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Neighborhood Association Dues & Picnic

By Jennifer Castner

It has been just over 6 months since we gathered at our annual September potluck on a glorious fall day.

Dozens of residents turned out to share a potluck, catch up on neighborhood news, and conduct the annual election of Brookfield Neighborhood Association board members.

After many years of service, Nancy Knupfer & Judy Benedict rotated off the board, & Philip Eisenlohr & Mike Benedict committed to 3-year terms.

Have you paid your 2015-

2016 dues yet? At just \$20 per year, they are a bargain.

Here are just some of the benefits:

*Neighborhood Association representation and a voice at East Lansing government meetings and policy-making

*Hosting for our website and mailing lists

*Funds to provide for replacement trees along our beautiful streets.

If you haven't yet paid your dues this year, you can mail them in the enclosed envelope or drop them off at Treasurer Alan Munn's home @ 164 Oak-

land Drive.

Please make your check out to Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association!

Our 2016 picnic will take place on Sunday, September 11. Mark your calendars!

This is *your* association!

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

Road Safety in Brookfield

By Jennifer Castner

Have you noticed more people speeding through our quiet neighborhood? Cars that barely tap the brakes at the stop signs on Roseland? Drivers that don't slow for pedestrians, dog-walkers, and even children on our streets?

Some of these drivers are cutting through the neighborhood, some are delivery trucks, but some drivers are also our neighbors.

Let's all work together to

keep our streets safe and quiet!

Things you can do:

- Pedestrians should seek eye contact with drivers passing by.
- Set a good example by observing safe and appropriate speeds and stopping at stop signs.

Also, a recent article on the eastlansinginfo.org website drew attention to an EL Police Department press release stating that the Hagadorn-Grand River intersection is

the most dangerous one in Ingham county in terms of sheer numbers of accidents. The article goes on to state that ELPD plans to increase enforcement at the intersection.

Reasons for hazardous conditions at this intersection are distracted and impatient drivers, dense traffic, and a long light cycle causing further distractions.

Read the ELI article at this link: <http://bit.ly/1QytWlj>

Deer Cull Plans Remain in Limbo in EL

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.*

By Dawn Parker

There's no plan for a deer kill any time soon in East Lansing - but one could happen.

Council members passed an ordinance Tuesday that gives them the authority to allow a hunt for wildlife management purposes.

"It ought to be us who authorizes the activity," Mayor Mark Meadows said. A hunt will happen, he added, "when council members decide we need to do something."

The council initially heard a presentation on the deer last fall from environmental director Cathy DeShambo. Any action on a kill

now means the city would have to foot the bill for a kill. DeShambo reiterated Tuesday the cost would be "under \$10,000" and would depend on what was included.

Any cost and how it would be paid "would have to be a decision by the council," DeShambo said at the time.

DeShambo said the city has been hearing concerns from residents since at least 2011, including from some who have urged the city to adopt a managed deer hunt similar to Meridian Township. Ray Vlasin said Wednesday his Harrison Mead-

ows neighbors have told him deer have done more damage than they sustained during 2013's devastating ice storm. He said he continues to see clusters of seven to eight deer near his house.

"They're out there and they're still causing damage," Vlasin said. "People are very tired of the amount of damage they've been sustaining. I had hoped (the council) would return from this hiatus with some kind of a plan."

Read the original article in the Lansing State Journal: <http://on.lsj.com/1RpQVuw>

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 news or updates to communications officer Jennifer Castner at pennifer@gmail.com or call her at 510-393-5525.

Preserving Our History

By Mike Benedict

In recent board meetings, the Brookfield Neighborhood Association board members have been discussing ways to gather and share our neighborhood's history.

We would like to invite neighbors to participate in a history project, so that we can all learn more about our neighborhood's interesting history as well as any other trivia that comes our way.

In addition to searching for Brookfield history in local archives, we hope that you will share any information that you may have to share – notable neighbors, interesting home history, pictures, early neighborhood history, memories about the Brookfield

neighborhood, anything you think may be relevant.

Contact me, Mike Benedict by phone (517-332-5139) or email (michaelybenedict@msn.com) to share memories or make arrangements to share information.

Updated Website

Thanks to Carl Lira, brookfieldneighborhood.net has an updated look and functionality that is also now mobile-friendly for your smartphone/tablet.

Visit the site to learn more, read meeting minutes, past news, revisit the bylaws, and more!

Brookfield Trees

Our neighborhood is known for its beautiful trees, especially the maples that line our streets. Did you know that your dues contribute to a tree replacement fund?

If you have recently lost a street-side tree, you can ask for help replacing it.

Resident Pat Robinson coordinates neighborhood tree replacement with East Lansing's Environmental Operations department.

Contact her at ohandle@cvm.msu.edu or (517) 351-6958.

Talk to your neighbors & get neighborhood news on Facebook!

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