

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

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Spartan Stores to Open Value-Added Grocery in Colonial Village Mall

Craig Singer, owner of the Colonial Plaza on Mt. Hope and Boston Blvd., made a surprise visit to the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association meeting on April 17, 2013. He stopped by to deliver the news that he had signed a lease with Spartan Stores for the portion of the mall previously occupied by L & L Supermarkets. The locally owned Spartan plans to open another of their value-added concept grocery stores. These stores are modeled somewhat on the concept of the Aldi stores. One of Spartan's concept stores is located on Waverly and Saginaw. Colonial Plaza will be their fifth. The expected opening is late June or July.

"We are overjoyed on the grocery store announcement. I believe this would not have happened without a concerted effort by Craig Singer. He is an atypical

absentee landlord and a committed business owner" said Karl Biasi, President of CVNA.

Mr. Singer acknowledged the inspiration of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association and all the other neighborhood groups as well as the assistance of the South Lansing Community Development Association for their survey on needs and help with local issues.

He indicated he has another food establishment on line for the vacant space next to the China Garden. There is a possibility that the smaller vacant spaces in the corner near the bank may be demolished in the future for a drive up service lanes for both the Rite Aid and PNC Bank. The next step is to shop the businesses in the Colonial Village Plaza.

Dogs Ordinance

By: Anita Beavers

Colonial Village neighbors and other Lansing residents have voiced concerns about recent problems with nuisance, loose and vicious dogs. As a result, the Lansing City Council's Public Safety Committee recently reviewed the existing dog ordinance and drafted a list of recommendations to enforce existing rules. Their recommendations will be reviewed August 1, 2013. Information pertaining to their recommendations can be found on CVNA's website at www.cvnanews.com.

The ordinance, adopted in 2002, states: "no owner shall permit his or her dog to run at large within the City. A dog running at large in violation of this chapter at least twice within any continuous six-month period of time, is hereby deemed to be a nuisance. A dog's owner is required to confine or secure his or her dog within the limits of the owner's premises, except when the dog is securely tethered on a leash under the control of a person holding the leash. The person must be capable of restraining the dog at all times.

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School Nurses And The Art & Music Programs at Elmhurst School

By Anita Beavers

Judy Zick, RN/BSN and Sue Abent, RN/BSN Lansing School District nurses are two of the five nurses who have their offices at Elmhurst School. There is a total of nine LSD school nurses covering more than 21 schools.

Their primary job is teaching school staff how to deal with the health problems of the children. Increasing cases of diabetes, asthma and food and other allergies in children present challenges in how to treat them in a classroom setting.

The nurses also teach children basic hygiene, proper hand

washing, good dental practices and health habits.

Michigan has the lowest school nurse to student ratio in the nation and working to meet the needs of the children is challenging.

The Ingham County Health Department does the vision and hearing test and the nurses do follow-up.

Children are vaccinated for DPT, MMR, Chicken Pox, HEPB. Preschoolers only receive HIB. After age 11 they receive Meningitis vaccination from family doctors or at the Ingham County Health Department.

Nurse Abent lived in Colonial Village and along with the other nurses loves the friendly, beautiful surroundings.

CVNA welcomes the nurses and hope LSD continues to keep Elmhurst a viable part of the neighborhood

If you wish more information, the contact telephone number is (517).755.4960.

Art and Music Programs

The recent changes in the LSD curriculum will affect Elmhurst. The art and music programs have been cut and those teachers who had offices at Elmhurst will no longer be there.

Neighborhood Activities and More

South Lansing Farmer's Market

South Lansing Community Development Association

The Farmers Market will return again this year to the parking lot of Grace United Methodist Church bringing fresh fruits, vegetables, ready to eat products, some crafts & entertainment.

The market will be open every Thursday, 3-7pm June 6 —October 24.

Find out more about vendors and the market at: <http://www.southlansing.org/Programs/FarmersMarket/tabid/350/Default.aspx>. Volunteers are needed.

Taco Thursdays -

Grace United Methodist Church is bringing back Taco Thursdays this year on Market Day.

Garden of Grace Community Garden

South Lansing Community Development Association

Looking for a fun, educational activity to do as a family? Try a community garden. The 2013 garden season is fast approaching and SLCDA is excited to announce that plot registration for South Lansing Urban Gardens (SLUG) is available! The Garden of Grace Garden is located next to Grace United Methodist Church
[Registration](#)

Use the following link to register for your plot: <http://goo.gl/8qgbl>. If you prefer a paper registration form, please call (517) 374-5700

Find more information on SLUG at <http://southlansing.org/Programs/UrbanGardens/tabid/817/Default.aspx>.

Feel free to call (517) 374-5700 or gardens@southlansing.org.

7th Annual Hawk Island Triathlon

South Lansing Community Development Association

This beginner-friendly multi-sport event is designed to welcome and encourage people of all ages, shapes, sizes and abilities as they venture into the world of triathlon. It's also a great warm-up race for experienced athletes gearing up for the summer triathlon season. <http://www.southlansing.org/HawkIslandTriathlon/tabid/353/Default.aspx>

Start: Sunday, June 2, 2013 @ 8:00 AM
Hawk Island County Park
1601 E. Cavanaugh Lansing, MI

Fees
\$60 until January 31, \$65 until March 31, \$70 until May 31. Registration Closing Date May 31, 2013 @ 8:59 PM PST

Volunteers are needed. Visit the website to register and volunteer.

April & May—Good Months To Get Ready for Summer

Whatever your passion (walking, biking, tennis, gardening, reading, sitting, playing in the park with your family and friends) there is plenty to do in Colonial Village and nearby neighborhoods..

