

The Brookfield Occasional

Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Annual meeting, picnic set for Sept. 8

By Dawn Parker

What's the most fun you can have on a fall Sunday afternoon without going far from home?

Answer: The Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association annual meeting and picnic!

The festivities are set for 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 15.

The event will be held on Oakland Drive this year at the midpoint of the street. Oakland Drive will be blocked at Roseland and at Grand River from 2 to 7 p.m. for the event.

City manager George La-

hanas, Mayor Diane Goddeeris and Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Triplett have all been invited to mingle with residents and answer questions about issues affecting the city.

Also on the invitation list are candidates for East Lansing City Council.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass, or just bring yourself!

Around 5 p.m., board member Erica Beattie will offer a short presentation about the history of the Brookfield neighborhood.

Children's activities, including a balloon man, will

be provided from 5 to 6 p.m.

The annual meeting, including election of board members, begins at 5:30 p.m. Nominations will be taken from residents if they know anyone wishing to serve.

Make sure to bring chairs, and also your \$20 BHNA dues payment. Since this annual meeting marks the beginning of our new fiscal year. Our goal this year is 100 percent participation.

So join the fun, come see old friends and meet new friends, and learn more about our home!

Man arraigned in connection with sex assaults

EAST LANSING — A Vernon man was arraigned Aug. 24 on charges in connection with a series of sexual assaults on women that has kept the community on edge in recent months.

Oswald Scott Wilder, 26, was arraigned in 54-B District Court on a count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration, one count of gross indecency by a sexually delinquent person and being a habitual offender-fourth offense.

Judge Andrea Larkin ordered

Wilder to be held in Ingham County Jail without bond. If convicted of the offenses, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

East Lansing police said they arrested Wilder Aug. 23 after an investigation into three sexual assaults in the city that occurred April 20, April 26 and May 16. Police could not be reached for further information about the arrest.

Police said the first incident occurred about midnight April 20 on Coolidge Road south of Lake Lansing Road. The victim told police she was dragged to a secluded ar-

ea where she was physically and sexually assaulted. A second assault occurred the early morning of April 26 in the 300 block of Charles Street. Police said a woman was attempting to enter her home when she was dragged to a secluded area where she was physically assaulted and a sexual assault attempt was made.

This is *your* association! Your \$20 annual dues payment strengthens our voice in City affairs and helps protect our part of East Lansing!

ELPL to host Michigan Reads! kickoff Sept. 9

The Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association's mission:

- *To preserve the neighborhood's unique treescape and environment – your dues help pay to replace trees along our streets!*
- *To promote the safety of the neighborhood.*
- *To foster community through annual picnics and social events*
- *To protect the single-family character of the area through representation in city government.*

Update your email address at our website and keep up to date on neighborhood news!

Join our announcements mailing list: visit <http://brookfieldneighborhood.net/mail> to sign up and update your address.

Send any items for the newsletter to communications officer Dawn Parker at dawn_parker@comcast.net.

EAST LANSING — The East Lansing Public Library (ELPL), 950 Abbot Road, will be hosting the statewide launch of the Library of Michigan's 2013 Michigan Reads! Program with a special community event on Monday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.

Leslie Helakoski, author of this year's Michigan Reads! book selection "Woolbur," will be in attendance to sign books and do an activity with the children. The launch event will also feature a special reading of "Woolbur" by guest reader Julie Calley, wife of Lt. Gov. Brian Calley; a chance for children to pet and take pictures

with live sheep; an opportunity to purchase the book "Woolbur" thanks to Schuler Books; and a sheep mask craft "to go" for the children. There will also be a program featuring brief remarks by State Librarian Nancy Robertson and East Lansing Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Triplett. ELPL Director Kristin Shelley will serve as emcee of the event.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected as the host site for the statewide launch of the Michigan Reads! program," said Shelley.

"We invite all area community members

to be a part of this fun celebration at the East Lansing Public Library." Following the launch, Helakoski will visit Donley Elementary School at 1:30 p.m. to read "Woolbur" and do a group activity with the younger students.

Michigan Reads! is presented by Target, the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation. Learn more about Michigan Reads! at www.michigan.gov/michiganreads. Contact ELPL at (517) 351-2420 with any questions about the Michigan Reads! launch event. The event is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

ELEF to hold football tailgate Sept. 13 at ELHS

EAST LANSING - The East Lansing Educational Foundation will hold its second annual ELEF Tailgate prior to the Trojans' home football game on Friday Sept. 13. East Lansing will host Jackson at 7 p.m.

The tailgate will run from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. just west of the football field adjacent to the concession stand, with entertainment provided by the ELHS Marching Band drumline.

The tailgate menu includes a chicken wrap by Grand Grillin', chips, apple, cookie and a drink for

\$5 per person. New kindergarten students will receive a free hot dog meal.

"Last year was so successful we decided to do it again! We hope to have a lot of fun, and we hope to have people learn about the ELEF," former Red Cedar Elementary School principal and ELEF president Mindy Emerson said.

"We want parents to understand what a valuable and supportive resource ELEF provides to the school district."

More than 500 people attended last year's event, including 75 new kindergartners.

The ELEF works to enhance excellence in public education by raising and distributing private resources for the benefit and enrichment of all students. Funds are given out in a variety of ways, including to district staff through a grant-writing process.

Emerson is co-chairing the event with board member Barb Hagan, aided by ELEF board member Mary Strolle. The idea originated with Pat Brown of the Holt Educational Foundation, which has been holding a similar event for nearly 20 years.