



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Nothing says summer like a nice neighborhood gathering! Our annual picnic in the park will be held from 3pm-7pm on Saturday, August 9, 2008. The picnic is sure to be a hit with the whole family, we have a ton of fun planned for the day.

We are so excited to say that this year we will have a bounce house! The kids will have a blast jumping around, maybe we'll even have an "adult time" in it! Don't miss out on the hip hoppin' fun!

There will be an exciting bike parade for the kids. The kids will have a blast decorating their bikes and showing it off! We ask that the kids come with their bikes already decorated. There will be games and prizes, fun for the young and old.

You will be drawn by the fantastic smell of hot dogs on the grill and we would love it if you brought a dish to pass. Come and join in the neighborly fun. Catch up with old neighbors and meet the new ones too! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

NEW EDITOR

My name is Jillian Schoenborn and I have volunteered to take over the newsletter. My husband, Dan, and I have lived here for 5 years. We have two children, Jackson who is 3 and Hadley who will be 2 next month. My husband, kids, and I love the neighborhood and I wanted to be more active in our community. I have created a new article called "Meet the Neighbors" because we see all these people out and about on a daily basis but we never have the time to meet them. I thought I would help you get to know some people/families in the neighborhood. If you have any ideas or are interested in being the featured family in my article "Meet the Neighbors" please email me at newsletter@clementscircle.org. I look forward to producing informative, fun newsletters!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC:
Saturday, August 9th at 3pm at
Clements Circle Park

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG:
Saturday, December 6th 6:30 at
Wilson Barn



“MEET THE NEIGHBORS”



I first met Gary about a year ago while he was walking up to Ambrose for class. I was struck by how outgoing and friendly he is! After asking him for an interview for the newsletter, he asked if I saw the article in the Observer. I had not seen the article and I laughed and told him he's a

star! I wanted to interview him because he is someone we all see and recognize while out walking.

Gary was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa over 30 years ago. He went to see the doctor because he was having some vision trouble and he went home with a diagnosis of complete blindness within 3 years. Now Gary runs a totally volunteer based organization called "The Visually Impaired Information Center." He publishes "The Directory of Visually Impaired Services" which provides people with his eye condition information on services and products to make life easier. "It all sprang out of the frustration I felt as I tried to get information concerning my eye condition" says Gary about his organization. Through the organization they have distributed over 49,000 copies of the Directory. It has been requested by people in 45 States, and 13 different countries.

Gary takes a self defense class that is geared for the visually impaired at the Ambrose Academy (on Plymouth Road, see ad on page 3). He says it builds confidence to help him in his daily travels.

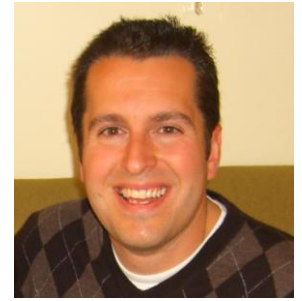
Gary has lived here for 19 years. When asked what he loves most about the neighborhood he said, "I like how the age group is turning over and I hear all the kids playing and laughing. The young people that are moving in keep me feeling younger!" Gary has truly used his disability to help and prepare others, he is an amazing person. Gary is such an interesting person to talk to and I wouldn't be surprised if he pops up on Oprah's Most Fascinating People of 2008 List!

*You can contact Gary at gary@viic.org regarding the Directory of Visually Impaired Services.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

John Tasdemir

Dear Clements Circle Neighbor,
As the newly elected president of CCCA, I am excited about the opportunity to meet and work with all of you to further strengthen our neighborhood community. I am only 1 of the 9 Board of Directors that will represent and support our neighborhood. Together, we are



committed to making our neighborhood a place where all households feel a sense of community.

This summer season started with great support from all who participated in the Annual Park Clean Up on May 3rd. More than 50 volunteers of all ages came to the Clements Circle Park with rakes and shovels in hand to spruce up the park for a little spring cleaning. CCCA worked with the Livonia Parks & Recreation department to participate in the Take Pride in Livonia Day by cleaning our park. Next, the CCCA Neighborhood Garage Sale took place on June 14th with 20 households signing up to officially participate in this annual and growing event. Overall, the neighborhood had a great turnout, and we hope everyone had a successful time selling and buying!

