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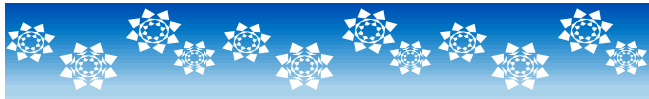
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2011 CCCA Membership Renewal



By Heather Penzenstadler

The CCCA has been a part of this neighborhood for over 50 years. In that time, we have focused on making sure that the neighborhood remained clean, safe and friendly. We have worked hard to communicate our concerns and questions when there are changes that affect our neighborhood, and we have helped to influence change to both local businesses and the City of Livonia.

In order to continue providing this service, along with the many social activities throughout the year, we need your support. The small membership renewal fee of \$10 helps us continue to publish the newsletters and maintain the website, which keeps our neighbors informed of area happenings. Your membership helps us continue our annual events, which promote neighborly interaction and provide a stronger sense of community. This is the best way to create a safe and friendly environment for all the families that live here.

We have set up the CCCA website to make it easy for you to either join or renew your membership safely with your credit card online at <http://www.clementscircle.org/join>.

If you prefer to mail in your membership, you can send the below form and a \$10.00 check payable to "CCCA" to: CCCA, P.O. Box 511366, Livonia, MI 48151

We thank you in advance for your continued support and hope to see you at one of our many events in 2011!

2011 CCCA Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

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If you or a neighbor have a Kindergarten aged child - Kindergarten registration is going on now!



CCCA General Membership Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the CCCA General Membership Meeting.



Date: Monday March 28, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Emerson Middle School - Library Media Center

Agenda

- ★ Dan West from the Livonia Marketing Consortium will be attending to give us information about the New Livonia Community website.
- ★ Vote for the CCCA 2011-2012 Executive Board & Officers
- ★ General CCCA Business

We hope to see you all there!



Winter Weather Survival Tips *Complied by Kristen Lee*

Must-Know Winter Health & Safety Tips by Deborah Skolnik

Winter fun is beckoning, but keeping kids healthy, warm, and entertained can be trickier than putting snow boots on a squirrel. Little guys will head straight into a blizzard in their underwear if they can; big ones may need the Wiimote pried away. Here's how to make sure everyone gets out there and has a great time, safely.

Can They... Go Outside?

Windy days can feel much colder than the actual temperature. When deciding how long kids (and adults!) can play outdoors safely, the windchill factor is most important. Keep this chart handy:

Green Zone: 30°F and higher

Kids can usually play outside comfortably when it's 30°F and higher -- just layer their clothing and make sure they wear hats and mittens. Offer water often (it helps regulate body temperature), and watch for signs that they're getting chilled. If they're shivering, bring them inside even if they insist they're fine. Feel babies' hands and (if possible) feet regularly to see if they're turning icy; also watch for unexplained fussiness. It's a good idea to come inside for a quick break every 40 minutes or so, just to warm up a bit.

Yellow Zone: About 20°F - 30°F

Be cautious. It's okay for your kids to go out, but follow the guidelines above, and expect to see signs of chill sooner -- take short indoor breaks every 20 to 30 minutes. It's especially crucial to layer older kids' clothes, since they may ditch their coats if they get sweaty and so need to be wearing more than a thin shirt underneath.

Red Zone: Below 20°F

Stay indoors.

Skolnik, Deborah. (8 February 2010). Chillax! Get set for the Coolest Winter Ever. *Parenting*. Retrieved from <http://www.parenting.com/article/winter-health-guide>.

For more Winter Weather Survival Tips, visit page 7



CCCA Meeting Minutes

Respectfully Submitted by Angie Alexander, Secretary

October 10, 2010 General Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 6:35 p.m. Approximately 15 people in attendance. Several attendees were from outside the neighborhood.

