

**Upcoming Events:**

**Jan 24th: Winter Carnival**

**Jan 31st: Strategic Planning**



## GORGEOUS DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE ANNUAL WMHNA PICNIC

Blue skies and warmth graced this year's picnic as many neighbors marched (and ran) over to Henderson Park with dishes to pass and good cheer to share. In



addition to so many neighbors who prepared delicious food to share, many other volunteers contributed to the success of the event: Chair organizer, Fred Schlegel; Set-up hustlers Jeff Sherman, Fred and Chris Schlegel, Mark Sloan, and Charlie and Curt Leibbrand; Master Chefs Zolton Cohen,

Martin Nolan, Bert Cooper, and Kirk Leftwich; Door Prize Table handlers Connie and Pete Carroll; Mixologist Mary Cohen; and the USTA Committee Dee Fish, Pam Sacket, and Kathy Fosmoe. Additionally, recognition goes to K College for its volunteers, equipment, and financial donations and to KDPS police and firefighters.





## LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

We've had another great year in the neighborhood, getting together formally and informally on a number of occasions. Our Winter Carnival, Easter Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Social, Annual Picnic, and Harvest Moon Dance were all successes and were well attended. The dance went well, even though it had to be moved indoors. We thank Kalamazoo College for making a space available to us that evening. I must also thank Steve, Fred, Scott, Rebecca, Connie, Pete, and Louise for organizing these events. Thanks also to the numerous cooks, drink pourers, and other volunteers at the picnic.

I have two favors to ask of the neighborhood. First, please use the enclosed envelope to send in your annual donation, if you see fit, and if you haven't already given this year. The association, and the activities that it supports, are funded solely by contributions from you, its membership.

As a second favor, I'd like to ask neighbors to consider joining the Board of Directors in the upcoming year. We have a number of hardworking board members, many of whom have been serving for years. However, we feel as if we need some new folks, and some new ideas. We're particularly interested in seeing some of our younger neighbors join the board. There will be open positions to be filled at the annual meeting in May, including my own. I've served for five years, with the last three as president, but it's time to make room for others.

Yours,

Mark Sloan

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

### WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SET BOARD DIRECTION AND GOALS

The WMHNA Board is inviting the neighborhood residents to participate in a strategic planning process at St Thomas More on Saturday, January 31st from 10:00 - 4:00. The process will be facilitated by Jill Edelen, a professional facilitator who has offered to assist free of charge. In general this effort will involve reviewing our mission, looking at the challenges and opportunities confronting our neighborhood and determining how we want to go about addressing them. The process will be about building consensus and giving our efforts focus. In addition to having one or more of the original neighborhood Board members participate, we would like a broad representative group be a part of this process and especially invite and encourage members of the younger families to be a part. If babysitting is needed, please let one of us Board members know and we will make arrangements for that at the church or at someone's home, if preferred. Arrangements will also be made for lunch, either to be covered by the Board or shared among the participants.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need new, especially younger, Board members so the interests of the families with young children are addressed and represented. Time commitments do not have to be major. There are only 10 regular meetings a year. Monthly neighborhood association meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month, except August and December at 7:00 PM. The meetings are held at St Thomas Church on Monroe Street, except for the annual meeting the last Tuesday of May, when the meeting is usually held in the Olmsted Room at Mandelle Hall on Kalamazoo College's campus. Topics regularly discussed are: annual event planning, Kalamazoo College activities, including construction projects affecting the neighborhood, housing/rental issues, park beautification and any other neighborhood concerns raised.

The next WMHNA meetings will be on: Tuesday, January 27th; Tuesday, February 24th, Tuesday, March 31st; and Tuesday, April 28th

**VISIT/PARTICIPATE IN FREE BOOK EXCHANGE BOX ON GROVE STREET**



## HARVEST MOON DANCE

It was a rainy evening, but warm and fun, as K College offered the Light Fine Arts Lobby for the dance which was a perfect space. Caller Michael Clark and neighbor Matt Frayer and the Sodbusters led children, teens and adults in lots of fun dancing together. And, to top it off, the food brought by neighbors for the Pot Luck dinner was quite wonderful!





## HANDY CONTACT NUMBERS

KDPS (City) non-emergency.....	337-8994	Public Utilities.....	337-8149
Township police non-emergency.....	343-0551	Public Works/Tree Maintenance.....	337-8731
Silent Observer.....	343-2100	Water.....	337-8149
KVET (drug unit).....	337-8880	Sidewalk Concerns.....	337-8731
COK (anti-blight; dangerous bldg.).....	337-8229	Street Construction.....	337-8601
Animal Control.....	383-8775	Street Lights.....	800-477-5050
Consumers Energy.....	800-477-5050	Traffic Signals.....	337-8601
Curbside Monthly Trash/Brush Pick-up.....	337-8215	<b>Police Non-Emergency Numbers</b>	
Curbside Weekly Recycling Pick-up.....	337-8215	Non-emergency, City of Kalamazoo Public	
Fire Hydrant Repair.....	337-8149	Safety.....	337-8994
Housing (general).....	337-8026	Non-emergency, Township of	
Housing Inspector.....	337-8026	Kalamazoo.....	343-0568
Potholes.....	337-8731		

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## THE 2014 ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE - THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to all of you who supported the WMH Neighborhood Association in 2014. Your donations are used to fund the printing and mailing of this newsletter, as well as neighborhood gatherings throughout the year, such as the **upcoming Winter Festival on Saturday, January 24th**. Funds are also used to help support the beautification of our parks. Please give, and THANK-YOU for your support. Also, *please provide your email*, as sometime in the future, our goal is that, except for our annual fund drive edition, newsletters will be delivered only by email, unless requested/needed otherwise.

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 We recommend from each household a \$25 donation. Please feel free to tear out the form below, make your check payable to WMHNA, or pay online at <http://wmh.webnode.com> and mail to the following address:

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