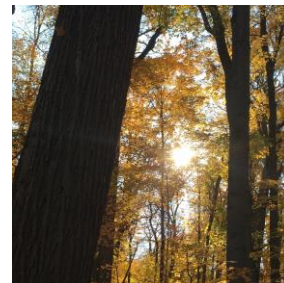


**August  
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# BHNA News

*Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association Newsletter*



## **BHNA Officers**

### **President:**

Jeffrey Johnson  
144 Maplewood

### **Vice President:**

Matt Kazmierski  
136 Oakland

### **Treasurer:**

Alice Schehr  
155 Oakland

### **Secretary:**

Steve Beckman  
1715 Roseland

### **Communications:**

Gail Lytle Lira  
131 Oakland

### **At-large:**

Mark Warner  
274 Oakland

John Hays  
1645 Roseland

Steve Whelan  
136 Maplewood Drive

### **Email the board:**

board@brookfieldneighborhood.net

**Learn about our  
neighborhood history at**  
<https://tinyurl.com/lasz812d>

by Mike Benedict

## **2023 Picnic and Meeting**

All neighbors are invited to the BHNA Neighborhood Picnic & Annual Meeting Sunday, 9/10/23 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the middle of Oakland Drive. The annual meeting will begin at 5:00. Come and meet neighbors. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Hot dogs and beverages will be furnished (rain date of Sunday, 9/17/23). Agenda includes election of new officers, a budget report, and neighborhood events.

## **2023 Garden Walk**

*Our Garden Walk on July 16<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful event for our beautiful neighborhood. Thank you to the gardeners for sharing their marvelous yards on an especially gorgeous Sunday afternoon.*

<https://www.brookfieldneighborhood.net>

*Thank you to Matt Kazmierski, Mark Warner and Carl Lira for exploring the City's web site hosting option - Civic Plus - and for their ongoing efforts to keep our website functioning.*

New to Brookfield? Please join our neighborhood website:

[www.brookfieldneighborhood.net](http://www.brookfieldneighborhood.net) and our neighborhood Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/brookfieldneighborhood/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/brookfieldneighborhood/)

## **Accessory Dwelling Units**

From John Hays

*There continues to be discussion about "Accessory Dwelling Units," little houses that can be added to someone's back or side yard and then rented out. So far the city of East Lansing hasn't passed any ordinances approving these. Regardless if it does, an ADU cannot be erected in the Brookfield subdivision - at least as a rental unit.*

*Our covenants provide in the opening 4th paragraph: "One detached dwelling -house only may be erected on each lot, and one private garage may be erected to accommodate each dwelling house. Semi-detached or two -family houses may be erected, provided same shall occupy two or more lots."*

*A little house can be used for educational or recreational purposes. There are other restrictions against using an ADU for privies and stables and the like."*



Visit our **Little Free Library** at 165 Oakland Drive. A great place to leave a book and borrow a book.

For current East Lansing news and events

[www.cityofeastlansing.com/eNews](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/eNews)

## Our Mission:

*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.*

### Covenant and Consent Forms Update

From Steve Beckman

*Signed consent forms are still needed from 35 households. Those residents will be contacted directly before the annual neighborhood meeting on Sunday, September 10th.*

### BHNA Dues

*The dues are used to replace our aging trees along the streetscape. We've also been setting up luminaries during the month of December. Our dues have been \$20 for many years. At the picnic (during the meeting) we will discuss raising the dues and ask the membership to consider an increase to \$25 per household.*

*Checks may be made out to the Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association (Please drop off checks to Treasurer, Alice Schehr).*

*MSUFCU members may use M2M (send to Brookfield1).*

To request a current copy of the BHNA neighborhood directory go to <https://brookfieldneighborhood.net/contact/Communications>

November 7, 2023 East Lansing General Election – for more information go to [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com)