- ◆ Six candidates (or representatives) for various local, state, and federal offices participated in a candidate's forum in which they expressed their platform and took questions from the audience.
- ◆ Sergeant Pat Moug from the Livonia Police Department Crime Prevention unit discussed recent crime-related situations in the neighborhood and tips on crime prevention. He presented many statistics and charts detailing police calls from the CCCA neighborhood.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report was read and approved. The 2010 budget was discussed. Account balance as of October 2010 was \$819.30.
- ◆ President Stacey Dogonski announced that the Welcoming Committee Chair resigned and position is currently vacant.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



January 2011 CCCA Board Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2011 - Called to order at 7:07 p.m. 7 board members present.

- ◆ Minutes from 10-10-10 General Meeting read and approved.
- ◆ Treasurer's report read and approved. Account balance is \$997.04. There was a \$114.00 surplus in 2010. The largest expense for 2010 was for the newsletter printing - \$650.00.
- ◆ Calendar of Events for 2011 was discussed and dates established. Next events are the March General Meeting (March 28) and Easter Egg Hunt (April 23).
- ◆ Newsletter articles and advertising were discussed.
- ◆ Board agreed to accept requests from residents outside CCCA boundaries to be members.
- ◆ Livonia Marketing Consortium has developed www.spiritoflivonia.com to showcase city and entice new residents and businesses. Board is working to include CCCA neighborhood as part of site to showcase our area of Livonia.
- ◆ PRDA (Plymouth Road Development Authority) is looking for help to maintain areas since funds are depleted. They will work with businesses, but suggestion was made to have CCCA possibly volunteer assistance on our area of road (Plymouth Road between Inkster/ Middlebelt)
- ◆ The board discussed meeting Old Rosedale Gardens Homeowners Association (ORGHA) and the DevonAire Civic Association (DACA) boards to brainstorm ideas on improving our organizations. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting is March 7, 2011.

Devon-Aire
Softball League



Devon-Aire Softball League

2011 Registration

March 8th, 9th & 10th (Tuesday-Thursday)

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at

McKinley Elementary School - in the lobby

(9101 Hillcrest, N. of Joy Rd between. Henry Ruff & Merriman Road)

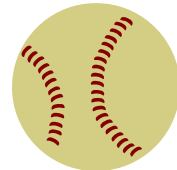
Junior Boys League, ages 7 – 12, Junior Girls League, ages 7 – 12

Seniors Co-ed League, ages 13 – 18

Ages must be as of June 1, 2011 (Please bring birth certificate if new to league)

Cost: \$40.00 for the first child, \$35.00 for each additional child in
same family

For more information call: (734)-427-3095



Growing Boys Into Leaders



As parents we want all our sons to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable, and to be a person of worth. Scouting has these same goals in mind. For years, the scouts have been mixing life time values into fun yet educational activities that help teach one how to make good decisions and give him confidence for when he becomes tomorrow's leader. Cub Scout Pack 897 is based out of Cleveland Elementary and is chartered by the Clements Circle Civic Association. Your son does not have to attend Cleveland to join the Pack.

We are gearing up for our spring camp the weekend of May 20-22.
Please consider joining today!

For more information, please contact Rosie McVicar at
rozaleigh@twmi.rr.com or call 734-536-7578.

Check us out on the web at <http://cspack897.ScoutLander.com>



CCCA 2010 Budget Review

In 2010, the total income for the CCCA was \$1810.33. A majority of our income comes from membership dues. Thank you to all the families who supported us during the past year! Without you, we would not be able to continue providing events that encourage neighborhood interaction. The rest of our income was supplemented by donations and newsletter advertisements.

Printing and delivering the newsletter is a major expense, accounting for nearly 38% of our \$1695.90 expenses for the 2010 year. While we encourage everyone to sign up for the electronic eNewsletter for up-to-the-minute announcements, we feel that the printed newsletter is still a great way to reach all 1100 households within our boundary.

Another 36% of our budget was spent on annual events. These events are free to all residents and present a way for families to get to know each other in a social setting.

The final 26% of our budget was reserved for operating expenses for the CCCA, such as event insurance, P.O. box rental, and website domain registrations.

If you have any other questions on the content of our budget, feel free to contact me!

