MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association is excited to announce our Third Annual Pancake Breakfast and Spring Membership meeting scheduled for **Saturday**, **April 29th at Mayfair Christian Reformed Church**, 1736 Lyon NE. The free "Spring Pancake Breakfast" is being provided courtesy of the Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast, and membership meeting. Enter the church basement from the parking area at the rear of the building.

The Spring meeting will also feature a presentation by comissioners Joe Jones & Ruth Kelly and our neighborhood police officer Craig Glowney. Whether you have lived in the neighborhood for years or just moved in, please take this opportunity to have a great breakfast, meet and greet your neighbors and find out what's going on in the neighborhood.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Spring Pancake Breakfast and Membership Meeting!



NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE • MAY 20

Spring is finally here...and that means garage sale season will soon be upon us. Not to worry, you still have time to get organized. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 20th** and start cleaning out the drawers, closets, basement and garage to get ready for the big day.

The Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association will take care of advertising and will be placing ads in the Grand Rapids Press as

well as on craigslist. There will also be signs posted at various entrances to the neighborhood. Feel free to post your own signs as well!

The garage sale is a great opportunity to sell some treasures and earn some extra cash! All costs associated with the neighborhood garage sale are paid for with membership dues, so please join today and help support events like these!

IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD DATES

APRIL 29 - FHNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MAY 20 - FHNA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE JUNE 24 - EAST TOWN BIZARRE BAZAAR AUGUST 1 - FHNA NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC



FULTON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association is to promote friendship and cooperation among residents; to maintain and improve the property and physical appearance of the community; to assist local businesses to survive and prosper in the community; to have a role in civic matters affecting our community; to develop awareness, a spirit of pride and individuality; to initiate neighborhood programs for solving problems, providing services, and promoting social activities; to encourage the development of more localized groups such as block clubs to follow the aforementioned purposes; and to receive and disburse monies, gifts, bequests and goods for community service for charity.

FHNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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168 - 354	Holmdene	Rachael Roseman	616-498-0569
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214 - 337	Lawndale	Sam Warber	616-540-9920
13 - 163	Lowell	OPEN	
13 - 163	Mayfield	Kim	616-460-9728
212 - 348	Mayfield	OPEN	
5 - 233	Plymouth	Al Couch	616-454-3676
8 - 163	Wallinwood	Doug Woodruff	616-454-4085
212 - 348	Wallinwood	Elizabeth Jermstad	616-617-5368

BLOCK CAPTAINS & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you are interested in serving as a Block Captain for one of the "Open" blocks please contact Sue at suehartman@me.com.

Mayfair Christian Reformed Church Announcements Located at 1736 Lyon st ne

Yoga: Sunday, 7:30pm *Zumba*: Tuesday, 8:00pm

Boot Camp: Thursday, 7:30pm

\$3 for drop-in (pay ahead is welcome too)
OR: \$60 for 10 weeks (one class free per week)

Pilates: Wednesday, 9:30am, 9/7–11/6 \$20 for 10-week session \$3 for drop-in

Class fees pay certified instructors. All classes meet in the Mayfair Church basement.

Please sign-up by calling Carol at the church 616-454-8878.



PLEASE ACCEPT OUR THANKS, WHOEVER YOU ARE!

DIANE VELZEN

We don't always know the kind soul who cleared our walks, we just know it happened. It happened when we were at work, or at an appointment, or as we were enjoying our last cup of coffee before tackling the job ourselves. But someone with a snow blower came by, and cleared our sidewalk when we weren't looking, just because he could.

In the west end of our neighborhood lives one of these individuals. On several occasions these past winters, he's cleared the sidewalks not only on his own block, but also the streets

and blocks adjoining his. This last winter wasn't nearly as brutal as the previous two (frequency or accumulation), but still he found several occasions to come to our aid. Once, when I had finished my sidewalk, but was still working on my driveway, he adjusted his course to clear the end of the drive I hadn't gotten to yet - the part the drive the city likes to fill with heavier, packed snow. I barely had a chance to shout my thanks before he was gone with a wave, clearing the remaining walks on my street.

The neighborhood has several of these snow angels, and their labors are appreciated by everyone they selflessly assist. Not every snow angel clears blocks at a time. They clear a single sidewalk for a neighbor who needs help. clear the walks of homeowners on Together, their efforts vacation. make it easier for people to travel safely through the neighborhood. Students of every age are able to reach their destination, school or bus stop, using the sidewalks meant for their journey.

Many residents of our neighborhood have had a chance to thank you personally, but for those who have missed those opportunities, let me speak for them. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Your unsolicited willingness to help is deeply appreciated by us all.

Become a Member!

Fill out the FHNA membership form on page 11 to become an FHNA member.



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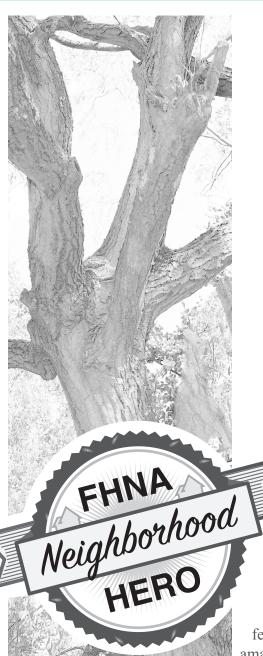
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THANKS, HERO!

