

ARBOR HILLS NEWSLETTER

June 2014

Next Open Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 18th

The next open meeting of the Arbor Hills Board will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, at 7pm in the Clague Middle School Library. The open session is scheduled from 7-8:30pm. Agenda topics will include:

- Discussion of Demo Garden in Arbor Hills Park
- Update on Clague school busing
- Guidelines on Yard Signs and Trash Bins
- Financial Update

We hope to see you there!

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

This year's Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on August 1st and 2nd, from 9am to 3pm, for anyone who wishes to participate. Mary Manthey has once again graciously agreed to coordinate this popular event - any questions may be directed to Mary (maryannasm@comcast.net) or to the Board.

Neighborhood Survey

A summary of the results of the recent Neighborhood Survey can be found on the AHCA web site, at this link: <http://www.arbor-hills.org/content/2014-neighborhood-survey-results>.

If you would prefer to receive the survey results in hard copy format, please contact the Board. Thanks again to all those who took the time to submit your responses - the information you provided is extremely valuable to the Board. We will keep you informed about next steps, as the Board formulates action plans based on the feedback you provided to us. As always, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Dues Reminder

Please remember that a semi-annual Association dues payment is due on July 1st. In accordance with our Collection Policy, a late fee will be assessed if payment is not received within 30 days of the due date. Please note that no statement or payment coupon will be mailed for this payment - payment coupons for both semi-annual payments were included with your January statement from YPM. If you have any questions regarding your dues, please contact YPM.

Neighborhood Picnic

Save the Date!
Saturday, September 6th

Let's bring our wonderfully vibrant, diverse neighborhood together for a day of good food, good company, and fun activities! We're planning a great neighborhood picnic that will be fun for all ages, but **we need your help**. If you are willing to serve on the planning committee for the picnic, please let the Board know. We will also need volunteers who will be willing to set up and supervise some of the activities, and others who will be willing to help clean up afterwards. More specific information will be forthcoming soon, but please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime. If we can pitch in and work together to plan and put on this event, we can show the best of what Arbor Hills is all about, and enjoy ourselves in the process!

Clague School Busing

Good news! We have received word from the Ann Arbor Public Schools that school bus service from Arbor Hills to Clague Middle School is NOT slated to be cut for next school year. As many of you may recall, the AAPS had made a decision to cut our Clague bus at the beginning of this past school year, then granted us a one-year reprieve. Several neighbors have participated in or supported recent efforts to convince AAPS to continue the Clague bus through next school year and beyond, due to concerns regarding the safety of students crossing Green Road. AHCA President Collin Ross addressed the Board of Education about this issue at its June 11th meeting. At that meeting, AAPS officials stated that our bus to Clague is now NOT slated to be cut for next school year. We are now working to confirm whether this will be another one-year extension, or if we can count on continued bus service in the future. Many thanks to neighbors Jane Klingsten, Usha Jindal, Brian Charnetski, and Kami Meader, who have been especially active in this effort.

Reporting Traffic Safety Issues to the Ann Arbor Police

At a recent meeting, we learned that the City of Ann Arbor has an online form for reporting traffic complaints, including speeding and other unsafe driving. Here is the

link: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1463514/Ann-Arbor-Traffic-Complaint-Questionnaire>

If you see problems of unsafe driving in our neighborhood, please consider reporting it via this form. The Police Chief has told us that their officers will try to respond to reports of unsafe driving by increasing their enforcement presence, even on our neighborhood's private roads.

As always, please...

- Slow down
- Stop for the stop signs
- Watch out for children and other pedestrians and bicyclists

Demo Garden in Arbor Hills Park

Many neighbors have expressed interest in, or concern about, a demonstration garden project being planned in Arbor Hills Park. It should be noted that this is NOT an Association project, but rather is being pursued as a private donation to the park by a group of neighbors, through the City's Adopt-a-Park program. The project involves the installation of two 4' X 8' raised garden beds, to be tended by a group of Arbor Hills neighbors. No Association resources are involved in this project, and the costs are being covered by private donations from individuals. Questions and comments may be directed to adopt-a-park@a2gov.org. Due to the level of interest among our members, this topic will be discussed at the next open AHCA Board meeting.