Heather Penzenstadler

Treasurer

heather@clementscircle.org



Thank you to the Friends of the Barn for making the annual CCCA Christmas Sing-A-Long a huge success with their generous donation of donuts, coloring books and crayons.

Thank you to all of the people who helped make the CCCA Christmas Sing-A-Long happen!

Dave Dogonski, Makenna Dogonski, Ean Dogonski, Ryan Demarest, Adam Penzenstadler, Heather Penzenstadler, Ray DePerro, Ken Stempien, Leigh McBain, Marilee Olson, the Franklin Choir & the Livonia Parks & Recreation Department.

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Meet the Neighbors

by Stacey Dogonski

We are very excited to feature the Sleeman Family for our "Meet The Neighbors" article.

The Sleeman Family moved into the Clements Circle Neighborhood in 2001, not only did they love the charm of the house, they loved the sense of community and positive atmosphere they felt in the neighborhood. Feeling safe and cared for by their neighbors, whether it is moving something heavy or helping out the kids in the neighborhood, they believe there is never a shortage of caring individuals which they feel gives this neighborhood a vibrant heartbeat.

Andy Sleeman is the Director of Business Development for Amphenol Industrial Operations. Andy just wrapped up this Master's Degree from Lawrence Tech, serves on the Cleary University Alumni Association Board of Directors, and is Committee Chairman for the Cub Scout Pack 897, chartered by the CCCA. He enjoys coaching baseball for their son in the Livonia Junior Athletic League.

In addition to Paula's first role as a Domestic Goddess, she is the den leader for the 4th grade Webelos in Pack 897, and is involved with different volunteer activities at Cleveland Elementary and Franklin High School and serves in ministries in their church, Faith Baptist in Dearborn Heights.

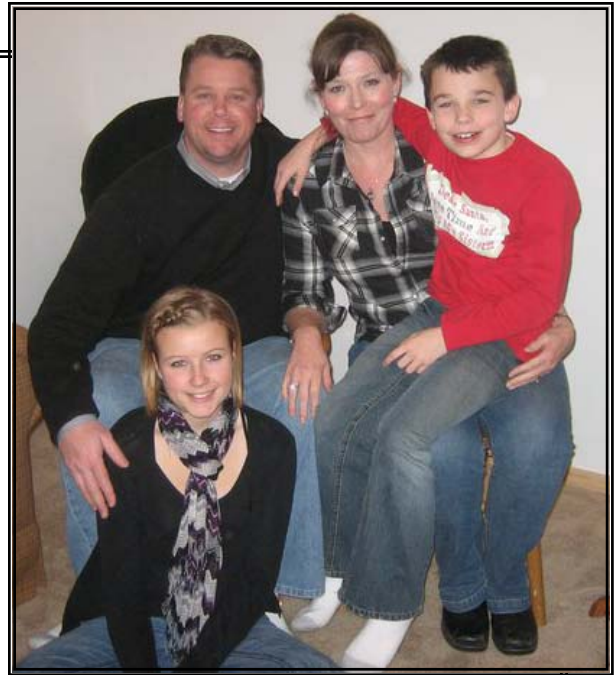
Paula and Andy have a daughter, Sammantha and a son, Troy. Samm is a Sophomore at Franklin High School and a member of the color guard in the marching band and participates in the Ancora Winter Guard in the off-season. Troy is in the 4th Grade at Cleveland Elementary and is in the Cub Scouts and plays baseball for the Livonia Junior Athletic League. Both Samm and Troy are active in their church youth groups.

The Sleeman's have a Jack Russell Terrier named Turkey, who pretty much likes to avoid snow at all costs.

Some of their favorite family activities in the area include; the Easter Egg Hunt, Neighborhood picnic and the Christmas Sing-A-Long at the Wilson Barn. They really enjoy the annual activities hosted for the community by the CCCA. They enjoy traveling as a family and being an avid hunter and fisherman, Andy has been known to tell a good fishing story or two.

