

Churchill Downs Newsletter

Churchill Downs Community Association

September - November 2025

Upcoming Events

Churchill Downs

Community Meeting

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

Bring Christmas to

Families Fundraiser

October 4, 2pm
3435 Lucie St. Music Bingo
fundraiser will take place in
the backyard, so dress
accordingly. Bring cash.

Halloween in the Park

October 31, 6-8pm
Wainwright Park Pavilion.
For those passing out
candy, bring candy and a
chair. For kids, come in your
costumes!

Stay Connected

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churchilldownslansing.info

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Churchill Downs
Community Association

Facebook Group:
Neighbors
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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.

Halloween in the Park

Trick or treating has dwindled in our neighborhood over the years. But we care about our youth and want them to be able to trick or treat close to home! This year we will try out having a central place to trick or treat: at Wainwright Park! We will gather on October 31 from 6-8pm, so if you plan to participate in trick or treating this year, consider doing it at the park with us! Bring your candy, costumes, and a chair to sit in.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

We are blessed in this neighborhood to have the wisdom and experience of many elderly residents. As they have given so much to our community over the years, we want to take care of them, too! **We are looking for two kinds of people:**

1. People who are willing to volunteer to help with leaf raking and snow removal for elderly and disabled neighbors who are unable to do it themselves.
2. Reliable, trustworthy handymen/women who can help with house repairs. This doesn't have to be volunteer based, but our elderly residents need to know people they can trust to be honest.

If you can help in either of these roles, or know someone who can, please email us at churchilldownslansing@gmail.com.

Holiday Happenings

There are several special things happening for the holidays this year. Please read about the following activities and consider which you would like to participate in.

Bring Christmas to Families

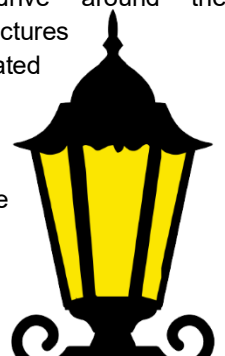
This year CDCA would like to help two neighborhood families in need for the holidays by providing a meal and gifts for their children. Families who could use the assistance will submit a request form, and two families will be drawn randomly. To fund this project, we will be collecting donations at the next several monthly meetings as well as at a music bingo fundraiser on October 4 at 2pm at 3435 Lucie St. We hope you will come and support our neighbors who need it. For questions or more information, contact Crystal at 517-927-8041.

Shining Light Award

Do you have a neighbor that *consistently goes above and beyond* for our neighborhood? Do they set a good example for our community? Please nominate them for our annual **Shining Light Award** by emailing Elizabeth at hossinke@gmail.com with their name and why they are a shining light. The winner will be announced at the Holiday Potluck and will receive a gift.

Holiday Lights Contest

In the second week of December, our neighbor Mike will drive around the neighborhood and take pictures of the best houses decorated with lights. At our Holiday Potluck on December 16, neighbors will be able to vote on their favorite three houses, and the winners will receive a small prize.



Summer Successes

Neighbors had lots of fun together this summer! These pictures are from four summer activities (from top to bottom, left to right): June Picnic, Lugnuts game, Ice Cream Social, and Youth Day.



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
- Passing out welcome packets to new neighbors

To get involved or if you have questions, send us an email or message us on Facebook.

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 email us and let us 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 ensure they will receive it every time.

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 for it to be posted in the next newsletter. Newsletters are written quarterly. We also encourage you to use our Facebook group to invite neighbors to activities.