KAYLA DOMEYER

It is no secret that Fulton Heights is filled with some extremely helpful, kind, and compassionate neighbors. The fellowship that fills these few city blocks never ceases to amaze me.

For that reason, the FHNA board is debuting a neighborhood-wide award. The FHNA Neighborhood Hero title will be awarded to those doing good deeds, going above

and beyond to be helpful, and displaying particularly neighborly values in our public spaces, on our FHNA Facebook page, or around the neighborhood.

The first FHNA Hero Award goes to everyone who helped to clean up our neighborhood after the wind storms from early March. There were reports of neighbors chasing other's recycle bins, clearing the road of debris, and being overall heroic in their helpfulness.

To all of those that took time out of your day to clean up – Thank you!

LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

LAURA DEGROOT

They don't advertise, they don't need to. But if they did, I would suggest they use the words straight from the owner's mouth when asked what he would like the Fulton Heights neighbors to know about Schnitz Deli:

"Taste what real food tastes like."

Brian DeVries says this with confidence, not simply because he owns the deli, but because they make all the food in-house. His favorite menu items are the Chicken Jalepeno Soup and the Brooklyn Rueben. When I asked about his favorite salad, he first said all of them, but added: "I probably would say the red skin potato salad because I taste it every single day." He makes it daily and makes it to taste. Not all potatoes are the same, some absorb more moisture, some are dryer. Brian knows its ready when it tastes right.

The salads are made from scratch. The soups are made from scratch. The meat is brined, marinated, cooked in-house and sliced. The deserts are baked by Brian's sister Laura, yes, from scratch. Most popular are the German Chocolate and Carrot Cake.

If you've ever been to Schnitz Deli on Fulton Street, you probably know Tammy. She is often the first face you see and the one who takes your order. Her friendliness is legendary. The AQ Hockey team who gets catered lunches from Scnitz regularly, calls her 'Aunt Tammy.' It is obvious that she loves working there. If you walk in after a rough morning and she notices, you will likely leave with a smile sticker or a much needed hug with your lunch. I asked her about the most popular sandwiches which are the #2



Schnitzel Rueben with house-made corned beef and the #4 California Rueben made with smoked turkey. Tammy's favorite is #7 Ranchers Roast Beef. The Broccoli Salad, Red Skin Potato Salad, and Navy Bean Soup are also customer favorites.

If you've wondered about connections between the bakery, deli, and coffee shop, they are all owned by Brian. He started with Schnitz Deli twenty years ago. Two years later he opened the coffee shop and two years after that the bakery began.

Personally, I love them all. The food is consistently delicious; they are all within walking distance of our Fulton Heights neighborhood and clearly you can trust that you are getting good quality, house-made food. Let's keep these local businesses around by walking there instead of driving somewhere else. Tammy's assurance to those of you who have never been: "Come and give us a try. You'll leave with a full belly and then, you'll be back."

No need to wait for something else to arrive in Fulton Heights. No need to drive to another part of town. No need to wonder if this is a good place to eat. Go to Schnitz, taste what real food tastes like. Leave with a full belly and a smile. And then, I'll bet, you will be back.



ASSOCIATION BYLAWS UPDATE

RACHAEL ROSEMAN

Last fall, we held our semi-annual membership meeting. During the meeting, we had an opportunity to discuss our bylaws and to adopt several revisions. It had been many years since the bylaws were amended, so the Board believed it was time to update some of our outdated provisions. Accordingly, several revisions were proposed, discussed, and voted upon during our fall semi-annual membership meeting. All of the proposed revisions were adopted by the membership.

A number of the revisions allowed for the expansion of our Board and extension of our Board term limits Our goal is and has always been to be able to involve more neighbors the Board—either at the Director level or on committees. To do this, our bylaws have been amended to allow for either 7 or 9 Directors. We were previously limited to 7 Directors. This gives us the opportunity to expand the Board or operate with 7 members if there is insufficient interest to fill all 9 positions. Similarly, given the level of interest in the neighborhood and the length of time it takes to become acquainted with the operations of the Board, the membership approved an



expansion of Board terms from 2 years to 4 and of Officer term limits from 1 to 2 years. This will enable us to maintain institutional knowledge on the Board and to allow our Directors to become proficient and efficient at their positions.

Along with these changes, the membership approved removing term limits. This allows Directors to serve for as many consecutive terms as the membership approves. We have found over the years that we have a difficult time filling Board positions given the consistency of our neighborhood.

This revision will alleviate some of the difficulty when we have trouble identifying individuals interested in serving. Directors still have to be elected by the membership every 4 years, so the membership will have the power to effectively limit terms by not voting a Director back into office. We will also have an opportunity to identify new individuals to serve when we hold these elections.