When asked what made them decide to play such an active role in the CCCA, Paula replied, "*We believe that it is important to support our neighborhood association to keep it thriving and we think it's a great opportunity to meet the residents. The CCCA plans some great events for the community and tries to bring awareness to our residents when new business come in. They play a very big role as the glue that holds us together as a community*".

If you or your neighbor would like to be featured in our next "Meet The Neighbors" article, please email me at Stacey@clementsircle.org



Seven Tips for Winter Health for Older Adults

While many people wish for a “White Christmas,” the reality is that snow and ice can be a painful one-two punch, especially for seniors who have arthritis or difficulty walking due to a previous stroke or other illness. A single fall can cause debilitating and costly injuries, but a few simple tips can help older adults stay safe and healthy through the winter months.

- 1. Tread carefully.** To help avoid falls, wear appropriate shoes outdoors and put road salt, sand or kitty litter on sidewalks and driveways. Better yet, if the walks haven’t been cleared, ask friends or relatives for help with errands such as grocery shopping.
- 2. Avoid overwork.** Find someone to handle snow shoveling and other strenuous outdoor tasks. Cold weather causes blood vessels to constrict, which increases the risk of heart attack for people with heart disease or other conditions that strain the heart’s ability to pump blood.
- 3. Exercise indoors.** Staying indoors does not mean being inactive. Keep in shape by walking in place, using a stationary bike or working out with a fitness video, available at the local library. Daily stretching exercises can help maintain flexibility. Check with your physician before beginning any exercise program.
- 4. Bundle up.** Cold temperatures are a serious threat to seniors, especially those with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. A person who wanders from home without proper clothing in the winter can quickly fall victim to frostbite or hypothermia. Families should consider installing alarm systems that signal whenever an outside door is opened.
- 5. Keep the heat on.** Inadequate indoor heat also can cause hypothermia. Keep home temperatures above 65 degrees and dress in layers to maintain body temperature. If you have difficulty paying the heating bill, contact your gas or electric utility about ways to continue service through the winter.
- 6. Clear the air.** If you heat your home with a fireplace, gas furnace or gas-powered space heater, invest in carbon monoxide detectors, which can be purchased at a home improvement store for as little as \$30. Carbon monoxide in the air can displace the oxygen in your blood stream and cause headache, dizziness, nausea, convulsions and even death within two hours. The effects can be even faster for people with heart or respiratory illnesses.
- 7. Socialize.** Depression is more common in the winter months, and bad weather can mean social isolation for many seniors. Make efforts to spend time with family, friends and neighbors, and when weather makes visiting difficult, pick up the phone for a chat.

Retrieved from <http://www.chiff.com/a/seniors-winter.htm>



Clements Circle Civic Association

2011 Calendar of Events

Spring General Meeting - Monday March 28 at 6:30 p.m. - Emerson Middle School in the LMC

All members & non-members should plan on attending this important meeting to Elect the 2011-2012 Executive board and Approve the Budget. The meeting will also include a Year in Review and Special Guest Speaker Dan West, President of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Livonia Marketing Consortium.

Easter Egg Hunt at Wilson Barn - Saturday April 23 @ 11 a.m.

All are welcome to join in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the historic Wilson Barn on April 23 at 11:00 a.m. Kids of all ages are encouraged to collect as many eggs as possible to get a special treat from the Easter Bunny. This is a fun, free family event hosted by the CCCA. So, mark your calendars and bring your baskets.

Clements Circle Park Clean-Up - Saturday May 7th at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the annual Take Pride in Livonia Day by cleaning the Clements Circle Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your rakes & shovels to the park to spruce it up for the summer as we beautify our neighborhood park for all to enjoy throughout the year. Cleaning supplies will be provided by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department along with hot dogs and drinks for all that help make our community a better place to live.

Annual CCCA Garage Sale - Saturday June 4th.

