

WARDCLIFF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

East Lansing/Okemos, MI

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Spring, 2017

Wardcliff Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Time to get those unwanted items out of the basement, cleaned up, and ready to sell.

The annual Wardcliff Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm each day.

You may register and participate on one or both days. To register, please go to the WNA website at www.wardcliff.org. The deadline to register is Friday, May 26.

Ads will be placed in the Lansing State Journal, Craigslist.com, Yardsales.net, GarageSaleFinder.com, and the Meridian Township website.

Signs will be placed within the neighborhood and a printed list of all sale locations will be delivered to each participating household by June 1.

Participation is free to active WNA members, and non-members are asked to donate \$5 to help defray advertising costs.

Need some sale tips? Go to the Wardcliff home page at www.wardcliff.org and click on "Neighborhood Garage Sale site."

For more information, contact Esther Onaga at onaga@msu.edu or 517-881-6333.

Repaving of Park Lake Rd

The Ingham County Road Department has completed repaving of Park Lake Road from Grand River Avenue to just past Haslett Road.

Construction work consisted of asphalt resurfacing, and also the widening of the left turn lane from southbound Park Lake to Haslett Road. Yellow and white lines have also been repainted.



Park Lake Rd looking north, across from the Wardcliff soccer fields.

Repaving of Heather Drive and Heather Circle

The Ingham County Road Department has repaved Heather Drive and Heather Circle and both are greatly improved.



Heather Drive looking west, at the intersection of Blue Haven.

Pothole Season Returns

Pothole Repair: As Spring approaches, the potholes that have been accumulating over the winter become more obvious and more annoying.

Repairs are made by the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) and they will need to be given the precise location (street address in the township) of the pothole(s).

This information can be communicated in one of three ways:

1. Send an e-mail message to the ICRD at roads@ingham.org
2. Call the ICRD at 517- 676-9722
3. Write to the ICRD at 301 Bush Street, P.O. Box 38, Mason, MI 48854-0038

Weather and work load permitting, they will send out the patching crew in a few days. This process can be sped up if several neighbors report on the same problem area.

Street Repaving: Pothole patches are only a temporary solution, however, and the potholes can reappear in a relatively short time.

To request that your street be repaved, it will be necessary to contact the Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works and Engineering at Meridian Township, Derek Perry. His contact information follows:

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Costco is Coming to Town

The redevelopment of the former Four Winds Golf Course property at 5800 Park Lake Road is now underway.

The City of East Lansing Department of Planning, Building and Development has released a staff report with details of plans for the Costco Wholesale warehouse with attached Tire Center, as well as a separate Fueling Station, and three outlots for future businesses, here:

(www.cityofeastlansing.com/documentcenter/view/5556).

The first phase of the project involves removal of the old golf course buildings, and the relocation of a section of the Wolverine Pipeline that runs through the property.

Residents of the Wardcliff Neighborhood heading north on Park Lake Road can expect to see a good deal of construction-related activity in the months ahead.

The site is being prepared for not only the 156,170 square foot warehouse, but also a 32-acre Conservation Easement that will be created to buffer the surrounding neighbors from the commercial activity.

The company has announced that the Grand Opening of the new store will be in early November if construction stays on schedule.



Clearing of the Four Winds golf course property.

Pothole Season, continued from previous column:

Mr. Derek Perry
Phone: 517-853-4440
e-mail: perry@meridian.mi.us
Address: 5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

The Township will check your street and decide if it should be added to the repaving list for the coming year. Again, having a number of neighbors make the request together or as individuals will help focus attention on the problem areas on your streets.

Stay Informed Using Community Alerts

NIXLE:

Nixle delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and cell phone text messages. Nixle is simple, trusted, and available at no cost to police and residents.

To sign up, just fill out a very simple form on their website: www.nixle.com.

CRIME MAPPING:

Get next-day email notification of crimes committed in the selected area. You may also see the locations on a map via the email. Choose the crimes you wish to view, and the area.

To see the Okemos area, copy and paste into your browser, then go to "Receive Alerts" and fill out the form for your area of interest:

www.crimemapping.com/map/agency/452

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE BLOG:

Read notices of recent area activity, and read the Police Activity Reports. There are also links to other important sites.

Copy and paste into your browser:

meridiantwppolice.blogspot.com

WNA Donates to Meridian Township Community Resources Program

The Wardcliff Neighborhood Association has donated \$50 to the Community Resources Program of Meridian Township, which aids residents by connecting those in need with services in our community.

