

Churchill Downs Newsletter

Churchill Downs Community Association

June-August 2025

Upcoming Events

Churchill Downs

Community Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month,
6:30-8pm, Alfreda Schmidt
Community Center. We do
not meet in July.

Neighborhood Picnic

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30pm
at Wainwright Park

Concert in the Park

Wednesday, June 18,
7-9pm at Wainwright Park

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 10, 6-8pm.
Meeting at various locations
around the neighborhood.

Churchill Downs Youth

Day

Saturday, August 9, 1-4pm
at Wainwright Park.

3rd Ward Constituent

Contact Meeting

2nd Saturday of the month,
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.

Why Community?

Why do any of us engage in our neighborhood community? When neighbors know and care about each other, a neighborhood becomes a safer, stronger, and overall happier place. With more eyes to look out for each other, crime can be prevented. When we know who lives around us, especially those who are vulnerable, we can help each other get through natural disasters and other emergencies. Working through problems and finding solutions together yields personal and relational growth. Even a kind word or simple acts of service can be significant for people and increase their sense of worth, security, and belonging. Sometimes it is challenging, though, to know how to start getting to know your neighbors. A few opportunities are the many neighborhood events coming up this summer. We encourage you to learn some new names, find out what is important to them, and continue the process of drawing closer to your neighbors and strengthening our community.

Other ideas for meeting neighbors

- Take regular walks through the neighborhood
- Make a treat and deliver it to a neighbor
- Eat a meal or read a book in your front yard

Neighborhood Picnic

Join us for our annual Churchill Downs picnic at Wainwright Park on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30pm. It is a time to be with neighbors, get information about events coming up, eat food, and celebrate our neighborhood. Bring your own chairs or blanket to sit on and your favorite dessert or fruit to share.

Concert in the Park

Lansing's summer concert series will be visiting one of our parks this summer. The day after our picnic, on Wednesday, June 18 from 7-9pm, Black Rock 201 will be playing at Wainwright Park. This is a free concert. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs and come out to show your support for our park and enjoy some music!

July Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 10, from 6-8pm we will have an ice cream social hosted in four different parts of the neighborhood. The goal of this evening is to help you get to know the neighbors who live in the blocks right around you, and to cool off from the summer heat. Simply attend whichever location is closest to you!

Ice cream locations:
3614 Wedgewood Dr
3901 Stratford Ave
3418 Sumpter St
3500 Lucie St



Churchill Downs Youth Day

Kids matter to this community! We want them to love living here. Last year, we had a foot race for neighborhood kids called the Foot Derby. This year we are expanding that event with several different activities for kids of all ages. The Churchill Downs Youth Day will happen on Saturday, August 9, from 1-4pm. There will be competitive events (500 meter foot race and 2v2 basketball tournament) with great prizes, water games, snacks, and plenty of activities just for fun. The Kids Bike Repair Program will also be there, tuning up and fixing bikes for kids.

If you have children or grandchildren, you won't want to miss this event. Check our Facebook Page and website for more details soon!

Please register ahead of time for the race:
[500 meter race registration](#)

We are also looking for volunteers to make this event run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call or text Phil at (708) 698-4404.

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.

Welcome Packets

Did you notice a new neighbor moving in nearby? We have welcome packets full of information about CDCA and the neighborhood that you can bring to your new neighbor when you introduce yourself to them. If you need a welcome packet, text or call Elizabeth at 517-290-6955.

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, send us an email or message us on Facebook.

Stay Connected

For more regular updates visit our website:
churchilldownslansing.info

Facebook Page:
Churchill Downs
Community Association

Facebook Group:
Neighbors
of Churchill Downs

Email:
Churchilldownslansing@gmail.com

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.