Our next major event is the 2008 CCCA Picnic at the Clements Circle Park, which will be held on Saturday, August 9th. The Executive Board, led by Picnic Chairperson Angie Alexander, has been working hard to make this a special and remarkable event for all to enjoy. We expect a great turnout this year so feel free to bring your friends and family members to have a fun time!

The activities and events we organize are only a small part of what CCCA is doing in developing a sense of community and improving quality of life in our neighborhood. If you have not already joined the CCCA please help support your community association by becoming a member today. Your \$10 annual membership fee will help CCCA continue publishing quarterly newsletters; support events and community organizations; work on street parking, traffic lights, control signs and other safety concerns; work closely with city officials and property owners to enhance our neighborhood; and establish relationships with other neighborhood volunteer organizations to further improve the overall quality of life.

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EASY WAYS TO SAVE ON GAS

Gas prices continue to head upward and that can put quite a pinch on your wallet. To help ease the pain, here are some easy ways to cut your gas costs:

Slow down to save on fuel. The number one way you waste gas is driving too aggressively. By taking it easy, you'll increase your fuel efficiency. Do not rev your engine and avoid quick accelerations. Don't exceed the speed limit. If possible, use your cruise control, as this helps keep your RPMs level.

Try to avoid unnecessary stop-and-go traffic. Rush hour is a notorious gas burner, as your vehicle must use up more fuel to deal with stops and accelerations over and over. If possible, try to run your errands outside of heavy traffic times. Driving to and from work earlier or later can also help save you fuel.

Keep your vehicle in good shape. Poorly inflated tires, a dirty air filter, or an ignored tune-up can all lead to the use of more gas. Follow the manufacturer's recommended schedule of maintenance and check on your tire pressure at least once a month to ensure your car is in tip-top condition.

Remove excess cargo from your trunk. If you are carrying around unnecessary items in your vehicle's trunk or passenger compartment, you are simply adding weight to your car. This weight requires more fuel to transport it. So give your vehicle a good cleaning to help add to its fuel efficiency.

Share your driving. Carpooling can save you a significant amount of money each month. Consider sharing rides for trips other than going to and from work as well. You can carpool to your children's after-school activities or can share rides to the grocery store with a neighbor.

Reduce your driving. Run all your errands in one trip, order delivery instead of heading out to a restaurant, and forego any joy-riding. You can also look for ways to stay at home instead of heading out for entertainment. Get movies delivered by mail or use pay-per-view instead of heading out to the theater or video store. Play games with your family or catch up on your house cleaning.

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Animal droppings should always be picked up and thrown out. There are even FREE bags you can use at the park! This can also result in a fine, and there are people watching!

As many of you know, there is a noise ordinance in Livonia "loud, unnecessary or disturbing noise occurring between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. is prohibited." Do you know that noise is the number one complaint people have about their neighbors? Since our houses are fairly close together it is a great thing to have respect for thy neighbor!



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Livonia Public Library~Totally free and fun for all ages. Did you know you can check out children's videos for free?

Ann Arbor Hands on Museum~Ages 2 and up costs \$8.00. A short twenty-five minute drive up M14. Fun for all ages! They have a really neat preschool room with water tables, a play kitchen, blocks, books, and more!

Jungle Java (Canton)~Ages 2-17 costs \$6.50. Ages 12-23 months costs \$3.00. Adults are free. Located on Canton Center Road just north of Ford. A great place to hang out on a rainy day.

Domino Farms~Ages 2-12 costs \$4.50. Ages 12 and up costs \$5.00. Located at M14 and US23. Fun for all ages! Unique farm animals that the kids can pet/feed.

Kensington Park~\$4.00 for a daily vehicle pass. They have a really neat Farm Learning Center that has farm animals. Hay rides are also offered at the Learning Center. Kensington has a huge waterslide/water park (\$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids). There is also Frisbee golf (free), boat excursions, and canoe rentals. Great place to picnic with the whole family!

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2008 GARAGE SALE

John Tasdemir

The CCCA Neighborhood Garage Sale took place on June 14th with 20 households signing up to officially participate in this annual and growing event! The \$5 registration fee covered the City of Livonia permit fee for each house, and CCCA placed ads throughout metro Detroit to promote the event by attracting the high number of buyers looking to get bargains. The Association would like to thank Leigh McBain for organizing this successful event. If you missed out on this year's garage sale, please mark your calendars and start sorting through your closets to participate in next year's garage sale on June 6th.

