovingly cared for. In a time that was defined by war and its aftermath, the modest story -and a half home is bright, cheerful, and full of warmth. The entrance and dining room has a wall of west exposure windows that flood the rooms with natural light and sunshine. It also serves as a perfect place for Marian to winter her prized Geraniums and Amaryllis.

Like many of her generation, Mrs. Cyberski clings tenaciously to her memories of her neighborhood in its heyday. It was a well-functioning, working-class neighborhood with modest well-kept homes. Neighbors knew everyone and kept an eye on the kids playing outside. Today, things have changed. Rental homes have replaced home ownerships and create residential turnovers. "Except for the two that have been here, I don't know many of my neighbors," Cyberski stated.

During World War II only females could serve in the Army Nurse Corps (Corps). Mrs. Cyberski joined the Corps and served three years in Sydney, Australia, before returning stateside. In 1969 Marion was one of the veterans recognized for her sacrifices and achievements by Talons Out Honor Flight. The veterans were flown to Washington, DC to see their memorials, rekindle memories, meet with members of congress, and to show the World War II veterans just how much their service meant.

Women were not "liberated" right after WWII. Instead, they were expected to go back to being housewives and housewives only. This did not change until the women's movement of the '50s and '60s started to take hold, and that was largely with a younger generation of women.

At the age of 45, Marian found herself as a single parent of seven children with no assets. Refusing to rest on her laurels, she set about advocating to change the state law to provide women, especially older women and those who don't work outside the home, with better access to health insurance and pensions

When asked what has kept her in the neighborhood 70 years, Mrs. Cyberski proudly boasts that, "I love my house with the westward windows".



# Sexton Update

It has been a busy and productive year for Sexton High School. The Parent Teacher Organization grew from barely any members to a solid 22 member organization, thanks to the leadership and enthusiasm of director Rosa Killips. Rosa's enthusiasm and can-do spirit are contagious.

Soliciting help from parents, students, and PTO members, Rosa organized the Sexton Winter Ball. The event was held on February 22, and attended by 50 students. All of them had a glorious time dancing away the evening at the Grand Ledge Community Center. The junior-senior prom was held on May 11th at the Grand Ledge Opera House. This event was attended by almost 100 students and, once again, was a rousing success. The theme was a masquerade ball. Decorations included a huge mask sitting atop glittery golden drapery with many smaller masks hanging from helium balloons. Catering was performed by Wanda's Catering and was outstanding in its selection of appetizers, presentation, and deliciousness. The event exceeded everyone's hopes and imaginations.

The Ingham County Health Department Outreach Center continued to provide medical care to Sexton students. Approximately 412 students were seen over the course of the winter months for ailments ranging from the flu, which was especially bad this season, to screenings for depression. The Center has both a nurse practitioner and a therapist on staff to see patients suffering from depression and anxiety. The Center continues to be a much appreciated asset to the Sexton and neighboring communities, as its staff serves medical needs that would otherwise go unmet. The Center will be performing both sports and back to school physicals this summer. Call (517) 244-8043 for an appointment.

On a disappointing note, the Communities in Schools (CIS) program learned that they will be discontinued at Sexton after this academic year. This program provided not only clothes and food to Sexton students, but also mentoring, encouragement, and advice for those students wishing to continue their education after high school.

CIS hopes to partner with the WNA to keep the Clothes Closet open and allow it to continue to provide this much-needed service to the Sexton student population. Hundreds of students were provided clothes, including coats, boots, gloves, jeans, sweaters, etc., as well as food survival kits this academic year to help keep them warm and well-fed. It is anticipated that it would take 20 hours per week to keep the closet running and provide a basic level of services. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the WNA Board at [westsider@wnalansing.com](mailto:westsider@wnalansing.com)



# TAKE A STAND AGAINST CRIME: *Join a Neighborhood Watch*

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

Why Neighborhood Watch? It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch Programs. Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a primary target for burglary. Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns. It's not an urban legend, according to a study conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Crime rates do in fact spike in the summer. Knowing this, as we approach summer months, we have to work together to find ways to help keep our neighborhoods safe. You are encouraged to attend the Crime and Safety Meeting as well as sign up to become a block captain for Neighborhood Watch.



The Crime and Safety Committee and Neighborhood Watch meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Letts Community Center, 1220 West Kalamazoo St. The Committee will not meet in June, so the next meeting will be held on July 23.



On Saturday morning, April 27 Nikolus Allen joined with Crime and Safety members and members of the neighborhood to help clean the play areas of Letts Community Center and Riddle School.

