

Churchill Downs Newsletter

Churchill Downs Community Association

June/July 2023

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Picnic

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30pm
at Wainwright Park.

Summer Park Hangouts

Thursdays, 6-8pm at
Wainwright Park. Bring your
family, friends, or just
yourself to enjoy summer
evenings at the park. A
variety of sport equipment
and games will be available
to use.

Pilates in the Park

Saturday, July 22 at 8:30am
and Monday, July 24 at 7pm
at Wainwright Park. Led by
pilates instructor Melissa
Porchik. Check her out on
instagram @Melilates

Pick Up That Trash!

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
through the summer, meet
at Hillborn Park at 5:30pm to
pick up trash and keep our
neighborhood beautiful.

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Community Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month,
6:30-8pm, Alfreda Schmidt
Community Center.

***Note:** The June meeting is
the picnic, and there is no
meeting in July.

In Churchill Downs, we get together as neighbors to support and initiate activities that benefit our community, work cooperatively to solve problems, and establish communication links between neighbors and local government/other organizations. Everyone has a part to play in making our neighborhood an enjoyable place to live, and we are glad to have you with us.

Neighborhood Picnic

Come join us for our annual neighborhood picnic Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30pm at Wainwright Park. There will be grilling, popcorn, snow cones, yard games, water balloons, and plenty of opportunity to have fun with your family and neighbors. Bring a dish to pass and something to sit on and be a part of making our neighborhood feel like a community.

Good Neighbor Awards



Do you appreciate your neighbors and want to tell them thanks for the ways they are a good neighbor? Fill out our Good Neighbor Award form in person at our monthly meetings or online at our website, and we will drop off a small yard sign to the neighbor you would like to thank. Let's encourage each other to look out for one another and make this neighborhood a great place to live.

Crosswalk Painting at Jerree and Stillwell



Example of crosswalk painting on east side of Lansing.

The City of Lansing's Neighborhoods, Art, and Citizen Engagement department awarded us a grant to paint the crosswalks at the intersection of Jerree St. and Stillwell Ave. this summer. **We need your help to make this happen!** If you have ideas for what kind of design you would like on these crosswalks, please submit ideas to Elizabeth at hossinke@gmail.com by Friday, June 16. The designs will have to be relatively simple, as we will only have 2-3 colors to work with and we want to use stencils to make the painting process simple. We will vote on the design at the neighborhood picnic on June 20, and paint the crosswalks on September 2 from 10am-2pm. On the day of the painting, we will need volunteers for traffic control as well as the painting itself. Email Elizabeth to let her know you want to volunteer.

If you have any events or activities you would like to share with your neighbors, email that information to Elizabeth for it to be posted in the next newsletter. We also encourage you to use our Facebook group to invite neighbors to activities.





Meet the Board

In the April community meeting, we had elections for some members of our CDCA board. Please welcome our new President, Jay West! Pictured above, these neighbors volunteer to meet monthly and work together to make our neighborhood a better place. In the photo, from top left to bottom right we have: Jeanne Fangboner (At-large), Jeanne Sayer (At-large), Anita Wilson (Secretary), Judy Redding (Treasurer), Jay West (President), Nick Miller (Vice President), Veda Dove-Washington (At-large), Heather Daniel (At-large), and Elizabeth Stepnowski (Communications).

If you are interested in serving on our board, our next elections will be in September.

Share this newsletter with your neighbors!

Currently our email newsletter is only reaching about 12% of the households in the neighborhood. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to hear about what is going on. **If you are willing to help pass out physical newsletters to your street or block, please let Elizabeth know!** And please encourage neighbors to sign up to receive this via email (sign up on our website), as that is the only way we can assure they will receive it every time.

Lugnuts Game

Churchill Downs has a suite reserved for a Lugnuts baseball game on Sunday, Sept 3 at 1pm. We still have a few tickets left, so if you would like to watch the game with some of your neighbors, contact Mike Redding (517-449-2980) to claim your ticket.

Neighborhood Cleanup

This is our annual event for neighbors to easily dispose of bulky items that don't fit in their weekly trash carts. It will happen in the fall – check out our next newsletter for the exact date.

Get Involved!

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center from 6:30-8pm. This is a time to meet neighbors and talk about what is happening in the neighborhood. If you would like to be involved in some way other than the monthly meeting, consider any of these options:

- Attending or volunteering at neighborhood events
- Helping with communication like writing/distributing newsletters, putting up and taking down signs, making Facebook posts, etc
- Distributing welcome packets to new neighbors

To get involved or if you have questions, contact Jay West.

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