The ever popular neighborhood garage sale is set for June 4th. Mark your calendars and look for more information and registration forms to come out in the Spring 2011 edition of the CCCA newsletter. **Don't forget to mark your calendars!**



2011-2012 CCCA Board Election Announcement

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the CCCA? Are you interested in serving on the CCCA Executive Board or being on the Board of Directors? or chairing one of our great community events or helping out on a committee? If so, we would love to hear from you. The CCCA Board meets once a month to discuss issues in the neighborhood and plan the upcoming events. We are always looking for new people to work with in our neighborhood.

Current positions that need to be filled are: Welcoming Committee Chair, Newsletter Chair & Advertising Chair.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for an Executive Board Position such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Board of Directors, please forward your information to me so that I can put your name on the election ballot. Contact Stacey Dogonski at stacey@clementscircle.org.

We want to hear from you, please fill out our CCCA online community survey at:

<http://www.clementscircle.org/WP/survey/>

The Current Election Slate as of February 2011 is as follows:



Executive Board

President - Stacey Dogonski
Vice President - Adam Penzenstadler
Treasurer - Heather Penzenstadler
Secretary - Angie Alexander

Board of Directors: Leigh McBain, Kristin Lee

Letter from the President *Stacey Dogonski*



Hello Clements Circle Civic Association Neighbors! I hope this newsletter finds you happy and warm during these cold winter months. The CCCA board is working

hard to make 2011 just as great as 2010 was in the CCCA neighborhood. There are many exciting things going on in our neighborhood and in the areas around us. I would like to draw your attention to two notices in this newsletter. One is the announcement for the DevonAire Softball Registration notice. The DevonAire Softball League is a fantastic organization for kids who love the game of softball. My daughter Makenna enjoyed her first year as a player in this awesome league on the Bulldogs team and learned so much about the game of softball that she made the All-Star Team. This league has been in existence since 1958. It is run with dedicated volunteers who love the game of softball. I highly recommend signing your kids up for this great league. For only \$40 for the first kid and \$35 for each additional kid in the same house. I can tell you from experience that it is an amazing league and your kids will have a wonderful time and will have memories to last a lifetime.

The second notice that I would like to mention is the announcement for the Cub Scouts. The CCCA charters Pack 897 out of Cleveland Elementary School. Having worked with the wonderful parent volunteers that have dedicated their time to this outstanding organization, I can say that if your son is interested in Cub Scouts this is the best place for him. I have watched the current Webelos since they were Tiger Cubs coming up and maturing into well-mannered, community oriented, amazing kids. Pack 897 has also

be there to lend a helping hand whenever the CCCA has needed them. We thank them for their selfless help and dedication to making our neighborhood and the world around them a better place.

Lastly, I would like to extend a personal invitation to each and every one of our neighbors to attend our upcoming CCCA General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dan West, President of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Dan will be speaking about efforts by the Livonia Marketing Consortium to promote the City of Livonia and the Livonia website that will go live after the Mayor's State of the City address in early March. Dan will talk about what this website can do for us as a civic association and how it can for us as members of this community as a whole. In addition to our guest speaker, the CCCA March meeting is election time for the CCCA. The General Meeting is Monday March 28th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Emerson Middle School in the LMC. We hope you are able to join us!

In closing, I would like to thank all of the volunteers, board members, families, Cub Scouts & neighbors for making 2010, a year to remember. Without your help & passion for the CCCA, we could not do all that we do for the neighborhood. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events scheduled for 2011.

As always, take care and stay warm

Sincerely -

Stacey Dogonski

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CCCA Newsletter Advertising Opportunities

As a service to our fellow neighbors, the CCCA would like to offer members the opportunity to advertise their business or community event in the newsletter. For \$20, you can purchase a one time business card sized advertisement. The CCCA newsletter is published 4 times a year. Below is a sample of what a \$20 add can look like. If you are interested in purchasing advertising space, please contact Stacey Dogonski at stacey@clementsircle.org.

Bell Creek MOPS Mom 2 Mom Sale
 Saturday March 5th, 2011
 Franklin High School
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 \$1 donation
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