Playground maintenance is imperative for a number of reasons. One of the most important ones is safety. An area that is damaged or run-down gives off the appearance that it's not cared for properly, which can lead to a lack of use by community members and further deterioration and disrepair.

Following up on a report that drug needles had been found at the play area the Crime and Safety Committee organized a clean up. The group of 10 raked and bagged numerous bags of leaves, picked up broken limbs, and gathered trash

and was happy to report that no drug paraphernalia of any kind was found on our playgrounds.

In addition to the neighbors who came out, the Crime and Safety Committee members would like to thank the Tuesday Toolmen for providing leaf bags and garden tools, Letts for providing coffee, Amy Campbell for donating refreshments, and Riddle Principal Hodges for providing trash bags.

A community working together can make a big improvement.

# ANNUAL PICNIC

Make a space on your calendar for July 10! This year the Westside Neighborhood Association annual picnic is being held in conjunction with a Lansing sponsored free summer concert. Making this event even more special is our collaboration with the First Presbyterian Church and Northwest Initiative. Activities will begin at 4:30 and run through 6:30. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and run through 9:00 p.m. The featured band is Full House, a 1980's cover rock band.

The activities will include animals from the Potter Park Zoo, representatives from the Capital Area District Library who will distribute free children's books, the Northwest Initiative mobile food truck, representatives from the Ingham County Health Department, a magician and an animal balloon entertainer for the children, the ever popular piñata contest, and much more.

Instead of our normal hotdog and hamburger fare, walking tacos will be the food feature. Neighbors are still encouraged to bring potluck items, like salads and desserts, to round out the meal. This event will be a highlight for the WNA, so be sure to put it on your calendar.

## *Juneteenth Celebration*

Juneteenth is a holiday marking the end of slavery in the United States.

In the confusion and turmoil as the Civil war drew to a close, many blacks did not immediately learn of General Robert E. Lee's April 1865 surrender to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia. In fact, Texans fought on through May, when they finally learned that the war had truly ended.



When Union Army General Gordon Granger landed at the Texas Port City of Galveston to take command of the military district of Texas, one of his first actions after landing in June 1865, was to read General Order #3 to the people of Galveston.

General Granger read, "The people of Texas are informed...all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves..." Thus, June 19 (Juneteenth) - became the emancipation date

of those long suffering for freedom, the newly freed slaves of Texas.

This tradition of celebration has remained strong well into the 21st century and is celebrated in many states throughout the nation. Juneteenth is honored like the Fourth of July, with prayer services, inspirational speeches, reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, stories from former slaves, picnics, games, rodeos, dances and festivals.

The celebration of Juneteenth is a multi-cultural recognition of the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery. For African-Americans, it is a tribute to the strength, endurance and faith of their ancestors. For all of America it is a reminder that none of us is free until all of us are free!

Celebrating more than 25 years in the Lansing area, the 2019 celebration will take place June 13 - 15. In 2015, the African American Parade, became part of the Lansing Juneteenth Celebration. The parade was dedicated in memory of its founder, the late Rev. Dr. Michael C. Murphy, who was a former Lansing Legislator, City Council Member and community advocate. The 2019 parade will take place on Saturday, June 15 and will kick off at 10:00 am from Letts Community Center. Find out more at <https://www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org/>.

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# LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

In 1964, Ann and Walter Kron moved to Lansing. As Ann observed, in the early 60s, there were only three kinds of neighborhood: "Black, White, and 'changing.'" But Ann was determined to raise her family in a stable, racially integrated neighborhood. She gathered a handful of similarly concerned neighbors to found the Westside Neighborhood Association in 1965

An intuitively gifted community organizer, Ann believed that the fear of difference could be overcome by inviting neighbors to interact with each other in simple, friendly ways—picnics, parades, cook-outs. At its peak, the WNA had over 500 member families, drawn to the organization by these warm, neighborly activities, and ready at a moment's notice to fight to preserve the integrity of their welcoming neighborhood, making the organization a source of potent political power. During the seven years of Ann's presidency, the WNA mobilized to save St. Lawrence Hospital, shape successful city-wide school integration, and circulate an anti-blockbusting pledge for realtors, among many other civic and community accomplishments.

Today, the WNA is struggling to continue the legacy started by Kron due, in part, to lack of resident involvement within our neighborhoods. At risk of going the way of high-button shoes are the garage sales, neighborhood clean-ups, neighborhood flower planting, annual fundraiser, historic walks, and many other activities that the WNA has become known for.

