

# Neighborhood News

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## Letter from the President *Stacey Dogonski*



Hello  
Clements  
Circle Civic  
Association  
Neighbors! I  
would like to  
introduce  
myself. My  
name is Stacey

Dogonski and in March at the CCCA General Meeting I was elected President of the Clements Circle Civic Association. I have served as Vice President of the CCCA for the past 4 years and I am very excited to take the office of President for this excellent organization. I would just like to give you a little bio of myself. My husband Dave and I have lived in the neighborhood for the past 12 years. We have two children, one that attends Cleveland Elementary, where I am serving my 3rd year as PTA President and one that attends Cooper Upper Elementary where I will be starting my 1st year as PTA Vice President. In addition to those rewarding PTA volunteer positions, I am on the Livonia PTSA Executive Board. Needless to say, I am a very busy, involved community member.

One of the main reasons that my husband and I decided to move into this neighborhood 12 years ago is because it reminded us the neighborhood in which we both grew up. I grew up in Redford approximately 2 miles from where we live now and Dave grew up in Detroit, but

one similar characteristic stood out when we were looking for a place to call home and that was an overwhelming sense of community that we felt from this neighborhood. A place where neighbors knew each other, watched out for each other's children, and had pride in their neighborhood. I really believe that is what the CCCA is all about - Community Pride. I am proud to be a member of one of the oldest civic associations in the City of Livonia and that the CCCA has a long standing tradition of making our neighborhood a place we can all be proud to say we live in.

The CCCA has some excellent events coming up very soon.

The CCCA Softball season starts June 6th. The Neighborhood Garage Sale (June 5th - see form on page 5), the CCCA Picnic - Saturday August 14. We hope to see you at some of these great family events.

And finally, I would like to personally thank John Tasdemir - Outgoing President and Ray DePerro - Outgoing Treasurer for their dedication and whole-hearted support of this great organization. Good luck to both of you in your new adventures!

Hopefully, I will see each and every one of you at one of our great upcoming events!

Sincerely - *Stacey Dogonski*

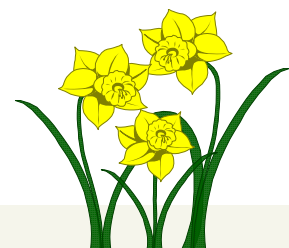
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### Special points of interest:

- ★ *Garage Sale Form*
- ★ *Don't forget to pay your CCCA Dues!*
- ★ *CCCA 2010 Picnic Info.*



## Meet the 2010-2011 Executive Board



### **Adam Penzenstadler, Vice President & Heather Penzenstadler, Treasurer**

Adam and Heather Penzenstadler met in college at Michigan Tech and moved to their house on Elmira seven years ago. Adam currently works in Road Design at MDOT in Taylor and Heather works for Siemens in Livonia.

The couple first became familiar with the CCCA by attending General meetings and various events, such as the summer picnic and joining the softball teams. As they began to get to know more of the CCCA members, they looked for ways to get more involved themselves. Heather volunteered as the Membership Chair, while Adam joined as a Board member. This past year, they once again expanded their responsibilities with the CCCA by being elected the new Vice President and Treasurer.

The CCCA has been a great way for the Penzenstadlers to meet more of their neighbors, and they look forward to meeting more of you in the years ahead.



### **Angie Alexander, Secretary**

I have lived in Livonia on Deering St for 8 years. For 7 of those years, I have been an active CCCA board member- all serving as Secretary. I love our neighborhood and feel very fortunate that there is a neighborhood organization that works to bring us all together for the good of our community. As secretary, I attend all the meetings and take notes about all the discussions and decisions made during the board meetings. I believe the secretary position plays an important role on the board by documenting a running testament to what the

organization accomplishes year after year.

## Annual CCCA Picnic Announcement

*Angie Alexander*

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 14. The annual neighborhood picnic will be held at Clements Circle Park from 3pm – 7pm. There will be plenty of fun for the kids and adults as well – games, raffles, food and good conversation! CCCA members will have special privileges as always with reduced admission to the pool for the afternoon and exclusive raffle participation. Please bring a tasty dish to pass. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.



## Park Hours at Clements Circle Park

**Angie Alexander**

Several neighbors have asked for advice on what to do when the level of noise at the Clements Circle Park after dark rises to a disturbing level. The CCCA contacted the Livonia Parks and Recreation office for clarification on rules and regulations and would like to share the following advice with everyone:

The end time for park use is 10:00pm. This is clearly posted on the sign near the park entrance. Patrons are not allowed to use the park after this time. If you witness people using the park after 10:00 pm, the Livonia Parks and Recreation office advised that this is a legitimate violation of City of Livonia's ordinance and the Livonia Police Department can be contacted. If you choose to contact Livonia Police Department, please be specific about the violation you are witnessing – people in the park after 10:00pm, the posted end time.

