

The Village Voice



Together we can. Together we will.



What is The Village Lansing?

We are all of you! We are simply people that care about our city, and the people in it. We want to see our youth and our communities thrive. We want to stop feeling helpless knowing that so many people are falling through the cracks. So we decided to take action and start doing **what we can, where we can, however we can.**

Fellowship BBQ's- A time to get to know our communities.



July of 2019— In response to recent violence involving our youth, we decided to take to the streets in an effort to reconnect our communities through fellowship. The response was overwhelming, this is when “Fellowship BBQ Mondays” was born. We were able to hold BBQ's at Ferris, Risdale, and Foster Parks, complete with hot dogs, chips, snacks, and drinks for hundreds of kids. All made possible by community donations. We were also able to hold a backpack giveaway during our Risdale Park BBQ, where we were able to supply close to 70 kids with backpacks filled with school supplies generously donated by Lansing resident Sidney Black.

The Village Lansing wants to recognize YOU!



Now accepting nominations for

Student Athlete of the Month



Educator of the Month



Nominations will be accepted for March

February 15-22

VISIT our Facebook page for guidelines

WHAT'S NOW, AND WHAT'S NEXT

October 30th 2019 The Village, with the help of many local donors was able to put together 2 events; our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat and the Hallow-eve Teen Open Gym.



Our trunk or treat event was held at Risdale Park and attended by at least 75 Lansing children. We were able to hand out close to 100 bags of candy donated by Lansing residents. We also had close to 40 volunteers that decorated their trunks and handed out candy in the cold and rain! The Trunk or Treat was also attended by Lansing's Fire and Police Departments, who brought out a fire truck, fire engine, and a police patrol car accompanied by LFD and LPD personnel, who braved the cold and rain for the duration to give out candy and meet all the kids. We also had some Lansing area business sponsors for the event; LAFCU, Medawar Jewelers West, and Domino's Pizza Downtown.



TRUNK OR TREAT
FREE FAMILY FUN
THE VILLAGE LANSING PRESENTS THE 1ST ANNUAL
BOUNCE HOUSE
WACKS
POPCORN

THE VILLAGE LANSING PRESENTS HALLOW-EVE TEEN OPEN GYM
BASKETBALL
MONEYBALL GIVEAWAYS
PRIZES
October 30th
Midnight
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OPERATION SANTA
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The Village Lansing is sponsoring a family of 3 this year through the Operation Santa program.
What is Operation Santa? For many children, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but there are some children whose families are unable to afford the financial or personal luxuries, so these children never receive the joy that their friends enjoy. It is these children that Operation Santa was started.
Operation Santa is a community outreach project that helps less fortunate children in the Lansing area have a happier holiday. A family can be contacted by telephone or social media and gifts are purchased for all children in the household in an effort to give the children what they want for Christmas, they are asked to put three items on their wish list. They also provide additional information such as age, clothing size and special toys to aid in the selection of their gifts. In years past many children asked for needed clothing items in their gift requests, sometimes asking for necessities and so tonight as you needed clothing and winter items are included as well. We want to give the children a fun holiday but also give them items that they feel they need and recognize the importance of both.
Operation Santa is funded solely by donations - not a cent goes to administration or overhead - and is led by volunteers in the community.
How can you help? Sign up to donate a new, unopened gift from the sign-up genius by clicking on the link (message @TheVillageLansing on Facebook to drop off gifts or arrange for us to pick up OR give a monetary donation to

Our Hallow-eve Teen Open Gym was generously sponsored and hosted by RA1 Basketball Range and was attended by at least 40 teens. We were able to feed everyone thanks to Domino's Pizza Downtown, and give away many great prizes sponsored by Moneyball Sportswear and Meemic Insurance. With these events, we wanted to drive home the importance of community! Without all of our donors and sponsors from right here in the Lansing area, neither events would have been possible. The very existence of The Village Lansing wouldn't be possible without you! The Village Lansing was created, and is operated by people just like you. In essence, The Village Lansing is not just an organization, it's a MINDSET. **We. You. Us. Are The VILLAGE. WE ARE ONE!** To get involved with The Village and find out how to volunteer your time, or if you have access to resources that may be of help to move us as a community forward, we would love to hear from you. Contact information is on Page 4.