To keep Kron's legacy alive the WNA needs volunteers to work and help chair specific activities. Are you committed to sharing your time and talents to help make the neighborhood a better place? Are you willing to be an enthusiastic advocate for the organization and encourage others to get involved? If you answered yes, maybe you'd consider joining the WNA Board of Directors or volunteer to chair a specific committee. Serving as a board member empowers you to advocate directly for real change in our communities. The board can consist of residents, business owners, and property owners.

While there are many vacancies to fill, the board is looking for someone to represent the neighborhoods south of 496, west of Jenison, and south of Michigan Ave.

If you are interested in helping to make a difference where you live, please contact the WNA Board of Directors for more information.

## **Do you have enough time for board service?**

Being on a board entails great responsibility and time. Just going to the board meetings will not be enough. You'll be serving on one or more committees, preparing for meetings, representing the organization at community affairs, and fundraising.

## **Do you enjoy collaborating with others?**

As a board member, you'll need to work with others, come to mutual decisions, work out disagreements, and get along with everyone.



## **What committees does the board have?**

Committees include programming, fundraising, liaison for Sexton and Riddle schools, crime and safety, communication, nominating committee, neighborhood watch, and events.

# *Help Prevent Car Break-ins*

## Prevention Techniques

### **Lock Your Doors**

A majority of car break-ins and thefts are from unlocked cars. Even if you are parked in front of your house, in your driveway or inside your garage, lock your doors. Criminals like to walk down the street and see if a car is unlocked. If it is they open the door and take whatever is visible and move on to the next target. However, if the door is locked, they are more likely to move on.



### **Secure Your Vehicle**

Roll your car windows up all the way and engage the car alarm, but do not depend on it as the only way to deter a thief. A car thief can break into your car and be out in about 30 seconds, fast enough that an alarm doesn't scare most of them away.

### **Keep Your Vehicle Tidy**

Thieves like to window shop! Avoid leaving anything visible in the car. Almost any item that's visible from the outside - even if you think it is worthless - could be seen as valuable to a thief. Your spare change, sunglasses, even an empty bag (a thief may think there is something inside the bag) could be valuable in the mind of a thief.

### **Conceal All Proof of Electronic Devices**

Stow your electronics and accessories well out of sight, or just take it along with you. The proof alone might be enough to pique the interest of thieves, including items such as power cords, adapters, and GPS windshield suction-cup mounts. If you remove the suction cup, make sure to wipe the ring off the windshield; it's a dead giveaway that you own a GPS.

### **Don't leave your car running**

It can be tempting to leave your car running when you're just popping in and out of the store, but this also makes it easy for a thief to hop in and drive away. Also, it's illegal to leave your car running and unattended. Laws vary based on the circumstance and state, but they all have the same goal in mind: to help prevent your car from getting stolen!

### Stash Before You Park

Get in the habit of putting items you want hidden in the trunk of your car before you arrive at your destination. Thieves will linger in busy parking lots looking for you to stash your valuable items.

### Park Smart

Park in a busy, well-lit area and avoid concealment from larger vehicles, fences, or foliage. Avoid parking in isolated and poorly-lit areas.

### Report Break-Ins

If you see a break-in in progress, call 911 immediately! Provide the 911 dispatcher with as much information as possible, such as:

- Location - Provide an address, block number, or specific location in a parking lot.
- Description of the suspect - Provide as much information as you can, i.e. sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color and length, color and length of facial hair, colors and style of clothing, and identifying marks such as tattoos and piercings.
- Direction - If the suspect flees, give the direction of travel. If they flee on a bicycle or in a vehicle, describe the color, make, model, and license plate number, if it is safe to do so!

Police also recommend people leaving for spring or summer break to be careful of what they post online, because it can tell someone they have an opportunity for a home or vehicle break-in.

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# BLACK HISTORY FROM WNA FILES

Dr. John W. Porter's distinguished career in education in the State of Michigan spans over 50 years. He began his professional career as a teacher in the Albion and Lansing school systems before joining the Michigan Department of Education. At 26, he was the youngest person and the first black professional employed in the Michigan Department of Education.

In 1969, Dr. Porter was unanimously elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the Michigan State Board of Education. At age 38, he was the youngest Chief State School Officer in the nation and the first black State School Superintendent in the United States, since the days of reconstruction.