Livonia has a noise ordinance that goes into effect at 11:00pm. If you are concerned about the noise level of patrons in the park before 10:00pm, Livonia Police Department is not the appropriate point of contact. Noise issues before 10:00pm should be directed to the Livonia Parks and Recreation office. The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department assured CCCA that they document each call and if they note a recurring pattern or increase in neighbor concerns, they will alert the Livonia Police Department and request that the police do some routine drive-bys at the park during the time concerns are reported by neighbors.

We can make a difference to ensure the park is a great place for patrons and neighbors alike!



## CCCA Softball

**Adam Penzenstadler**

It's that time of year again to start thinking about our neighborhood softball team. We will once again be playing against teams from Old Rosedale Gardens and Devon-Aire. Games are played Sunday evenings from June thru August. Once the schedule is finalized, I will post the times and locations on our website.



**2009 CCCA SOFTBALL TEAM!**

This is a co-ed league that is for fun and is a great way to meet your neighbors. We are looking for players of all skill levels from beginner to ringer. If you are interested in playing, please email me at [Adam@clementsircle.org](mailto:Adam@clementsircle.org). Even if you don't play, I would like to invite you to come out and support us by cheering on our team.

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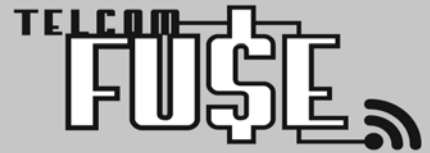
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# Neighborhood Garage Sale

Heather Penzenstadler

Are you looking to make a little extra cash and clear out some space in your house at the same time? The CCCA Neighborhood Garage Sale is the perfect opportunity to do so! By teaming up with your neighbors for one big garage sale day, you can take advantage of additional advertising and increased traffic from bargain shoppers throughout the neighborhood.

While the CCCA garage sale day runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, your permit is good for the whole weekend if you'd like to extend your sale hours.

Please make your checks payable to “**CCCA**” and mail them by May 28th to participate in the garage sale. A map of area homes participating in the garage sale will be dropped off to all participants prior to the event.

If you have any questions, contact me at [Heather@ClementsCircle.org](mailto:Heather@ClementsCircle.org)

## CCCA Neighborhood Garage Sale Registration Form

June 5, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee:  \$5 CCCA Member  \$10 Non-Member  
 \$15 Register and become a Member

*The Registration Fee covers:*

*The mandatory City of Livonia permit fee for each participating house,  
Advertisements throughout metro Detroit promoting the sale,  
Map of participants addresses to be distributed to sale shoppers.*

**Please cut & mail this form before May 28 to:  
CCCA • P.O. Box 511366 • Livonia, MI 48151**

# CCCA NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

**Mom-to-Mom Sale**  
May 22nd, 9 am – 1 pm  
St. Edith Church  
15089 Newburgh (S. of 5  
Mile) Find great deals on  
gently used maternity,  
baby, and kids' items!  
\$1 admission  
\$2 Early Bird (8:30 am)  
Proceeds support  
St. Edith/St. Kenneth  
MOPS

**Contact**  
**Colleen Klaus,**  
**Welcoming**  
**Committee Chair**  
at  
colleen@clementscircle.org  
to help out with  
the **Welcoming**  
**Committee**

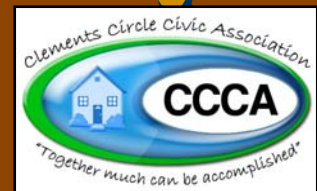
**Mark my**  
**Calendar for the**  
**2010 CCCA Picnic**  
**Saturday**  
**August 14**  
**At CCCA Park**  
**Bring a Dish to pass**

Sign up for  
CCCA Softball  
Team

Send in CCCA  
Membership  
Dues

CCCA Garage  
Sale June 5

**DON'T  
FORGET!**



## IMPORTANT CCCA DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 28**

Garage Sale Form Due

**Saturday June 5**

CCCA Garage Sale

**Sunday June 6**

First CCCA Softball Game

(Time & Location– TBA)

**Saturday August 14**

CCCA Neighborhood Picnic

At Clements Circle Park - Bring a dish to pass

**Reminder!**

# Boy Scout Troop 897

Boy Scout Troop 897    ★    9131 Brentwood    ★    Livonia, MI 48150



Hello from Boy Scout Troop 897 of Livonia~

This year, 2010, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Celebrations of this achievement will happen throughout the United States this year. The largest of these celebrations will take place at the end of July at the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill near Richmond, Virginia. Over 65,000 Scouts from around the country are expected to attend this Jamboree.

