

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Washington School Neighbors

Meet Moira

Last Fall, the garden where we gather received a major overhaul, thanks to Moira. She **activated** residents to pitch in **helping** to create our new space. The perennial beds and blueberry bushes are from her **hard work** and **generosity**. Moira and her team spent many hours hauling rocks, preparing soil, planting, planning, and even painting. Additionally, Moira is one of our steadfast Block Connectors. She **participates** once a month with the others to get updates and then takes that information and **shares** with her neighbors all the things happening in our community. Thank you, Moira, for your **dedication**.



You're
invited!

Gathering Garden

This is where we gather, grow, and get to know one another.

- Garden Nights every Wednesday at 7pm June thru August
- Stop in Saturday mornings on the way to the Farmer's Market and say, *hello*.
- Spring Clean-up: March 16 at 10am
- Winterize the Garden: November 9 at 10am

Grateful for Grants

Due to a Michigan Municipal League grant, we were able to buy a grill and more seating for our garden. This is WSN telling you that you are welcome to host a gathering for friends, family and neighbors at the corner of 10th and Maple.

Please feel free to share stories or pictures of your gatherings to info@washingtonschoolneighbors.com.



Mark Your Calendar

March

14 The Great Disconnect at 7pm
16 Garden Clean up at 10am
26 Block Connectors at 6pm

April

27 Neighborhood Clean up 10-1pm
30 Block Connectors at 6pm

May

28 Block Connectors at 6pm

June

Wednesdays at 7pm Garden Nights
25 Block Connectors at 6pm

July

Wednesdays at 7pm Garden Nights
20 Neighborhood Garage Sales
30 Block Connectors at 6pm

August

Wednesdays at 7pm Garden Nights
11 Taste of Our Hood

WSN Board Members

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“The Great Disconnect”

Join us at the Knickerbocker Theater on March 14 on 8th Street at 7pm and learn how disconnected from our society we've become mostly due to technology. All are welcome to this special free viewing.

Garden Clean Up

March 16 at 10am help us get the garden ready for summer. Bring gloves, pruners, and a rake (thatching thingy). We will prep all we can in 2 hours. Coffee and donuts provided.

City-Wide Neighborhood Clean Up

Our dumpster is scheduled for April 27 from 10am until 1pm at Third Church at 111 W 13th. A Gateway trailer will be there to take reusable items. Please go to our website for a list of allowable items. If you are able to volunteer, please email Beth at the email listed on the left below.

Block Connectors

You are welcome to join us the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm to discuss all things WSN. We meet at Hope Church on 11th Street. This is where the team gathers ideas and figures out how to make it happen. If you want to know more about your community, this is a great way to get the scoop.

Neighborhood Garage Sales

In order to drum up more enthusiasm and shoppers, we'd like to hold a garage sale July 20. WSN will do the advertising along with you. This will hopefully garner more interest. The goal is to make this a *thang*. Can we be known as the neighborhood who holds a sale every July?

AARP Friendly City

Holland is looking to partner with Evergreen Commons on becoming a more age-friendly community. Go to this website for more information:

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/sample-letters.html>

Vision and Challenge

WSN's mission is to create a community where we can uplift one another. In order to meet those needs, we are intentional about gathering and collaborating with one another. Who can you invite to “The Great Disconnect”? Can you help at the garden on the 16th?

Donations

Please consider supporting Washington School Neighbors. WSN was established to create a safer, healthier, more vibrant neighborhood. Checks can be dropped off or mailed in (see our address to the left). You can also donate through our website.