



## HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED

Would you like to help yourself, your neighbors and the entire NECAA area? We need volunteers to serve on the Board, to serve as Block Captains, deliver newsletters, attend Planning and City Commission meetings and participate in our Crime Prevention Committee. The letterhead shows our boundaries which covers over 3,000 households. Contact Lynn Rabaut at 233-9086, or any current board member for more information.

## TOP 10 COMPLAINTS FILED BY NEIGHBORS, ABOUT NEIGHBORS

***THESE ARE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES, BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS***

- 10) **Not shoveling sidewalks**  
*Possible consequence: The City will have the walks shoveled and put a lien on the property.*
- 9) **Not picking up pet waste**  
*Possible consequence: Police can ticket the offender.*
- 8) **Letting pets roam with out a leash.**  
*Possible consequence: Police can ticket the offender.*
- 7) **Parking boats, trailers and motor homes in a residential area.**  
*Possible consequence: Police can ticket the offender.*
- 6) **Not mowing the lawn.**  
*Possible consequence: The City will have the lawn mowed and put a lien on the property.*
- 5) **Not maintaining a house or garage.**  
*Possible consequence: The City's housing department will require compliance and in extreme cases take the owner to court.*
- 4) **Having more than 6 un-related people in a home.**  
*Possible consequence: The City will require compliance and in extreme cases court action will be taken.*
- 3) **Barking dogs.**  
*Possible consequence: Police can ticket the dog owner.*
- 2) **Parking cars between the sidewalk and the house.**  
*Possible consequence: Police can ticket the offender.*
- 1) **Speeding.**  
*Possible consequences: Neighbors can petition for speed bumps or the police can ticket the violator.*

*If you have a neighbor who is violating one of these laws you can contact any NECAA board member and file a complaint. NECAA's name is registered on the complaint, not yours, which helps to maintain peace between neighbors while eliminating the problem.*

# NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## NECAA Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place on October 24. Read the fall newsletter for the time and place.

## Beckwith School » *Neighborhood meeting May 20 at 10am.*

Pilgrim Manor is considering the purchase of the Beckwith school property to expand its services to senior citizens. Please attend a neighborhood meeting on May 20th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Beckwith School gymnasium to meet with representatives of Pilgrim Manor, its architect and builder to discuss site and development issues. Pilgrim Manor wants to hear from neighbors before proceeding with a proposal to purchase the site from the GRPS.

## Update on Zoning Changes and Developments

- **2100 E. Beltline (NE corner Knapp & E. Beltline)**  
There has been a series of requests--and several amendments--to rezone 33 acres at this corner for construction of a "Life Style Center" of 350,000 sq.ft. While this project was rejected by the City Commission last year, we expect to see a similar request later this year.
- **I-96 & I-196**  
improvements to both these highways will start soon. If you live near the highway you will hear work being done day and night throughout the summer.
- **1625 Leonard**  
The neighborhood Association is working with the City's zoning and police department to stop the semi-truck parking in the parking lot. Area truckers should work out an agreement with a company in the Oak Industrial Park to park their cabs and trailers. Semi-truck (cab and trailers) parking is not allowed in commercial or residential areas.
- **Beckwith Center**  
The center is in the process of expanding. We can look forward to new business in the near future.
- **Cornerstone College**  
The College has changed the entrance to the campus. The new entrance will be enhanced by a clock tower to be dedicated to a supporter of the college.

## SPEED HUMPS

Think your street needs speed humps? Call Traffic Safety at 456-3066 for more information regarding the process.

## NECAA Crime Prevention

### Block Captains Needed

Crime Prevention is still a major part of our neighborhood. Our boundaries are Fuller to the west, Ball to the east, Leonard to the south and Knapp to the north. Many streets in this area still need Block Captains. This program needs your help to keep crime rates down; the more people participate the safer our neighborhood will be! Monthly meetings are still being held. Please call DeAnn (451-3720) if you would like more information on becoming a block captain in this area.

### SHOES ON POWER LINES

If you notice shoes or objects hanging from power lines please do not try to remove them on your own. Consumers Power is willing to come out and take the items down if they are on their lines - please call 1-800- 477-5050. Consumers will inspect the lines within 1-3 days and take the objects down if they are on their lines. If it is not a Consumers line they will inform you of whose line it is so the proper utility company can be called and made aware of the problem and also make arrangements for the items to be removed. While this may seem like a simple nuisance, the shoes can be linked to gang activity.

### Tips for Preventing Identity Theft

#### **ORDER A COPY OF YOUR CREDIT REPORT ANNUALLY**

In December of 2003, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act was passed into law. The most beneficial aspect of this law is the launch of [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), which entitles every American consumer to a free copy of their credit report once a year.

#### **DON'T CARRY YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD IN YOUR PURSE OR WALLET**

Be sure to place important forms of identification such as social security cards, birth certificates, and passports in a safe deposit box or fireproof safe to avoid having them stolen or misplaced. Only carry these documents when you absolutely need to.

#### **PROMPTLY REMOVE MAIL FROM YOUR MAILBOX**

Be sure to have the post office hold your mail if you plan on being away from your residence for an extended period of time.

#### **PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR CREDIT CARD BILLING CYCLES**

Missing mail may be an indication that an identity thief has stolen your mail and changed the address on the account.

#### **BE CAUTIOUS OF REQUESTS FOR INFO OVER THE TELEPHONE OR INTERNET**

Every year, 40 billion dollars are lost through telemarketing fraud.

### VICTIM ACTION STEPS

- Place a fraud alert or victim statement on your credit report.
- Dispute and close all accounts that were opened fraudulently.
- Place an alert on accounts not yet affected.
- Contact collection agencies & agencies issuing photo identification.
- File a report with the police & the Federal Trade Commission (1-877-FTC-HELP)

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Name	Address	Phone
Lynn Rabaut	1071 Cherrywood Lane NE	233-9086
DeAnn Jannereth	1415 Spencer St NE	451-3720
Joan Flikkema	1060 Cherrywood Lane NE	456-1813
Guy Greene	2096 Cranbrook NE	235-2007
Ron Osgood	1850 Forland Ct NE	831-9473
Ben Rapin	1050 N. Hampton Dr. NE	242-9723
Anke Pearson	1952 Orchard Lane NE	363-0258
Nathan Smith	1709 Sweet NE	451-2371
Greg VanderVen	1732 Leonard NE	634-8025
Mark Walker	1051 Applewood Dr. NE	456-1622
Nori Goodhue	1641 Mason NE	531-5243
Rupe McGinn	254 Holmdene Blvd NE	458-9846
Jim Treece		451-0202

### THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

If you are within the boundaries of our logo map, consider yourself a member! Please complete and mail this form, plus the annual \$5.00 family membership to cover the cost of newsletters and special notices.

*Your support of NECAA is greatly appreciated.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



I would be interested in helping with the following (check all that apply):

- Board Membership
- Newsletter Delivery
- Newsletter Production (Content & Layout)
- Yard & Garden Tour Participant



Please mail this slip and dues to:

**NECAA**  
**1071 Cherrywood Lane NE**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49505**

**THANK YOU!**

