

# Churchill Downs Newsletter

Churchill Downs Community Association

October/November 2022

## Upcoming Events

### Worship Nights

Enjoy a campfire (or a warm living room for cold/rainy days) and music to worship Jesus together. Oct 21, Nov 3, and Nov 18 at 7pm at 5010 Conners Ave

### Game Nights

Connect over board/card games and snacks. Oct 15, Oct 28, and Nov 11 at 6:30 pm, 5010 Conners Ave

## Recurring Events

### Churchill Downs

#### Community Meeting

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

\***Note:** The October meeting is from 7-8:30pm

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Constituent

#### Contact Meeting

Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center to converse with City Council member Adam Hussain.

*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.*

## Shining Light Award

Community is strong when we look out for and take care of each other. This December, we will acknowledge a resident of Churchill Downs for their effort toward that mission, and we are looking for nominations. Nominate a neighbor who goes above and beyond in showing kindness, care, and/or service to you or other Churchill Downs neighbors. Prepare a brief explanation or story of why you are nominating them, and share it at the November community meeting or email it to [hossinke@gmail.com](mailto:hossinke@gmail.com) to be shared then. At our November meeting the community will vote on who should receive the award this year.

## Share this newsletter with your neighbors!

Currently our email newsletter is only reaching about 10% 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.

## Painting the Roads



Example of a painted crosswalk in Spain

Speeding has always been an issue in our neighborhood, and more so now since Waverly Rd has been closed and people are using our neighborhood instead. Several neighbors are working on submitting petitions to the City of Lansing to look into traffic calming measures on various streets, especially along Stillwell Ave. In addition to anything the city might be able to help us with, we would like to paint some of the crosswalks/intersections with bright colors and fun designs. This will both bring awareness to these intersections so that people slow down, and add a pop of color and personality to the street. This project would most likely take place next spring or summer, but is only in the brainstorming stage at this point. If you would like to be involved in the conversation, come to our October or November community meetings, or communicate your thoughts to one of our board members.

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If you have any events or activities you would like to share with your neighbors, even as simple as going on a walk to pick up trash, email that information to [hossinke@gmail.com](mailto:hossinke@gmail.com) for it to be posted in the next newsletter. Newsletters are written bimonthly. We also encourage you to use our Facebook group to invite neighbors to activities





## Meet the Board

In the September community meeting we had elections for some members of our CDCA board. Pictured above, these neighbors volunteer to meet monthly and work together to make our neighborhood a better place. Several of them mentioned in the meeting that serving on the board has been a blessing to them as they have enjoyed the friendship among neighbors and the chance to give back to the community. In the photo, from top left to bottom right we have:

Jimmy Seay (at-large)  
 Judy Redding (treasurer)  
 Elizabeth Stepnowski (president)  
 Heather Daniel (at-large)  
 Nick Miller (vice president)  
 Jeanne Sayer (at-large)  
 Anita Wilson (secretary)  
 Jeanne Fangboner (at-large)

If you see these friendly faces in the neighborhood, make sure to say "hi"! We also want to give a special welcome to our newest board member, Anita Wilson. Thank you all for serving our community!

Our next elections will be in April for our President, Vice President and three more at-large members or committee chairs.

## Trick or Treat

Trick or treating in Lansing takes place on October 31 from 6-8pm. If weather permits, make passing out candy a social thing for you and your neighbors by setting up tables and chairs together in your driveways or front yards. Let's make this neighborhood a welcoming and safe place for our youth!

## Get Involved!

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center from 6:30-8pm. **But please note that for the October meeting only, the time will be from 7:00-8:30pm.** 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
- Helping to write or implement grants for neighborhood projects

To get involved or if you have questions, contact Elizabeth Stepnowski.

## Helpful contact info

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[churchilldownslansing.info](http://churchilldownslansing.info)

Facebook Page:  
 Churchill Downs  
 Community Association

Facebook Group:  
 Neighbors  
 of Churchill Downs