

CAPITOL HEIGHTS NEWS

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**ATTENTION !! TENANTS and LANDLORDS, CHCA welcomes your attendance and membership in the CHCA!!
See inside for meeting times and contact information.**

Capitol Heights by Candlelight "Home Is Where The Art Is"

This year's theme for Capitol Heights by Candlelight is "Home Is Where The Art Is". This year's event features homes on North Lewis Street, and North Capitol Parkway. On December 19th from 3-8PM, guests will not only tour historic homes decorated for Christmas, they will also meet regional artists and see their work displayed in many of the homes. Guests will enjoy homemade baked goodies and apple cider, hear strolling carolers and take an old-fashioned horse and carriage ride offered by Lasting Impressions Carriages.

Tickets are \$10 each, \$8 for senior citizens, and children 12 and under are admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or in advance at the following fine establishments: Sandra Nichols Realty, Stonehenge Gallery and Framing, Capitol Grill, Medicine Shoppe, and Old Alabama Town gift Shop. For the tour day, the ticket area will be on North Lewis Street. Many of the artists' works on display will be available for purchase and the Capitol Heights Store will also be open. There will be a small charge for the horse and carriage rides.

As expected, it takes many volunteers to make this event a success! Karren Pell, Tour Chairman, and her team have been hard at work on this year's tour since just after Christmas 2008! *They really have!* Karren tells me her team has been just great to work with and more fun to be with! She wants to let all of us know how much she appreciates them!

Brenda Bryant	Lynn Bryant
Cindy Clark	Bobby Golden
Tim Henderson	Carole King
Carol Mosely	Paul Robinson
Tim Vaught	Fred Williams
Toni Wood-Meyer	

The Candlelight Tour is CHCA's largest fund raiser for the year and is *always* a fun event for all involved. Please volunteer!! —Cynthia McCollister

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are listed in the next column. For any questions you may have, contact Karren Pell, Tour Chairman, at 264-6826.



Neighborhood Clean Up - Company is coming! Before the tour, a good clean up all around our neighborhood will be needed! Then on the day of the tour, take one more look around to make sure all is in it's place! Capitol Heights needs to sparkle and shine!
Sub Chair: YOU!

Float for Capitol City Christmas Parade – It is time for work to begin on the float! The float will be housed under my carport (55 S Capitol Parkway). Contact Fred if you'd like to help with this. Sub Chair: Fred Williams 240-6977.

House helpers- Volunteers greet guests and give information about the house and neighborhood. Volunteers are scheduled for 2 1/2 hour shifts for each home on the tour. Sub Chair: Brenda Bryant 263-5179

Cookie bakers - Get your grand ma's recipes out for all the goodies you can make. We like to make sure we have plenty to serve our visitors. Sub Chair: Brenda Bryant 263-5179

Ticket Sales (before and during the tour) – Before the tour, volunteers are needed to deliver tickets for pre-sale, and posters & handbills for advertising our event. Volunteers can also take some tickets to sell. During the tour, volunteers are needed to run the ticket booth and take money for the Capitol Heights Store. Sub Chair: Cynthia McCollister 264-0800

Capitol Heights Store - Sales volunteers are needed to set up and run the store. Sub Chair: Cynthia McCollister 264-0800

Traffic & Safety – Volunteers will be assisting visitors on the tour with rides and safety issues. Sub Chair: Lynn Bryant 263-5179

Set Up and Tear Down – Volunteers assist with installation of all advertising signs, house markers, luminaries, event tents, candle holders, etc. Set Up also clears the tour area of debris prior to the event. After the event, Tear Down gathers items posted prior to the event. Sub Chair: Lynn Bryant 263-5179

OF IMMEDIATE NEED: Some major assistance is needed in clearing two areas of sidewalk in November. I hear this is some hard work but much pride will be found in a job well done! Contact Lynn Bryant or Karren Pell.



YARDS OF THE MONTH
August, September, October, 2009

Congratulations!



Home of Laurice Culp
2046 Madison Avenue



Home of Paul Lista
220 North Capitol Parkway



Home of Maxine Phillips
162 South Madison Terrace



Home of Karren Pell and Tim Henderson
117 North Lewis Street
Will be featured during Capitol Heights by Candlelight!