The Ambulance Waiver Program provides Meridian Township residents full or partial waiver of their ambulance bill if they meet income guidelines.

Residents meeting income and asset limits set by Meridian Township may be eligible for a partial, or in some cases, full exemption of property taxes.

Emergency services assistance and referrals are available for residents facing financial crises.

Those 60 and over who need help applying for food assistance, may receive help through MiCAFE.

Free tax preparation assistance information is available for low-income households.

A link to the site page is on the left side:

<http://www.meridian.mi.us/>

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The Wardcliff neighborhood is in Meridian Township, and borders the City of East Lansing to the west, Grand River Ave. on the south, Park Lake Rd. on the east, and Burcham Dr. on the north.

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Links:

www.wardcliff.org/links/

- Meridian Township
www.meridian.mi.us/
- Meridian Township Police
 - MTPD on Twitter
twitter.com/MeridianTwpPD
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 - MTPD Blog
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- Nixle – Local Community Alerts
www.nixle.com/
- Crime Mapping
crimemapping.com/map/agency/452

Emergency Preparedness

- Ready.gov: www.ready.gov/
- Do1Thing: www.do1thing.com/

How to contact the Police Dept:

- Emergencies: 911
- Non-Emergencies: 332-6526
- Front Desk: 853-4800

How to contact the Fire Dept:

- Emergencies: 911
- Non-Emergencies: 272-6026
- Administration: 853-4700

Meridian Township Police vs Fire Department Charity Basketball Game

by Lt. Greg Frenger

On Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, the Meridian Township Police Department hosted a charity basketball game versus the Meridian Township Fire Department. Police officers and fire fighters faced off on the basketball court at Haslett Middle School on 1535 Franklin Street. Activities included a 50/50 raffle, a K-9 Meet and Greet, and an appearance from McGruff the Crime Dog.

There was also a bucket raffle for prizes which included free rounds of golf at Hawk Hollow Golf Course, \$100 party packages from City Limits, a Lansing Lugnuts gift pack, Staybridge Suites overnight stays, and gift cards to a variety of restaurants and businesses throughout the township. Donations for this event from local businesses, Haslett Public Schools, and individual donors were overwhelming.



All proceeds from the event went toward the 27th Annual Gayelord Mankowski Christmas Party helping make the holidays a little brighter for disadvantaged youth in our community.

In case you were wondering, the Meridian Township Police won the match against the Fire Department with a score of 54 to 37.



Spring 2017 Cabin Fever

The Wardcliff Neighborhood Association held its 6th annual Cabin Fever event on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Ellison Brewery and Spirits in East Lansing. WNA provided the snacks.

Despite the unseasonably warm weather this year, we celebrated the anticipated arrival of spring with our friends and neighbors. WNA signed up several new families to the association.

WNA Member Interest

If you like the work the WNA is doing, and have some fresh ideas you would like to share, have you ever considered contacting a board member, attending a board meeting, or possibly running for the board?

There are links to contact each board member on the WNA website contact page. Just choose the person you wish to get ahold of, fill out the form, and submit.

The link is wardcliff.org/contact/
Copy and paste into your browser.

CATA Suspending BRT Project

Loss of Federal funding, lack of community support, an almost 7% reduction in ridership on Route 1, and resistance to the huge \$133 million total cost for the project are among the contributing factors for this decision.

Almost \$5.7 million has already been spent on the project since it was formally proposed in 2010.

An additional \$4.5 million in existing grants will still be used for other projects such as updating bus route shelters.

Many groups including MSU, East Lansing, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Meridian Township board, many business owners along the corridor, cyclists, disabled riders, and many Township residents were opposed to the plan for various reasons.

With the addition of a separate issue of the discovery of unpaid payroll taxes between 2014 and 2016, CATA will need to re-examine its finances.

Fall Fun Fest 2016 a Success

WNA held its annual Fall Fun Fest on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23, 2016 in the Wardcliff School yard. We had a great turnout of neighbors with their children, and all enjoyed donuts, apple cider, candy, cupcakes, fruit, and cold drinks, accompanied by some friendly conversation. There was even a fire pit for roasting marshmallows to make S'mores, which are always a hit.

A big attraction for all ages was the huge bubble-blowing wand, and teens also enjoyed the tumbling tower game.

The Meridian Township Fire Department sent out a fire truck and an ambulance for the kids and parents to learn about and explore.

