

Whitehills Neighborhood Association of East Lansing

Fall NEWSLETTER 2012



Annual Meeting – November 29!

As a resident of Whitehills, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Whitehills Neighborhood Association of East Lansing (WNAEL) to be held on Thursday, November 29 at Whitehills Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 9:00. Major agenda items are:

Property Taxes: City Manager George Lahanas will join us to discuss how our property taxes are used to support City services;

Technology Bond: Superintendent David Chapin will brief us on the potential for a K-12 Technology Bond Election in February 2013.

Rental Licensing Exemptions: Annette Irwin, Administrator of EL Code Enforcement & Neighborhood Conservation, will update us on City Council deliberations concerning proposed exemptions to the rental licensing ordinance.

We will also be presenting the Pride of Whitehills Award to a neighbor who has made significant improvements in his/her property. In addition, the meeting will afford an opportunity to meet new residents who have moved into the neighborhood over the past year.

Come greet your old friends and new neighbors, while catching up on current issues affecting Whitehills.

Recent Neighborhood Arrivals

A number of people have moved into Whitehills over the past couple of years. City records indicate that our new neighbors include: Douglas Barcy, David and Nancy Barr, Nicholas and Ellen Belloli, Jose and Lydia Beltran, Scottie Busque, Michael and Patricia Cavanagh, Kevin Fitzgerald and Rebecca Malouin, Colin Ford and Rebecca Blake, Nicolas and Susan Gisholt, Jeffrey and Stephanie Hicks, William Hufnagel, Andrew and Penny Hughes, Geoffrey and Katharine Hughes, Stephen and Carol Ivkovich, Jennifer Jackson and Matthew Payok, Raymond and Atsuko Jussaume, Shane and Kelly Johnson, Daniel Kreft, Kevin and Susan Mayes, Christopher Miller, Matthew and Jill Mitchell, Brian Neill, Robert and Amy Reid, John and Kerry Roberts, Eric and Jennifer Rule, Jon Smalley, Jeffrey and Angela Smith, Gale Strasburg and Christine Reay, David and Marybeth Swan, Gregory/Richard/Phyllis Viken, Craig and Heidi Wiles.

The WNAEL extends a smile and a handshake to these residents, who will bring their ideas and talents to our lovely subdivision. If your name is missing, contact Jessica Cohen, Chair of the Welcome Committee, at jbloch1@aol.com.

Around the Yard: Protecting trees and shrubs from cold temperatures

Expose your skin to freezing cold and wind, and it'll become dry. Some trees and shrubs react similarly to harsh winter conditions, called desiccation or winter burn and occurs most commonly on sunny days when the soil is frozen and water cannot be used by the

Typical symptoms include: yellowing, browning, or curling needles; bark; dead flower buds; or limp, tired looking foliage. Most are: evergreens, esp. broadleaf types such as rhododendrons, hollies, etc.



and chapped. On plants, this is cold, bright and trees

or leaves; split susceptible plants azaleas, boxwoods,

What to Do Now:

- Surround susceptible plants with a burlap screen (leave the top open to allow light and air in). This also helps them handle heavy/wet snow loads that can break or bend slender branches or trees (e.g. arborvitae).
- Water, but only if outside temperatures allow and the soil is dry and not frozen.
- Mulch after the soil has frozen to keep it from thawing. Spread straw, shredded leaves, or compost 2 inches deep around the drip line of the plant. Don't let mulch touch the trunk!
- Use antidesiccant sprays as appropriate. These sprays coat the leaves with a waxlike film, helping to protect the leaves from drying out.

An Ounce of Prevention:

- Healthy plants survive winter better so aim to keep them in top condition year round.
- Use hardy plants appropriate for your growing zone and ensure adequate light and water.

From: <http://www.organicgardening.com/learn-and-grow/cold-comfort>



WNAEL Neighbor-to-Neighbor Alert System

Don't forget to communicate with your neighbors if you see, hear, or experience anything in our neighborhood that is a safety concern for our citizens. The WNAEL is in contact with the EL police and an email network is available to our paid WNAEL members. It is quick and effective. Our local police liaison has been very good about contacting us when an emergency arises.

Overall, our neighborhood remains quiet and peaceful. Almost all the crime alerts are in reference to surrounding areas. Most of these are drug or alcohol related. As an East Lansing resident, you can get crime notices at crimemapping.com. Also, if you have a safety issue or concern, please contact your neighborhood association at www.wnael.com, email: wnael@wnael.com, or call 517-332-1575.



Upcoming Events—Winter Party

SAVE THE DATE!!! Whitehills Neighborhood Association of East Lansing will hold its annual winter social gathering on **Saturday, February 23**. The place and time will be announced, so keep an eye on the WNAEL website. Put on your "gathering" garb and join your neighbors and friends for a chance to mingle and enjoy some good eats and drinks for an evening. Tickets are \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members. We held a party two years ago and everyone had a great time. You will receive an official email invitation in January. Questions? Contact Roberta McElmurry at 517-332-1575. See you there!

Thank you!

A thank you from your volunteer Board to those who have contributed to the beauty and health of our neighborhood by paying their 2012 WNA dues. To ensure we have properly recognized you, please visit the "members" link at www.wnael.com. If you are not listed, we would welcome you joining your neighbors in showing support for the Board and the neighborhood activities that benefit you and our community. Have questions about WNA membership? Please email Thomas Jones at thomasjones@tajones.com or call him at 517.332.1683. We truly value the support you provide to your neighborhood association!

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