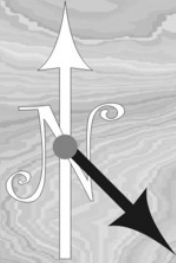


Southeast Marble Community Association
Fall 2006 Newsletter



SEMCA

FALL OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006
EDGEWOOD UNITED CHURCH
469 N. HAGADORN

***COME AND ENJOY CIDER & DOUGHNUTS & NEIGHBORS
MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY LIAISON RACHELLE WOODBURY***

THIS MEETING IS FOR **ALL** RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE SOUTHEAST MARBLE NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- NEW MSU LIAISON REBECCA WOODBURY
- POCKET PARK AND BURCHAM PARK UPDATES
- HAGADORN LANE CHANGE POSSIBILITIES
- ASSOCIATION BYLAW REVISIONS (SEE WEBSITE FOR BYLAWS)
- NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THREE BOARD MEMBERS

PLEASE COME WITH THAT NEIGHBOR WHOM YOU HAVE BEEN MEANING TO GET TO KNOW OR SAY HELLO.
NOW IS THE TIME TO MEET AND GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS.

QUESTIONS – CALL TERRY HUNT 337-0213 mtnest1@core.com

Rachelle Woodbury is our new Community Liaison

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State University has hired a community-student liaison in its ongoing efforts to improve communication and strengthen relations between MSU students and the East Lansing community. **Rachelle Woodbury** began her appointment as community-student liaison Sept. 11.

"We think it's important to have someone who can put a lot of time and attention into working with the stakeholders of the East Lansing-MSU community," says Ginny Haas, director of community relations at MSU. The creation of the position was suggested by MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon. Candidates were interviewed by a 12-member panel made up of equal numbers of East Lansing residents, city and university employees, and MSU students.

"This is a very student-centered position. Rachelle Woodbury will be a great resource and will help students, residents and other stakeholders in the community better understand each other," Haas says. Woodbury, whose position is funded by the university, will have an office on campus and an office in East Lansing City Hall.

Woodbury comes to East Lansing from Provo, Utah, where she recently earned her master's degree in comparative studies and her bachelor's degree in humanities, both from Brigham Young University. While at BYU, Woodbury gained extensive experience volunteering for the university and the community, which included tutoring elementary school children and serving as president of the Hebrew Club.

[taken from newsroom.msu.edu September 12, 2006]

VISIT SEMCA'S WEBSITE

Thanks to our good neighbor LeRoy Harvey, SEMCA is one of only two East Lansing neighborhood associations which has its own website. Visit www.southeastmarble.org to learn about what's happening in your own neighborhood. While you're there, sign up for the neighborhood e-mail, www.re-news.net/marble. If you have news you want to share quickly with the neighbors, this is the how you can do it.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SEMCA?

Now is the time to become a member or renew your membership with SEMCA. Annual association dues are only \$5.⁰⁰ per household, \$3.⁰⁰ for senior (65+) households. Dues may be paid at the upcoming Open Membership Meeting on October 15th.

Items for this SEMCA Newsletter are welcomed; please contact Terry Hunt if you have something to contribute. Major opinion pieces may be published in our "My View" column, an example of which appeared in our last issue.

City of East Lansing Special Events & Important Information

Yard Waste Collection:

The DPW's yard waste collection program will run through November. Organic yard trimmings...grass clippings, leaves, plant material, and brush are picked up curbside. Yard-waste is collected on Mondays only and must be at the curb by 7:30 a.m.

- **No-Fee Collections: October 2, 16, and 30.**

Yard waste can be disposed of for free on the three dates listed above. City bags, stickers, and advance phone request are not required on these days. All other yard waste guidelines apply

Please note that there will be no bulk item collection on no-fee yard waste collection days. Also, remember that yard waste cannot be disposed of in plastic bags or Easy Carts. Thank you.

Bulk Leaf Collection:

The DPW's yard waste collection program will run through November. Each fall, the City's Street Division conducts a bulk leaf collection for East Lansing. During this collection, no bags, stickers or fees are required; simply rake your loose leaves, grass clippings, and plant material (no brush) between the curb and sidewalk. If there is no curb, rake leaves to within three feet of the road. Please DO NOT rake leaves into the road as they block storm drains.

- **Neighborhood Collections:**

EAST SIDE (from the east City limits at Park Lake Road and Timberlane to Abbott Road, including Whitehills): Weeks of Oct. 16, 30 and Nov. 13. Weekly updates will be posted on the city's 24 hour number at 351-4999 and on the website.

For more information call EL Public Works 337-9459 (daytime) or 351-4999 (evenings)
Visit the City's web page at www.cityofeastlansing.com

SouthEast Marble Community Association website: www.southeastmarble.org

BURCHAM PARK UPDATE

David Smith, City of East Lansing 337-9459

I am writing to update your neighborhood on recent developments with Burcham Park. Specifically, you asked why the City was conducting new investigative work at the site, what this work found, where the work has taken place and when additional work may need to be done on site.

The City began conducting new investigative work at Burcham Park because the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is currently developing requirements for methane monitoring at former landfills. Although the DEQ's guidelines for methane monitoring are not yet complete, the City felt it prudent to begin gathering this data.

The City began investigative work at the site in late 2005 with the planning and preparation for installation of methane monitoring wells. A total of 16 methane monitoring wells were installed in March, 2006. In general, a majority of these wells are installed along the perimeter of the site with a few wells installed in the interior.

Analysis of methane concentrations in these wells indicated that several of the wells showed methane concentrations in excess of permissible limits. Because of the potential for migration of methane off Park property, the City implemented interim mitigation measures to decrease concentrations of methane at the property limits. These interim measures included the installation of six methane extraction wells. These wells are larger in diameter and taller than the monitoring wells and are capped with a wind-driven turbine ventilator.

The methane extraction wells were installed in June of this year. All of the methane monitoring wells and extraction wells are being sampled on a regular basis to determine the effectiveness of the methane extraction wells. This sampling will continue through September.

Once sampling is complete, the City's environmental consultant will draft for DEQ's review, recommendations for continuing methane extraction and monitoring. Although a long term methane extraction system has not been designed at this time, it is likely that such a system would involve the removal of the aboveground portion of the existing methane extraction wells and would incorporate an underground system.

Thank you for the opportunity to update your neighborhood on the progress the City is making with Burcham Park. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.