Home of Cindy and Paul Keeping
1929 Capitol Avenue



Home of John Meyers
202 Panama Street

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Cindy Clark, Chairman of the Yard of the Month Committee, asks CH neighbors to let her know of worthy candidates for Yard Of the Month. If you notice your neighbors have made an effort, no matter how large or small, in beautifying our neighborhood, Contact Cindy at 596-0699 or cindydclark@charter.net

CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 6:30 PM - CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION THANKSGIVING POT LUCK at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church. Note the earlier start time. Bring a covered dish and serving utensil. No business meeting tonight! Celebrate Thanksgiving with your Capitol Heights neighbors! Chairperson: Cindy Keeping 999-9999

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29—2- 4pm —DECORATE ARMSTRONG PARK FOR THE HOLIDAYS Chair: Sam Adams 240-3404

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD - 7PM CAPITOL HEIGHTS ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING -Ho! Ho! Ho! We are expecting a special guest! Chairperson: Sam Adams 240-3404.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH - MONTGOMERY'S ANNUAL CITY PARADE—Capitol Heights Civic Association is sponsoring a neighborhood float this year! Governor's Tree Lighting Ceremony at the State Capitol begins at 4:45 and 2009 Capitol City Christmas Parade begins at 6PM. Sub-Chairperson: Fred Williams 240-6977

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH—CAPITOL HEIGHTS YULETIDE DECORATING CONTEST Selection of the best (exterior) Yuletide Decorating will be held December 17. To participate, decorations must be completed by 4:00 P.M. on that day. Categories include Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Future, The Spirit of Christmas, and Honorable Mentions. Good luck!!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19—3-8PM—CAPITOL HEIGHTS BY CANDLELIGHT "HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS" Featuring homes on North Lewis Street and North Capitol Parkway. Chairperson: Karren Pell 264-6826.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 6PM - CHCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING .

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 7PM - CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING***
Discussion Topic: Capitol Heights by Candlelight. Full agenda to be announced.

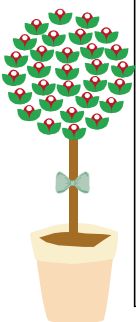
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 - 7PM - CHCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. Budget discussion for remainder of the term.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 - 7PM - CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING***
Full agenda to be announced.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 7PM— CHCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 7PM - CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING*** Full agenda to be announced.

*** If you have any questions or would like to bring a refreshment to a meeting, please call Cynthia McCollister at 264-0800. Regular meetings are held at the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church 2000 Winona Avenue.



President Cynthia McCollister 264-0800

Vice President Rich Anderson 263-7265

Treasurer Kathie Blackmon

Secretary Cindy Keeping 356-0220

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Members At Large

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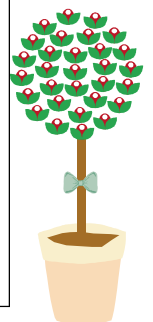
Leigh Brannen

Randall Culp

Justin Gresham

Emily Turner

Mark Weatherly



Curb Appeal Begins at the Curb

Realtors and those buying houses know that "curb appeal" is the outward appearance of a house that can initially attract a prospective buyer. We don't want to turn people off before they even get to the path to our door. Most of us aren't buying or selling our houses, but--for our own self-respect and for the appearance of our neighborhood--we still want to have curb appeal. Curb appeal starts at THE CURB.

All homeowners tend to their lawns, but some forget the area around the curb. Some curbs are invisible, camouflaged with overgrown grass, some of which extends into the street, steadily growing in the silt washed down by the rain. Sometimes, especially if you live on a busy street like Madison Ave. or Federal Drive, there is too much traffic most hours to safely get into the street to groom a curb. But whatever the reason, your curb's disappearance does affect the appearance of your property. Drive or walk some streets and the unkempt curbs are the exceptions that jump out at you; drive or walk others, and they are the rule.

If we each become a little more aware of our own curb appeal, the whole neighborhood will look more appealing.

Your neighbor, Trish Crowley

I agree with Trish and would like to add that by everyone doing their share of keeping all the curbs trimmed AND clearing the drainage areas monthly, we should not have significant problems with rains flooding our streets and yards. I think most people believe the city is totally responsible to keep our street gutters cleared...however, due to budgets that service is minimal and now it falls on neighborhoods to remove the leaves, branches, trash, silt, etc. out of the drainage gutters so that rain water can flow freely away from our yards and streets.

Again, our property values can only increase the more we apply ourselves to keeping our community clean and in working order. With the recession and times we live in, our city is not able to take care of us in areas we can take care of ourselves, unless, of course, taxes go up extremely and most of us are not willing to pay. So take a few minutes to clear the drainage gutter in your area ...if it is around someone else's yard, you are still welcomed to clear it... it is not just the responsibility of the neighbor living in the house with the drain gutter near their yard. We all benefit from the water flowing freely away from our yards and streets.

Your neighbor, Cindy Keeping

“Grass and pine straw must be containerized at all times. Leaves must be containerized except during October 1 through April 15 of each year. During this period, leaves must be placed in piles separate from other trash behind the curb.” www.montgomeryal.gov

IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER: Expanding Our Local Historic Designations

In a recent meeting of the Capitol Heights Civic Association, the membership voted to take on a project to expand the local historic designations within Capitol Heights to include all of Capitol Heights. If approved, by the city and Capitol Height's property owners, this will increase the homes with local historic designation from approximately 300 to 1200! Stay tuned!



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