Colonial Village Walkers

By June Kenfield

Time to get out those walking shoes; beautiful Spring weather is just around the corner. Some neighbors have walked during the winter, braving the weather outside; others have walked at a mall or at the Southside Community Center on Wise Road.

The Walking Club that began last year has encouraged small groups who can set their own times and locations. At least one group has ventured out of the neighborhood and has discovered great walking

opportunities at the River Trail, Hawk Island, Burchfield Park, Hawk Meadow in Delta Twp. and the M.S.U. campus.

If you know of a great walk, please share it with us.

If you don't have your own walking group or just need a push to get out of the house and enjoy the spring and summer weather call June Kenfield (517) 580 8560. or email jpkenfield@comcast.net

Tennis Anyone?

Nets are up and tennis courts are ready for use. Willie Vinson is organizing a tennis league again this summer.

If you are interested in participating in tennis, learning how to play tennis, or just hitting the ball contact Willie Vinson. Call (517) 482 8724 or email [Willie Vinson vinsonstmp@att.net](mailto:Willie.Vinsonstmp@att.net) for more information.

Show Your Neighborhood Pride

Write an article, make suggestions for subject matter, take and submit pictures for the website & newsletter and/or display at meetings. Have a suggestion for speakers who might be of interest to residents, let us know.

Submit pictures, articles and neighborhood information to: Karl Biasi, kebiasi@att.net or mail to 2100 Pattengill, Lansing, MI 48910

Consider being a candidate for a CVNA board position

Use the parks closest to home for ball games, kids play areas, picnics, tennis. Lets keep our parks clean.

Please clean up after your pets.

CVNA has two parks. Elmhurst Park on Gordon Ave. near Pattengill and Holly Park on S. Hollyway next to the woods. If you are new to the area and haven't yet visited the parks, please do so.

Dog Ordinance

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Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor which could result in a fine up to \$500.00 and up to 90 days in jail."

If you witness a dangerous dog problem (i.e. dog attacking) call 911 and Animal Control at (517) 676 8370. Do make both calls and be available as a witness. A major problem is owner identification.

For nuisance dog situations you only need call Animal Control at (517) 676 8370. Anonymous calls are accepted. Remember all dogs must have a license tag, rabies tag and be on a leash when you are walking them.

Support CVNA With Your Donation.

CVNA is supported by your donations, a grant from the City of Lansing Mayor's Office and your volunteer support. Thank you for your continued help. An envelope is included for your convenience.

CVNA would like to thank Grace United Methodist Church for allowing CVNA to use their facilities without a required rental even though CVNA is not associated with the church. We are fortunate for your support.

Your Help Is Needed —Volunteer Today Here ‘s How

Newsletter Committee	Deliver newsletters—approximately 1 hour two times a year (spring & Fall)
Refreshment Committee	Provide refreshments at meetings—8 times per year/ per your schedule
Garden Clean up	Help clean flower beds (parks, boulevards & circles) 1 hr. two times year.
Garden Maintenance Committee	ADOPT a Flower Bed near Your Home —At your leisure/ discretion maintain flower beds (Parks, Boulevards & Circles) <i>-Make it a family affair.</i>
Picnic Planning Committee	1—4 hours per year—(Work on Annual Picnic)—plan, prepare, participate
Meet The Candidates Event Committee	1—2 hours once per year (Work at annual Candidates Night) Plan, prepare, participate.

For more information or to volunteer contact Colonial Village Neighborhood Association www.cvnanews.com, come to a meeting or contact President Karl Biasi at: kebiasi@att.net.

Please Be Aware of Coyotes

While out walking the trails in the woods of Holly Park please take care and be on the look out for a coyote and remember they may resemble a dog, but are not. They are wild animals..

A neighbor who lives on South Hollyway, near the woods connected to Holly Park, reported to Karl Biasi she saw “at least one coyote in the woods behind S. Holly Way for the past few weeks. Last night a coyote attacked my dog that was out in the yard and I just wanted to let you know and see if you have any way to spread the word to other residents. We called the police, DNR and animal control.”

Report sightings to Animal Control (517) 676 8370 and Karl Biasi (517) 487 1713 so CVNA can monitor the situation.

Mark Your Calendar

- Week of April 1— November** **Collection of yard waste** begins week of April 1, 2013. Please do not rake yard waste into the street. Place in paper lawn care bags and place them on the curbside on your normal collection day. No not use wire to bundle tree trimmings.
- May 15 June 19 Sept. 18** **Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meetings.**—Meetings are held at Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd. Corner of Mt. Hope Blvd www.cvnanews.com
7 –8:30pm No Regular Meetings held: July or August
- May 18** **Garage Sale—Neighborhood-wide** - For more information contact Karl Biasi (517)487-1713
- June 6— October 24 Every Thursday 3—7 pm** **Farmers Market Season**—in parking lot of Grace United Methodist Church. Check it out: <http://www.southlansing.org/Programs/FarmersMarket/tabid/350/Default.aspx>
- June 6— October 24 3—7 pm** **Grace United Methodist Church TACO THURSDAYS**—during Farmer’s Market season.
- August** **Neighborhood Picnic**—Elmhurst School building Pattengill and Boston Blvd. **Day to be announced soon. Volunteers Needed—**
- September 18 7-8:30pm** **Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting.**—Meetings are held at Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd. Corner of Mt. Hope Blvd Check www.cvnanews.com for agendas and minutes or call (517) 487 1713
- June 18— August 19** **RSVP Food & Fun at Elmhurst** Elmhurst School Bldg. Gym. Corner Pattengill & Gordon Ave.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM— 1:00 PM** **Kids Eat FREE!** *Come for a breakfast and stay for crafts and activities. This activities program is designed for children ages 4 to 10 years old.*

For Information Contact: (517) 887 6116

All children up to 18 years old are invited to breakfast and lunch.