We are proud to announce that Boy Scout Troop 897 of Livonia will be attending this once in a lifetime event. The boys in our troop are very excited about having the opportunity to attend this monumental celebration. They have been working hard this year to raise money to supplement their weeklong stay.

Despite all of their fundraising efforts, our boys still find themselves in need of financial assistance. This is where we could use your support. The Boys Scouts of America have a policy that states we can only travel 10 hours a day with the Scouts. Therefore, because of the distance we are traveling, we will be required to find overnight lodging on our way to and from the Jamboree. We are asking for any monetary assistance that you can provide in order to help defray the cost of this lodging and other travel related expenses.

We truly hope that you will be able to assist us with our request. Please contact Steve Wheeler or Mark Bywalec for more specific information about our Troop. Checks should be made out to **"Boy Scout Troop 897"** and sent to the above address. More information regarding the Jamboree can be obtained by visiting [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org).

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 897, we thank you for your consideration.

Mark Bywalec 313.730.8853

Assistant Scoutmaster

Steve Wheeler 734.427.1169

Committee Member

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## CCCA Easter Egg Hunt

Ralph Leggat

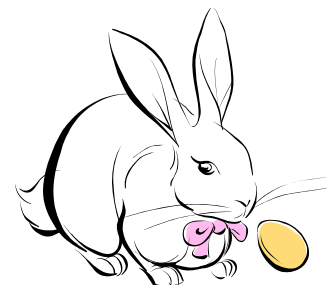
Hello Neighbors,

Once again, I'd like to thank the Clements Circle Civic Association membership for sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This type of event wouldn't be possible without help from good friends. Larry's Foodland Market graciously donated \$200.00 in treats for the children of our neighborhood, Thank you Larry! Some of our fellow

membership gave their help when called upon, Mr. Rick Goodlaski, Mrs. Mary Ann Goodlaski, Ms. Lyndee Last, Ms. Margaret Milliron, Mrs. Karen DePerro, Mrs. Heather Penzenstadler (the Easter Bunny) & Mr. Adam Penzenstadler, Mr. Leigh McBain and Ms. Klarys Leggat are all owed our gratitude for their help. Our Wayne



County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon, for the use of the Sheriff's Courts Div. megaphone. Thank you Sheriff for this equipment. Mostly, I need to thank the kids, parents and grandparents for attending the hunt. It would've been no fun without their attendance. It's my great wish that we all get to enjoy this event next year, but for this year let's give everyone a cheer. Hip, Hip Hooray Everybody!



## Treasurer's Report

As of 4-26-10, the current balance in the CCCA account is \$794.81. These funds are used to organize family-friendly events for our community members throughout the year, many of which are free to attend, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, summer picnic, softball league, and Holiday Sing-a-Long.

This newsletter alone costs nearly \$300 to print and distribute to the 1100 homes in our neighborhood. Yet less than 70 of those homes are members of the CCCA. At this rate, we will not be able to continue to provide the information and services that we have in the past. While we do try to offset this cost with advertising revenue, the economy has also affected local businesses who've had to shrink their budgets as well.

While Wonderland Village was being planned, we had our largest membership to date. When break-ins were affecting our neighborhood, we had record numbers attend our General Meeting. Please help us continue to serve this neighborhood in both good times as well as the bad. Your \$10 membership fee goes a long way towards ensuring that we can continue to work within our community and city to make this neighborhood a great place to live!

Thank you,

Heather Penzenstadler, Treasurer

treasurer@clementscircle.org



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### Clements Circle Civic Association · CCCA · 2010 Membership \$10

#### HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

Member First name

Last name

Spouse First name

Last name

Mailing address

City/State/Zip

Phone # Home

Phone # Mobile

Primary Email

Secondary Email

Children: Name

Age Group

0 - 5    6 - 12    13 +

0 - 5    6 - 12    13 +

0 - 5    6- 12    13+

Are you a New CCCA member?

Y    N

Are you interested in becoming involved in CCCA activities

Y    N

Please list your interests:    Event Planning    Youth Activities    Newsletter    Welcomer

How many individuals live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fee is Only \$10 per Household**

Make \$10 Check Payable to: CCCA

Method of Payment (Check circle one): Personal Check    Cash    Money Order

Mail this form to: CCCA P.O. Box 511366, Livonia, MI 48151

Any membership questions can be directed to: membership@clementscircle.org or 734.237.3606

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