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Brookfield Occasional

Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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We Got Feedback

The newly convened social committee wanted to hear from you about neighborhood activities. In July, a link to a five-question survey was posted to our Facebook page for two weeks.

In summary, respondents would like intergenerational activities (64%) offered on a quarterly basis (50%) on the weekends (42%) and in the evening (50%).

When it came to the type activities, respondents preferred garden walks, potluck gatherings and community service projects from the multiple-choice list.

Survey respondent suggestions for neighborhood activities included: musical gatherings, holiday parties and a euchre tournament.

The social committee reviewed the survey results and will take this information in consideration as we plan future neighborhood event.

Finally, to those that took the time to complete the survey.

*thank
you!*

Neighborhood Picnic & Annual Meeting – 9/08/24

Our Association’s constitution calls for an annual meeting. In addition to the order of business, the gathering is an opportunity to introduce new and long-term residents to one another.

Per the BHNA constitution, notice of the annual meeting will be mailed to property owners at least two (2) weeks in advance.

This year we are encouraging residents to sign-up for items in advance of the picnic. This year’s notice includes a link and a QR code to a sign-up list with suggested items.

Our Covenant is 100 years old!

In April the BHNA board was pleased to announce that the Brookfield Subdivision Restrictions (the covenant) were renewed for another 25 years as of March 18th, 2024.

What we failed to share was the fact that this was the 3rd twenty-five renewal. The original Brookfield covenant was recorded by the register of deeds for Ingham County in 1924. This was one year after the subdivision was platted.

The covenant may be unfamiliar to new neighbors. For more information about the covenant and the renewal process contact: John Hays at: pat-johnhays@att.net

p.s. - Designation of Brookfield as a Heritage Neighborhood was effective on February 6, 1990. This year marks the 34th anniversary for the BHN.

ANNUAL DUES

Friendly reminder, BHNA annual dues are due in September 2024. Ideally you can pay your dues at the annual meeting. If you cannot attend, please mail your check to Alice Schehr, (Treasurer) OR deliver check/cash directly to her at 155 Oakland Drive.

Dues are now \$25 per household (voted on at the September 2023 picnic/meeting). Your dues support costs for replacement trees along our streets, our website, neighborhood meetings, mailings, and the newsletter.

Make your check out to BHNA!

Did You Know??

The BHNA board maintains an updated directory of property addresses, property owners and when provided, email addresses and/or phone numbers. You may request the directory (pdf file) by emailing the BHNA board at: board@brookfieldneighborhood.net

Garden Walk

2025

If you are interested in participating in next year’s walk, please contact a member of the Board. All neighbors and gardens are welcome! Stay tuned for updates in early 2025.



New to Brookfield?

Learn about our neighborhood history at <http://tinyurl.com/lSz8l2d>

by Mike Benedict



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

Contact Jennifer Castner for info: pennifer@gmail.com.

Our Mission:

The BHNA'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.

BHNA Social Committee Update

Thanks to Denise Moore, Amy Schlusler, Julie Colleen and Nella Davis-Ray for agreeing to serve on the recently activated BHNA social committee. This committee is charged with planning and executing events like the winter solstice luminaries, the neighborhood picnic, the garden walk, and outreach activities.

If you would be interested in serving on the committee or if you have any suggestions for the committee, please email the board at: board@brookfieldneighborhood.net.

Even if you're not interested in serving on the committee, we're always looking for helpers. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our call for help.

Other News...

HAGADORN ROAD DIET

UPDATE – The project is a lane conversion from four to three lanes on Hagadorn Road between Burcham Drive and East Grand River Avenue. Additionally, this project includes hot mix asphalt (HMA) milling and resurfacing, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk repairs, pavement markings and restoration. Anlaan Corporation is the contractor for this project. Rowe Engineering is the engineering consultant managing the project. The final completion date is anticipated to be Aug. 28, 2024. There has been lots of concern about increased traffic flying through the neighborhood. In the absence of sidewalks, walkers should remember to walk *against* traffic to keep oncoming vehicles in their field of vision. The general rule is walk against traffic, cycle with traffic.

WANTED: New Board Members

There will be three seats available for three-year terms beginning October 2024. Alice Schehr, Steve Beckman and Gail Lytle Lira's terms are ending. The new board members will be elected at the September annual meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to support our neighborhood. If you are interested in being nominated please email the board: board@brookfieldneighborhood.net or feel free to reach out to any of the current officers.



New to Brookfield? Please join our neighborhood website: www.brookfieldneighborhood.net and our neighborhood Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/brookfieldneighborhood/

Join us to share news and information, participate in governance of our neighborhood association, or just share pretty pictures and have fun with neighbors.

THE TREES

Our BHN tree ambassador, Pat Robinson, has walked the neighborhood with the city's new arborist, Andy Gordon. He is responsible for implementing the city-wide tree trimming program. This program aims to trim every city tree on a 7-year cycle. As it currently stands, Brookfield will be included in the 2026 cycle.

Andy Gordon has been invited to our September 8th meeting to talk about his job as arborist and to discuss plans for our neighborhood trees.

During the walk Pat pointed out the silver maples that are declining. Trees that may require action before the 2026 cycle.

To learn about other East Lansing construction projects please visit:

www.cityofeastlansing.com/238/Construction-Projects

Stay tuned and stay safe!

CITY NEWS



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