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President's Report

By John Latta



It is a pleasure to serve as the new president of the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association. I would first like to give a huge thanks to our ex-president, Chuck Livingstone. Chuck is an inspiring leader and his tireless contributions to the Association will be sorely missed. His shoes will be difficult to fill and I aspire to fill them as well as possible. Fortunately Chuck continues as a board member so we can count on his experience and efforts.

Madison Heights means a lot to me. I grew up here, attending Allendale, McKinley and Blair. After a 20-year hiatus away, I returned with my spouse to raise my three children. I want to do everything I can to keep this one of one of, if not the best, neighborhood around.

An important goal of mine is to recruit all non-members to join the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association and/or the board. The more the merrier, so please come out and get involved.

I would also like to encourage everyone to attend our Fifteenth Annual July Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. In response to resident requests our event will feature the Deb Ryder Band in addition to food by Pie N Burger and activities for young and old alike. We start the parade at the corner of Fillmore and Euclid. You can find more information on this great event in this newsletter. July 4th falls on a Monday this year so it's a great opportunity to invite friends and family to enjoy our wonderful tradition.



Deb Ryder Band

This year's Grand Marshal will be Tom Jonhsey, Store Manager for the Armstrong Garden Center. He has been a big part of our past events with donations of flowers for residents along the parade route. As always, the event is free and open to the entire neighborhood. We remain grateful for your past support and hope you will continue to provide financial assistance to the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association. An envelope is enclosed so you may easily mail your donation or simply contribute at the event.

Looking forward to seeing you in Madison Heights soon!

**Event
volunteers
needed**
Please contact:
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Neighborhood Infrastructure

by Neil Kleinman

Upraised Sidewalks:

For years, residents of Madison Heights have raised safety concerns about the hazards of sidewalks upraised by tree roots. The City's original plan to require sidewalks to be repaired when a residence is sold didn't have significant impact in our neighborhood which doesn't experience a frequent turnover of home. As a result, our streets have numerous asphalt patches that still allow for upraised sidewalk sections.

Our City recognizes the need for sidewalk improvements and has identified \$17 million in capital improvements to repair almost 1 million square feet of sidewalks citywide. Currently \$1,250,000 has been budgeted for projects to be completed in fiscal year 2016. Another \$1,250,000 expenditure is projected for fiscal year 2017.



Sidewalk on Los Robles rises more than 6" above curb

Under present plans, priority is initially given to repair of sidewalks that are upraised by 6 inches or more and to upraised sidewalks near schools. Repairs extend beyond just the critically upraised point and include adjacent sidewalk sections that may be upraised less than six inches. At this point, the date for repair of uplifts less than six inches has not been identified.

Upraised sidewalks are just one issue our City addresses under the category of "Streets and Streetscapes." Overall, \$31,739,905 has been appropriated thru fiscal year 2016 for improvements.

Removal of Overhead Wiring and Utility Poles:

Almost anyone who has driven or walked through our neighborhood has encountered the massive construction project that enveloped Alpine Street from mid-March to late May. This, just the first phase of a project that won't be completed until 2017, demonstrates the complexity of the work required to maintain the infrastructure of our neighborhood.

The first phase of work dealt with installation of underground equipment vaults, conduits for electrical power, telephone and cable service wiring, and channels for connections to residences. During this construction phase the City's subcontractor was very considerate of the impacts on Alpine residents and traffic.



Workers use a "Ditch Which" to install conduit in a residence side yard.

The current stage of the project involves "right-of-entry" authorization from residents that allows the City to dig trenches that will ultimately allow connection to home electrical main panels. This process will continue until November.

Private property construction will begin in January, 2017. Overhead electrical service conversion to underground should begin in March, 2017. Telephone and Cable conversions to underground should begin in May. Removal of overhead wires and poles should start in June. When conversion work is completed, the entire street will be resurfaced.

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND BLOCK PARTY

FAMILY PARADE

TIME

GATHER AT 10:30 AM

LOCATION

EUCLID, SOUTH OF FILLMORE

ROUTE

SOUTH EUCLID AND FILLMORE, SOUTH TO
ALLENDALE, WEST ON ALLENDALE TO
ALLENDALE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION

TIME

11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION

UNDER THE TREES AT ALLENDALE PARK



OUR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION WILL HAVE MANY OF THE SAME WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT AS LAST YEAR, WITH LIVE MUSIC, COLOR GUARD, CRAFTS, AND WONDERFUL FOOD FROM PIE 'N BURGER.



MENU

INCLUDES CHIPS AND DRINK • ALL ORDERS MADE TO ORDER

HAMBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, VEGGIEBURGER , HOTDOG OR GRILLED CHEESE

\$ 10.00*

THIS YEAR WE WILL TRY TO PROCESS ALL ORDERS AT THE PARK. WE WILL HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO PROCESS YOUR ORDERS AND ORGANIZE THE FLOW SO YOU CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE FOOD TRUCK. CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED.

* THIS YEAR THE MEAL COST HAD TO BE RAISED TO DEFRAY PART OF OUR EVENT COSTS



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**4th of July
Parade
& Picnic**

Fun Starts
at 10:30 a.m.

Current Resident or

E-mail Communications Update

Over the years our e-mail list serve grew to over 500 names. Unfortunately we ended up with many duplicates and multiple different addresses for some residents. With great effort we have purged the duplicates. We preserved multiple e-mail addresses where requested by two different persons in the same household.

The list-serve has proved to be an efficient and cost effective tool for informing our neighbors on issues that are important to Madison Heights and all of Pasadena. We are proud of the growing acceptance of the list-serve communications and appreciate your participation and the positive feedback you provide us. If you are not already on the list please make the effort and enter your address on via our new website.

Webmaster Needed

We need a volunteer to serve as our webmaster. Our goal is to make information important to our neighborhood to be available on a timely basis. If you are interested please contact Chuck Livingstone at .

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