The Village Lansing was invited to take part in a roundtable discussion for the Thriving City Tours hosted by Governor Whitmer and Lt. Governor Gilchrist, aimed to improved individual cities and communities.



We were able to give out 20 MSU Football tickets thanks to a generous donation by State Representative Sarah Anthony.

The Village was able to sponsor several Lansing families through the Operation Santa program, which is a community outreach project that helps Lansing children have happier holidays.



2020 and Beyond-

The Village Lansing is currently partnering with Lansing Everett High school to fellowship and mentor with our Capital City teens on a large scale. The goal is to begin building relationships with the young men and women of our city to strengthen bond's of community, and give us a rare look inside the issues our young people are facing. We plan to hold a town hall in the near future in an effort to give the young people a voice that is seldom heard.

The Village would also like to recognize the youth in our city who exemplify the Village Lansing's Mission statement. These will be nominated individuals that will then be voted on by our communities. The categories are Student, Student Athlete, and Educator of the Month. We will also recognize a donor of the month, an individual that has made an impact on our efforts. Please visit us on Facebook or go to our website for the official nomination and voting guidelines. Nominations for March will be accepted from February 15 through February 29.

We kicked things off a little different for our very first honorees From Lansing Everett High School, nominated by staff: Educator of the Month- Mrs. Gundrum, Student of the Month- Na'Kayla Green, and Student Athlete of the Month- Shamar Howard. A special Certificate of Bravery was awarded to Paul Nguyen for a recent act of courage.

A special thank you to Moneyball Sportswear for their contributions to award these exceptional individuals.

Nominations for March awards will be accepted from February 15 through February 22, please visit us on Facebook for guidelines.



GO VIKINGS!

We plan to continue our Monday Fellowship BBQ's in the park throughout the spring and summer, taking us into the neighborhoods to get a first hand ear on the issues plaguing our communities so that we can figure out all the ways that we can help. We will be doing another backpack and school supplies giveaway, we're excited to plan for our 2nd annual Halloween Trunk or Treat and Open Gym events, and we will be sponsoring more families for the holiday season. These efforts were highly successful thanks to the amazing people of Lansing, so volunteers and donations are always accepted and encouraged to support these efforts.

We will continue to find more ways that we can a part of the solution so we are looking forward to growing in many different areas to better serve our city. The Village Lansing is more than an organization, it is a mindset and a way of life. Remember that anyone can be a part of the Village so don't hesitate to reach out, there are so many things that can be valuable in empowering our communities.

Thank you to the local businesses and organizations that helped make 2019 a success!



How can you support The Village Lansing?

Would you like to help? 100% of all donations go to our youth and communities. There is an array of items that are always needed and any monetary donations will be used to purchase needed items.

We hold organized outreach events to strengthen our relationships within our communities, which also serve as a way to distribute donated items. We would like to partner with existing organizations and resources to make ourselves available to directly meet a need or facilitate a way to. If you or your organization has resources available please contact us, we accept all levels of commitment. You can help out with one of our outreach events, attend a fellowship activity, pick up some donations for us, make some phone calls, find some information, share our page and events. There are so many things that can be valuable for our youth and our city; your knowledge, skills, network, ideas, just reach out to us. There are so many ways to donate to The Village!

Specific Items Always Needed:

Clothing and Winter Items; Coats, hats, gloves, winter boots, and socks are ALWAYS needed during the cold months! Gently used and new clothing for boys and girls of all ages (shoes, jeans, sweats, shirts, jackets, boots, winter coats, anything). New underwear, socks, undershirts, camis and bras for girls (must be unopened in package).

Personal Hygiene Items

Diapers, wipes, deodorant, lotion, hair products for girls and boys, body sprays, cologne, toothbrushes/toothpaste, floss, makeup, brushes/combs, scarves/du-rags, contact solution, chapstick, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine hygiene products.

School Supplies

Backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, binders, folders, paper, boxes of tissues, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer.

Etc.

Bill pay assistance; you may pay a bill directly for a family in need (extra curricular activities, utility bills, food assistance).

Any boxed, bagged, or canned foods.

Cash/gift cards/gas cards.

Bus tokens or passes.

Sponsor a family (Thanksgiving, Christmas)

Open your phone camera to scan the below codes to be taken directly to give to The Village Lansing via PayPal or CashApp:



Reach us at 517-483-2233 or via @TheVillageLansing on all platforms below:

