

# Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association

Spring has Sprung, Finally!!

Spring Issue

## Our Silver Ladies

Last year we reported the need to plant more silver maples. In March the City Council approved our Community Improvement Challenge Grant request for matching funds to plant five silver maples. Discount Trees planted five silver maple trees at a total cost of \$1,625. Trees were planted at: 1715 Roseland, 185 Maplewood, 224 Oakland, and 242 Hagadorn (on Roseland).

Care instructions have been delivered to homeowners and we thank them for their efforts in nurturing the trees through the coming summer months. Special thanks to Ali-zadeh and Behnaz Raberi Miandoab (120 Maplewood) for agreeing to look after the tree planted at 100 Maplewood.

To our tree champions, Pat and Ed Robinson, for submitting our grant proposal, working with Discount Trees and contacting homeowners about tree care, an extra special thanks for all their efforts in keeping Brookfield green.



## Property News

You may have noticed that some things got done to the red house at 1736 Roseland. A city inspection found problems including an unlocked house. The owner was cited for unrepaired fire damage which had to be fixed to avoid an abandoned property notification.

The burned garage has been torn down and hopefully will eventually be rebuilt. Other improvements are planned to

## Garden Walk 2002

Last year we asked for ideas for replenishing our tree fund and Linda Brundage had a great one. At least six of our neighbors have offered to open their yards to residents and their closest garden loving friends and family for the first Brookfield Neighborhood Garden Party.

Saturday, June 22, 2002, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Rain date: Sunday, June 23, 2002

Cost: \$10.00 or more donation to the Brookfield Tree Fund.

If you would like to be a part of this great fund raising activity, please join the next Garden Party Planning Committee meeting at Linda & Ralph's house, 235 Maplewood Drive on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We need volunteers to provide refreshments.

It was suggested that Maplewood and Oakland be barricaded during the party to make our walk safer. Residents will need to be petitioned and the city will need to grant permission and provide the barricades. Look for the petitions soon.

Mark your calendars and look for more garden party information next month.

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maintain the house as owner occupied. The owner is aware that the house can't be rented without a license. The city is in touch with the owner and is aware of the house condition. Finding it unlocked was a great concern for vandalism.

Housing questions? Call 319-6857  
Building permit questions? Call 319-6871



## Spring Cleaning

Final Spring No-Fee Yard Waste Pickup: Monday, May 13, 2002

The City and the Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) are once again teaming up for the annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, June 8, 2002, in East Lansing. Residents who wish to participate in the free drop-off collection must call the County at 887-4312 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled between 8 a.m. and noon.

Project Pride: East Lansing Recycling Event Saturday, June 1, 2002

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbott Road

## The Big Picture

The City of East Lansing is in the process of completing a new Comprehensive Plan for the future development of the City. Last done in 1981-82, the current plan has been amended a dozen times over the past 20 years.

A Comprehensive Plan Team was formed by the East Lansing Planning Commission to develop and undertake

## Grand River Avenue Improvement Plan

On Monday, March 18, 2002, a report on recommendations for improving East Grand River Avenue, Bogue Street to Brookfield Drive, was presented to the East Lansing Transportation Commission.

The Study Team's recommendations include replacement of existing sidewalks with wide pathways, pedestrian level lighting, pocket parks, irrigated lawn areas and a pedestrian crossing signal.

What happened to the 1999 recommendation for a 30 ft. wide boulevard along the center of Grand River Avenue, similar to that which currently exists in downtown East Lansing?

Grand River Avenue businesses and property owners expressed strong opposition to the proposed plan. Reasons for this opposition were concerns with the additional roadway right-of-way needed to construct the boulevard and potential adverse business impacts associated with the use of indirect left turns.

the steps needed to establish a new plan. The Team divided the City into six Planning Areas to better focus on the unique needs and opportunities of the different neighborhoods. The Brookfield Neighborhood is part of Planning Area 5.

For info on The Big Picture and other EL events, see the EL website:  
<http://www.cituofoeastlansing.com>

## Neighborhood Association Board Members

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Welcome!!!

The home of life long resident, Emily Frame, 136 Oakland, was purchased this year by Julie Ann Karkosak and William Polleys. Please join us at this year's Garden Party and our annual business meeting.

