

# Gier Neighborhood Watch and Organization Newsletter

July 28, 2011



## Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to [gierneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:gierneighborhoodwatch@yahoo.com).

## Neighborhood Watch Alert and Tips

There is currently nothing to report at this time.

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and neighborhood safe.

### Safety Tips when Going Away

- Turn down phone ringers or set your voicemail/answering machine to answer after one to two rings
- Set up a timed lighting system
- Place alarm company signs and stickers in plain sight throughout your property to discourage trespassers or thieves

## Hello Neighbors,

I hope everyone is keeping cool. I don't have central air so I am taking advantage of the pools, outdoor movies, malls, and such. I hope you are too!

As I mentioned before, I am working with Jennifer Fuentes from the Lansing Neighborhood Council to set up a website for our organization. The logo pictured to your left is our new neighborhood logo which Jennifer Fuentes has created for us and I sure that you will agree this fits us.

I am having difficulties setting up a preview of the website so I guess you will just have to be surprised. It is going to be simple, easy and informational. I also have decided against listing our personal phone numbers or addresses since we are going public. I can always update it later. Here are the headings for the website:

HOME – will show our logo, mission, and events

CONTACT - will have an email fill-in form; email addresses and important phone numbers and other websites.

BOUNDARIES - will show a map and boundaries of our watch/organization and list surrounding businesses

BLOG – this allows visitors to leave comments or messages for each other.

PICTURES – pictures will be posted and constantly changed per event

Neighborhood Alerts & news– Alert message and newsletters

FAQ – frequent asked questions

That's all folks. Keep Cool! .....Dorothy

## City Primary Election Voting on Tuesday, August 2, 2011

August 2nd voting is to narrow down the candidates for the City General Election which will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Bryan Crenshaw, our neighbor attended the NAACP Candidates Forum a couple of Saturdays ago and has provided the results of that meeting. Please read pages 2 and 3, this is very interesting. Thanks Bryan!

**Don't forget to vote!**

## In the Neighborhood

- **National Night Out Neighborhood Party**  
Tuesday, August 9 from 6-8pm at the Gier Community Ctr.  
Free food and fun!
- **Neighborhood Block Parties**  
To be announced at a later time. Tentative for September or October.
- **Free Movie Night at the Gier Community Center**  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
Free movie with popcorn and drink and prizes. 483-4313

# NAACP CANDIDATE FORUM

July 16, 2011

Union Missionary Baptist Church

Notes from Bryan L. Crenshaw

The Lansing Chapter of the NAACP recently held a candidates forum for candidates running for the Lansing City Council 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, and Council Person at Large. The following are responses from the candidates to questions asked by the NAACP and one question asked to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Candidates submitted by an audience member.

1. What do you see are the 3 top priorities in the City of Lansing?

## **At-Large Candidates**

Carol Wood: Quality of Life, Jobs, Safe Viable Neighborhoods

Derrick Quinney: Police/Fire Safety, Regionalism, Job Creation

Tom Stewart: Job Growth, Parks and Recreation, Regionalism

John Krohn: Housing, Quality of Life, Jobs, Safe Neighborhoods

Rory Nuener: Reform City Council business, Preserve Public Safety, Economic Development

## **First Ward Candidates**

Harold Lehman: Budget (Police and Fire), Growth in City and Region

Joe Manzella: Accountability and Transparency, Education, Jobs,

Jody Washington: Public Safety, Neighborhoods, Jobs

Phil Demico: Team Lansing (work together), Jobs, Schools

Lynne Martinez: Safe Community, Rebuilding City, Regionalism, Quality of Life

2. How can you leverage institutions to keep young people in Lansing?

## **At-Large Candidates**

Carol Wood: Programs to buy houses, sell ourselves as a great community

Derrick Quinney: Promote Community and Jobs, Expand Educational Opportunities

Tom Stewart: Quality of Life, Work Together

John Krohn: Mentorship, Working with Kids

Rory Nuener: Land of Opportunity, Promote the City/Tell the Story, Quality of Life

## **First Ward Candidates**

Harold Lehman: Supportive of keeping young people, but not interested in working with one group

Joe Manzella: Doing right to keep young people here (Internships)

Jody Washington: Provide Lifestyle/Jobs

Phil Demico: Agrees with everyone (Jobs, School, Government)

Lynne Martinez: Jobs, Work Together with others, how does Council behave.

3. Governor Snyder has recommended that cities share and consolidate services. What are your thoughts on this?

**At-Large Candidates**

Carol Wood: Have been doing this, 425 agreements in place, Airport Authority, Regional 911 Call Center

Derrick Quinney: We are engaged in collaborative efforts

Tom Stewart: Work together, makes sense, builds trust and open communication.

John Krohn: Regionalism makes sense

Rory Nuener: It's the direction to go in

**First Ward Candidates**

Harold Lehman: Supports, but regional police, fire and courts

Joe Manzella: Supports

Jody Washington: Supports, but not in full agreement, no Non Strings Attached Tax Breaks

Phil Demico: Supports stop talking and do it

Lynne Martinez: Makes sense, done good things already

4. A recent poll has given the Lansing City Council a D+. How do you feel about this?

**At-Large Candidates**

Carol Wood: Myth by press that Council is not getting along.

Derrick Quinney: Bring all together, concerned about perception, wants to work together

Tom Stewart: Everyone is working, build consensus, listen, come up with community solutions

John Krohn: Everyone is working,

Rory Nuener: Everyone is working, reflects what she is hearing from the community

**First Ward Candidates**

Harold Lehman: Questions who gave the poll

Joe Manzella: Give council a F, need for transparency and accountability

Jody Washington: Only candidate not to trash the current council, agree and disagree, she won't trash the current Council

Phil Demico: Need to work together, Team Lansing

Lynne Martinez: Listen to the community, looks forward to moving forward

5. What can you do to lower crime in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward? (Only asked of 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Candidates)

Harold Lehman: No major crime in the ward

Joe Manzella: Create sense of opportunity, put programs for jobs

Jody Washington: Do better, works with the Eastside Neighborhood Associations, Allen Park, work with Police, knows where to go to get help

Phil Demico: Get jobs back

Lynne Martinez: People are meeting talking about public safety, wants police back, wonders if crime is an issue.