

# FORE!

An Oakland Hills Community Newsletter  
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## Entrance Street Light Fix Under Consideration by City

In response to comments by OH residents, the City of Portage has been contacted about the inadequate lighting at the entrance to the Oakland Hills community. In December, Larry Smith, *FORE* Editor, contacted the City Engineer, Chris Barnes, and on February 4<sup>th</sup>, he received the following status report:

1. A formal request for a lighting review has been sent by the City of Portage to Consumers Energy.
2. A Street Light Coordinator will make a nighttime visit to our entrance site to further assess our specific situation and needs.
3. Consumers Energy is planning an audit of all street lights in Portage in 2010, and according to the City Engineer, some of the changes that might improve the entrance lighting are: adjust the position of the street light arm, increase the bulb wattage, change the light type, and/or move the light pole.

It is likely our present entrance lighting is the original street light installed when the Oakland Hills Golf Course was built on this site in the early 1960's, so some changes are likely needed. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

**Clubhouse Reminder:** When you leave the clubhouse, please make sure the doors close completely and lock. Try the doors from the outside to be certain they are locked. Thanks!

## **5:01 or 6:01 Party? Now it's The 5:30 Party!**

**The 5:01 party at our clubhouse every third Thursday will now be called the 5:30 Party, according to Social Chair Debbie Kucinski. The original starting time for the 5:01 Party was revised last year to 6:01 PM, to accommodate residents who work, and to hopefully increase attendance at the monthly get together. A survey of residents concluded that there wasn't a consensus on a preferred starting time for the monthly party. So, a compromise starting time of 5:30 PM will go in effect on February 18, 2010.**

## **Bluebird Houses Now In Natural Area**

**Three new bluebird houses are now set up in the Natural Area west of the community clubhouse. The bird houses, approved by the Board in early January, were erected during the warm spell in late January, and are spaced about 50 yards apart. The houses are erected on steel posts, and can be opened for cleaning.**

**Once a common songbird in Michigan, the Eastern Bluebird population has increased significantly over the past years due to nesting boxes such as ours. Migrating bluebirds should return about mid-March, and they may nest several times during the year. The houses are made of cedar, by a Michigan craftsman, and they should last for many years. The bluebird houses and materials were donated by three Oakland Hills residents and they will make an important addition to our natural area.**



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

**\*\*Please save for future reference\*\***

February through May, 2010

### **FEBRUARY:**

**Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, February 1 & 15: Places to be announced.**

All men are welcome.

**Ladies Bridge/Card Games: Clubhouse: Wednes days, February 10 and 24, 2-4:00 pm.**

All are welcome on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednes days: bring a deck of cards.

**"Good News," Portage Central High's musical: Friday, February 12, 8:00 pm.**

Tickets already purchased by those attending.

**\*5:31 Party: Clubhouse: Thursday, February 18, 5:01 pm.** Bring the usual

*NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO 5:31.*

### **MARCH:**

**Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, March 1, 15, & 29, 8:00 am.** Places to be announced.

**Ladies Bridge/Card Games: Clubhouse: Wednes days, March 10 and 24, 2-4:00 pm.**

**\*5:31 Party: Clubhouse: Thursday, November 19, 5:01 pm.** Bring the usual.

**Dinner/Theater Party, Clubhouse: Friday, March 26, 5:00 pm ..for those residents**

attending **WMU's Play, "Chicago": 8:00 om.** See article this issue for info.

### **APRIL:**

**Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, April 12 & 26, 8:00 am.** Places to be announced.

**Ladies Bridge/Card Games: Clubhouse: Wednes days, April 14 & 28, 2-4:00 pm.**

**5:31 Party: Clubhouse: Thursday, April 15, 5:01 pm.** 50's-60's theme: Sue Kovach & Kathie Tomlinson will Chair.

**Social Planning Meeting, Clubhouse: Thursday, April 22, 10:00-11:30 am.**

Come, help plan summer parties and events.

### **MAY:**

**Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, May 10 & 24, 8:00 pm.** Places to be announced.

**Ladies Bridge/Card Games: Clubhouse: Wednes days, May 12 & 26, 2-4:00 pm.**

**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY; Clubhouse: Saturday, May 1, 4:30-??**

Bring appetizer and your own beverage: "Mint Julip Punch" provided.

For information, call Kay Kline, Chair.

**\*\*\*NO 5:31 PARTY THIS MONTH—BBQ INSTEAD!**

**ANNUAL BBQ: CLUBHOUSE: Saturday, May 22, 5:00 pm. Details TBA.**

Jeannette and Bill Davis will Chair.

*\*For those of you who are new to our Community, our 5:31 Parties are monthly resident gatherings at the Clubhouse on the third Thursday of every month. Dress is very casual. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share (the usual). Snacks, appetizers, or desserts may be purchased or made! This is a very good time to get to know your neighbors.*

## **A DINNER & THEATER INVITATION:**

**Please join Dick and Kathie Tomlinson for drinks, dinner and theater.**

WMU's Department of Theatre  
Presents the Sexy, Sophisticated and Sizzling Musical

### **CHICAGO**

**Friday, March 26, 2010, AT 8:00 PM**

Gilmore Theatre Complex  
D. Terry Williams Theatre, WMU Campus  
Cost: \$10.00 per ticket

**Drinks and dinner will be served at the Oakland Hills Clubhouse \***

- 5:00 p.m. BYOB drinks
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner provided by Kathie
- 6:30 p.m. Group clean-up
- 7:00 p.m. Leave for the theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Presentation in Atrium outside the Williams Theatre\*\*
- 8:00 p.m. Play

\*If you are coming from work, you are welcome to join us after you get home.

\*\*Chicago's director, Jay Berkow, will talk to our group, not only about the Production but also the mission of The University Theatre Guild, an organization that supports the Theatre Department's talented young artists.

Please understand that you are under no obligation to join the Guild. The evening is planned for Oakland Hills residents who enjoy good food, good company and good theatre.

R.S.V.P. to Kathie Tomlinson via email ([kathleenmeader@aol.com](mailto:kathleenmeader@aol.com)) or telephone (762-8984). **Reservations are due by Tuesday, February 23.** At that time, arrangements will be made for payment of tickets.

### **ALSO FROM KATHIE:**

**5:31 PARTY: Thursday, April 15, Clubhouse:** Get your white bucks and felt skirts (French poodles and all) out of storage. We're having a 50's/60's Party! Sue Kovach and Kathie Tomlinson are co-chairing the event and will provide more details in the near future. Hope to see you all there!

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