The remaining revisions the bylaws were primarily "housekeeping" matters. Language was modified to clarify that a majority of Directors can call a meeting of the Board. Language was also reworded to remove the requirement that our spring membership meeting be held in March. This frees us up to have this meeting in April, which has become our custom.

The full revised version of the bylaws is at **FultonHeights.org**. If you have any questions about these or other revisions, please let us know.

And as a reminder, the entire membership meets just two times a year for our semi-annual meetings. These are our two opportunities to meet as a group to discuss the business of the entire neighborhood. As a result, we work hard to handle all of our important business during these meetings. We hope you will all be able to join us at our next meeting scheduled for **Saturday**, **April 29, 2017**.



Hello neighbors!

My name is Consing. I live at 18 Mayfield with my husband Matt, our two kids Arsenia and Lincoln, and our two dogs Willard and Millie. Last month the City of Grand Rapids held their 3rd annual Neighborhood Summit and I was lucky enough to attend. Here is some of what I learned:

Neighborhoods Shape Cities. The backbone of an organized neighborhood is made up of block

clubs. 'What is a block club?' you ask. It's a group of people living on a specific block or neighborhood area that organize to improve the quality of life in their community. Block clubs can ensure transparency and accountability within the local government. They work on greening efforts, help local schools, youth & senior centers. They promote local business and bring in new business. And they plan parties! All great things, right? So, I want to start a block club. If you live on my block, I'll see you soon.

If you don't live on my block, I hope you and your block neighbors can get something started. Blocking off your street for a block party is easy!

Fill out the block party application form along with \$20. You will need 51% of the street resident signatures. Allow a few weeks for processing. The city will drop off the street closed signs a day or two before your event.

The block party application form is located on the City of GR Lights, Signal, Signs page. [http://bit.ly/FHNABlock] On the left, click on the forms and links and you will see the application.

If you'd like to connect, my email is consingis@icloud.com.
Good luck!





RAKOWSKI FARMS

KEVIN KELLING

A few weeks ago I stopped by Van's Bakery and noticed a new business next door where the jewelry store had been located. To my surprise, it's the new store front for Rakowski Farms.

Rakowski Farms has been a fixture for many years at the Fulton Street Farmers Market. They are still at the farmers market selling eggs and now they have a location at 953 E. Fulton Street.

They opened this new location on February 1, 2017. The storefront gives them additional space. And, most importantly, longer hours than the farmers market hours, especially during the winter.

Ginny said that many of their

customers had requested they be open longer hours. And, the parking is sometimes a challenge at the farmers market so this location is more convenient. Parking is available behind the store or on the street.

Monday through Saturday they open each day at 9am, but Ginny said that if she's working in the store, knock on the door and she'll open up early for you. I can attest to this because when I stopped by at 8:30 today to ask about the store, Ginny graciously opened up early to answer my questions. They are open until 5pm each day except Wednesday and Thursday when they are open until 6pm.

All local is their motto! Their meat, eggs, and maple syrup are all produced on their farm in Wayland. Additionally, they grow 90% of the

food for their animals on the farm.

I was surprised at the number of locally produced items they sell: "We have a good variety of root crops to choose from; potatoes, parsnips, turnips, beets, onions, and celery root, all local. Local bread, buns and chips. Kombucha is new also with three flavors to choose from. Local pickles and sauerkraut. A wide variety of our farm fresh meats, pulled pork and bone broth made fresh from our on farm kitchen. Eggs, milk, cheese, butter and ice cream for desert! All local!! Stop on in to our new store front at 953 E Fulton St."

Like their Facebook page to get more information and updates. If you want to order something or have specific questions, just email them at rakowskifarms@aol.com or call 269-792-4151.





DEAR NEIGHBORS,

I was encouraged to write a little introduction of myself since I am the new President of Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association, here it goes... My husband Tim and I moved onto Lawndale in the winter of 2008 and when I attended the Annual Spring Meeting, I volunteered to be a Block Captain. From there, it was a short jump to being a Board Member, which I was so honored to be a part of. I took on the role of Membership Coordinator and then added Picnic Coordinator when we decided to begin that tradition. Secretary of the Board came next when the former one moved out of the neighborhood, but somehow I still wore the other hats as well! Are we surprised that President would be next? (By the way, we would love a new member on the Board that would take over Membership!)

I have been an Adjunct History Professor at Grand Valley State and Muskegon Community College for many years, and before that, I taught college history classes on board US Navy ships. Obviously, I racked up a lot of great adventures, but now my life mainly consists of teaching, friends, and spending time with Tim and our Pug, Brutus (yes, I am one of those obnoxious people who are obsessed with their dog-child).

Tim and I feel very blessed to live in this neighborhood and I have always considered it very worthwhile meaningful to be in the Association that represents such a great area. Please consider adding your talents to the FHNA Board!

Samartha Worber FHNA President 324 Lawndale swarber55@yahoo.com



Be a Gardener!

The Hillcrest Garden plots are open to all FHNA neighbors, and those outside of our neighborhood as well.

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