In 1979, Dr. Porter was appointed the seventeenth President of Eastern Michigan University. During his first year of administration, Dr. Porter unveiled an ambitious plan entitled "A Decade of Advancement", a phrase which has come to describe Dr. Porter's legacy to Eastern. In 1989, upon retirement from the University, Dr. Porter joined the newly created national Board for Professional Teaching Standards. By mid spring, Dr. Porter agreed to become the general Superintendent of the Detroit Schools. The Detroit Quality Education Plan was developed, two millage campaigns were launched in an effort to stabilize and improve the urban school system over a two-year period.



In 1991, Dr. Porter formed the Center for Educational Improvement as an adjunct to the Urban Education Alliance, Inc. In 1992, Dr. Porter was inducted into the Michigan Educational Hall of Fame with the following tribute "Advocate of world class standards, spokesperson for National educational goals, champion of urban education,

pacesetter in school improvement and student achievement, supporter of vocational rehabilitation, standard-setter in staff retraining, innovator in accountability, legendary in higher learning, and unparalleled in state and national education". In 1999, the John W. Porter Distinguished Chair in Urban Education was endowed for over \$1.5M at Eastern Michigan University.

In October, 1999, the University named and dedicated the new John W. Porter College of Education Building as a lasting tribute to Dr. Porter's many contributions to the field of education. In September, 2001, Dr. Porter was inducted into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame. In October 2006, Dr. Porter released the publication of his most recent book entitled, Educational Leadership for the 21st Century. During that same month, Dr. Porter became the recipient of the first-ever Detroit Public Television John W. Porter Leadership Award.

U.S. Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter all appointed Porter to commissions and councils addressing higher education, employment, and mental health. He has held leadership positions and served on the boards of numerous national



organizations, including the Council of Chief State School Officers; the American Council of Education (Educational Credit Commission); the National Advisory Council on Social Security; the National Urban League; and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

U.S. Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton all appointed Porter to commissions and councils, ranging from higher education to employment and mental health.

Dr. Porter's son John Porter and family still reside within the WNA boundaries.



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## SEEKING WESTSIDE LIFERS!

If you have lived in the westside neighborhood for more than 50 years, contact Mitzi Allen and possibly be featured in the Westside Newsletter. Contact Mitzi at (517) 281-6930.

## *Neighborhood Newsletter*

The WNA publishes three editions of the newsletter each year. The newsletter's purpose is to share information about neighborhood and city initiatives and highlight what makes our neighborhood a great place in which to live. We recognize volunteers, local businesses, and others who contribute to the WNA's success.

In an attempt to have more newsworthy articles, we are asking for your help in supplying articles and soliciting ads from your favorite businesses. Submissions should be 300 words or less and include a high-resolution image to illustrate the article. To submit an article, please email it to [emily.derushia@gmail.com](mailto:emily.derushia@gmail.com) or [melik4398@gmail.com](mailto:melik4398@gmail.com). Article submission deadline for fall is September 1st.

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# Westside Remembers



Long time Westside neighbor, Carolyn Callen, died peacefully on February 19, 2019, surrounded by her family.

Carolyn and husband Ron moved to Lansing's Westside in 1973 where they raised 3 sons. Carolyn's deep compassion and care for others found expression through her work with many organizations and causes, including the Westside Neighborhood Organization, Hospice of Lansing (which she helped found), Advent House Ministries, the League of Women Voters, and countless election campaigns, all of which benefitted from her energy, time, and intelligence.

In 1998 Carolyn worked tirelessly to organize a Westside home tour. Her efforts continued for the next 16 years and the tours were a huge success! Thanks to Carolyn, wonderful neighbors opened their homes for the tour and hundreds of visitors were treated to the beauty of the Westside. Carolyn also organized garden tours to showcase many unique neighborhood yards. The Westside neighborhood is grateful for her dedication and commitment.



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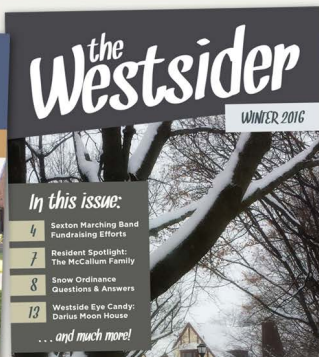
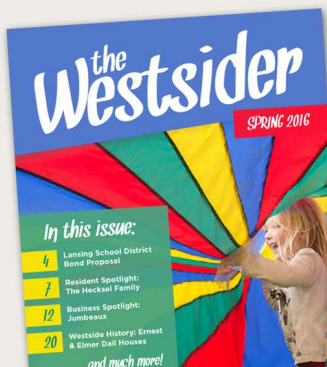
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