

# Churchill Downs Newsletter

Churchill Downs Community Association

May-June 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Churchill Downs

#### Community Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month,  
6:30-8pm, Alfreda Schmidt  
Community Center. The  
picnic replaces our June  
meeting, and we will not be  
meeting in July.

### Juneteenth Celebrations

Events on June 8, 13, 14,  
and 15. Check out their  
website for more details:  
<http://www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org>

### Neighborhood Picnic

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30pm  
at Wainwright Park.

### Churchill Downs Foot Derby

Saturday, August 10, 9am-  
12pm at Wainwright Park.

### 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.*

## Neighborhood Picnic

Our annual neighborhood picnic will be on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm at Wainwright Park. There will be good food, a raffle, cool police trucks to explore, a casual softball game of Churchill Downs residents vs. City of Lansing employees, and lots of time to connect with your neighbors. Some seating will be provided but you are welcome to bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Come on out, bring a dessert to pass if you'd like, and enjoy the evening at the park.

We do still need some volunteers to help set up this picnic. If you would like to volunteer or participate in the softball game, contact Claire at 517-898-5847.

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## Looking for Favorite Memories

Have you or someone you know lived here for years and years? We would love to hear stories about your favorite memories from the neighborhood. We will feature these stories either on our Facebook Page, in this newsletter, or at our meetings when we have time. If you have any memories you would like to share, please email them to [churchilldownslansing@gmail.com](mailto:churchilldownslansing@gmail.com).

## Churchill Downs Foot Derby

Let's get our youth engaged in our neighborhood! On Saturday, August 10 from 9am-12pm we will host a 1-mile race at Wainwright Park for youth ages 8-18 living in Churchill Downs. Every racer will get a Churchill Downs t-shirt and refreshments after the race, and there will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each race category. Additionally, there will be a 1-mile community walk around the Churchill Downs walking path (starting from Wainwright park), a bounce house, and other festivities for those who come out to watch the race. So spread the word among your neighbors and plan to come out to cheer on our Churchill Downs youth!

The event is free, but we request that racers register ahead of time. You can help your kids register on our website: <http://www.churchilldownslansing.info/events>

### How you can help:

- Hand out flyers to every kid ages 8-18 you see in the neighborhood. Text Elizabeth at 517-290-6955 to get flyers.
- We need lots of volunteers to make this run smoothly! If you want to help out on race day, contact Elizabeth at the above number to get signed up.
- Whether or not you know any of the kids running, show up on race day to cheer them on!





## Meet the board

At our May community meeting we had elections for our CDCA board, and we would like to present to you our current members. From left to right, back row to front, we have Brittany Edwards (At-Large), Nick Miller (Vice-President), Jacquese West (President), Anita Wilson (Secretary), Denise King (At-Large), Jeanne Sayer (At-Large), Garrett Amstutz (Treasurer), Elizabeth Stepnowski (At-Large), and Jeanne Fangboner (At-Large). We want to give a special welcome to Brittany, our newest board member. Each of these people volunteer to be on the board because they want to serve their neighbors and make this neighborhood a great place to live. If you see them, make sure to say, "Hi!"

## Neighborhood Garage Sale Success

On May 18 we held our neighborhood-wide garage sale. It was a success! 25 neighbors held garage sales throughout the neighborhood and from what we've heard, everyone enjoyed it.

Some neighbors didn't know about the date soon enough, and therefore didn't have time to hold their own sale. Please spread the word that you can expect this event to happen each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May. Thanks to everyone who participated, both through selling and shopping!

## Code compliance reminder: cutting grass

Grass grows fast, and some neighbors have already gotten warnings from the City of Lansing for theirs being too long. We want you to avoid being ticketed by keeping your **grass at 8 inches or less**.

## Staying Safe

There has been an increase of car break-ins recently. Please keep your car and house locked! And if you see something, please report it to the police. Even if you don't think they can help your situation, they need all the data of what happens in our neighborhood to better serve us.

## Get Involved!

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center from 6:30-8pm. Our next meeting will be August 20. This is a time to meet neighbors and talk about what is happening in the neighborhood. Other ways to get involved include:

- Volunteering at neighborhood events
- Passing out welcome packets or newsletters
- Inviting neighbors through our Facebook group to go on walks or pick up trash together

If you are looking for other ways to be involved, contact Jay West.

## Helpful contact info

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