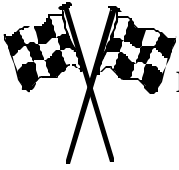


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EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC SPEEDS

In response to neighborhood concerns about excessive traffic speeds on State Street and around F&M Park, the city has recommended a 90-day trial period this summer to allow parking on both sides of State Street between Railroad and Hope Streets and to stripe that block for additional visual impact. This proposal was met with unanimous approval by those in attendance at the special BNA meeting on Feb 20, 2003.

If you happen to notice large amounts of trash at rental properties in our neighborhood, contact Sector Patrol Officer Paul Ellul @ 947-7786 and file a complaint



Definitions:

Neighborhood (noun): a local community with characteristics that distinguish it from the areas around it

Neighbor (noun): somebody living nearby

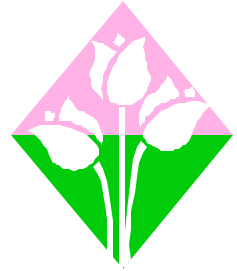
Neighborly (adj): friendly, helpful and kind, especially to a neighbor

BLOCK PARTY

The next Boardman Neighborhood Block Party will be hosted by the 600 block of Washington Street on Sunday, June 22, 2003. Details to follow.

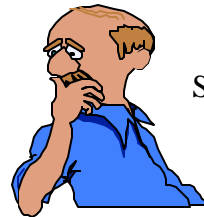


TIME TO GARDEN!



All help is welcomed to maintain the flower gardens at F&M Park as well as the 2 traffic circles along Webster Street.

Old growth needs to be trimmed, soil loosened and weeds pulled. Worry not about hurting anything. These gardens belong to all of us. Your help in watering and maintenance is much appreciated. The results may be seen by all! Direct questions or suggestions to Eric at 409-4100.



SOMETHING SMELLY?

This year, if you notice unpleasant sewage odors that seem to be emanating from the Water Treatment Plant, please call the city's hotline and report it. The city did not receive any reports of foul odors last year but we all know there were many smelly days in the 'hood and along Eighth Street! The city advised us that the odors could be wafting our way on a south breeze from Sara Lee's lagoon system and they encourage Boardman Neighborhood residents to call city or OMI officials whenever things get smelly so a determination can be made as to its cause. Call Scott at OMI (922-4922) or the City Manager's office (922-4440) to report unpleasant odors.

BNA Officers 2003:

- Eric Gerstner, President.....929-2172/409-4100
- Amy Pflughoeft, Vice President.....946-2588
- Deni Scrudato, Secretary.....922-5938
- Karen Kuehlhorn, Treasurer.....929-1454
- Matt Schmidt, Past President.....932-1175

THERE'S MORE NEWS! OVER



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The results are in!

At our January meeting, representatives from the city and DDA administered a survey to attending Boardman residents to determine what type(s) of architectural style(s) we deem most appropriate for the southwest corner of Boardman and State Streets after the city sells that parcel.

The overwhelming preference was for lower, 2-story buildings. Taller, 4-story buildings were deemed least appropriate even though that parcel is currently zoned C-4a and would allow a 45 ft tall building. The city is currently reviewing its zoning codes.



WAYS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

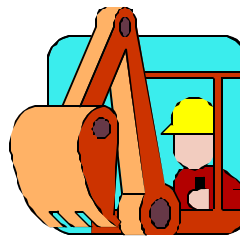
Stop by just to say "Hi."

Invite someone to go for a walk.

Offer to help.

Drop off some cookies.

The next Boardman Neighborhood meeting will be held Thursday, April 10, 2003, at Grace Episcopal Church, 7 pm.



WASHINGTON STREET PROJECT UPDATE

A special meeting was held Oct 29, 2002, and facilitated by Conflict Resolution Service to gather input from residents (especially those who live on Washington Street) in order to compile a "wish list" of traffic calming measures we hoped the city could incorporate into the planned curb/sewer replacement project. Many traffic-calming ideas were discussed and consensus was reached on 2 items: bumpouts at intersections and raised crosswalks to facilitate pedestrian crossings. Matt Schmidt, then-BNA President, passed this information on to the city in December.

The city has responded that, due to new Fire Safety Codes and fire truck clearance requirements, we would lose parking on one side of the street if bumpouts were installed. City staff likewise did not recommend raised pedestrian crosswalks.

The project is scheduled to proceed with curb/sewer replacement only and a bricked crosswalk at the west end of Washington to match those on State and Webster Streets. Work could be completed as soon as May 31.

The bid for the work has been awarded and came in lower than expected. We have until May 1 to ask the city to reconsider including traffic calming measures or to delay the project. If you have an opinion about this, please come to the next BNA meeting April 10.