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PARK CLEAN-UP

John Tademir

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER (continued)

I would personally like to thank all who are already members of the Clements Circle Civic Association (CCCA).

As I end this President's note, I would like to thank all of you again for making Clements Circle a special place to live and raise a family. I encourage all of you to say hello to your neighbor, go out for a jog or stroll, take a bike ride, or play some games at the park. I also encourage you to eat and shop at the newly opened stores on Plymouth Road to support our local businesses. I wish everyone a wonderful summer and please visit www.ClementsCircle.org for the latest news and information affecting the Clements Circle neighborhood.

See you at the Neighborhood Picnic on August 9th!

Sincerely,

John Tademir

CCCA President, 2008-9

Fun Zone

Triple Play Sudoku

Sudoku is gaining popularity all across Europe and the United States. Only logic and patience are required. No math is involved. Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has a number 1 through 9 and that the number only occurs once. Each column and row of the large grid must have only one instance of the numbers 1 through 9.

Here's a tip for playing. We'll call the 3x3 squares "regions." With a highlighter, color in all the rows in the large grid and all the columns in the larger grid that have a 3 in them. We chose 3 because there are several of them in the puzzle. Finished?

Now observe. In the upper right region, what is the only possible location for the 3?

This technique is called "scanning" and you usually do it with your eyes and not a marker.

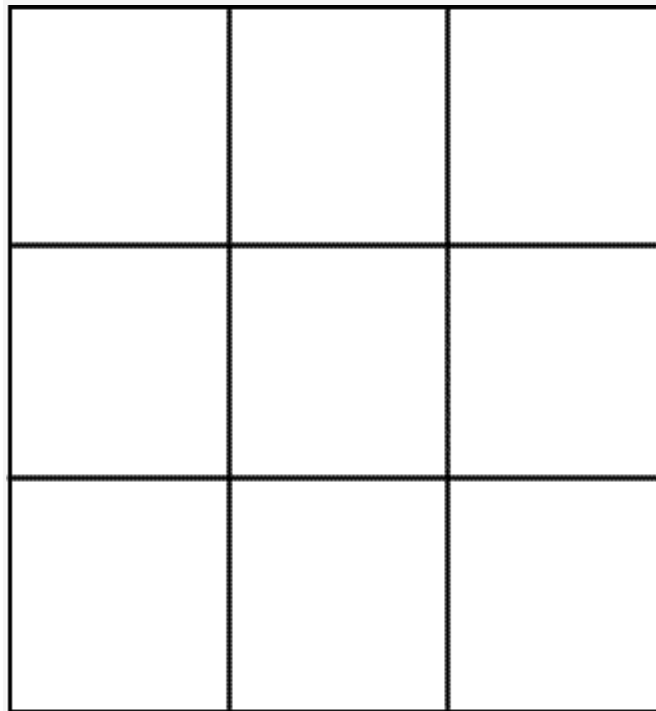
The difficulty rating on this puzzle is medium.

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 TURKEY
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How Many Squares Can You Find? (Answer on page 8)



NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Hello Neighbors,

I'd like to introduce myself as I've recently volunteered to take on the role of Membership Coordinator for the CCCA. This position was previously held by Sue Duffy, and we all thank her for many years of dedication to our association!

I have lived in the neighborhood for 5 years with my husband, Adam, and our dog, Bandit. We've enjoyed getting to meet new friends by attending the General meetings and various social activities, which is why I volunteered to take on a more active role in the CCCA.

Maintaining an active civic association is a great benefit to our community. The CCCA has done everything from cleaning the park, supporting local Cub Scouts, keeping residents informed of crime and other area happenings, to organizing social events to bring neighbors together. Your support in the form of membership dues helps us achieve our goal of building a strong sense of community and making Livonia a great place to live for all families.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the CCCA in the past, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the year ahead!

Heather Penzenstadler membership@clementscircle.org

Membership Application

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

I/We are residents of the CCCA area (bounded by Plymouth Rd., West Chicago Ave., Inkster Rd., and Middlebelt Rd. and wish to become a member of the Clements Circle Civic Association.

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