

## Calendar

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JUNE  
15

**Last Day of School**  
Enjoy the summer, kids!

21 7-9pm

**RCCA Board Mtg.**  
Arbor Forest Clubhouse

JULY  
26 6-7:30pm

**Neighborhood  
Night Out!**  
Korea House

AUG  
7 7am-8pm

**Primary Election**  
Wesley Foundation  
1118 S. Harrison Road

# RCCA

## Newsletter

June | 2018



## ***What is the RCCA? What do we do?***

The RCCA represents all residents of the neighborhood. If you live here, you are part of this association! We hold regular meetings of the Board of Directors, including representatives from the city, the police department, the county, the East Lansing City Council, the Islamic Center, and the Methodist Church. These meetings are open to all neighbors. Additionally, we hold an annual meeting to socialize and hear about topics that concern our neighborhood.

We also organize neighborhood social events: potlucks, Neighborhood Nights Out (see Events sidebar, left), Pumpkins in the Park (before Halloween), yard sales, and meetings with speakers on topics of interest.

We communicate with the city of East Lansing and Ingham County when residents have questions or problems, and we advocate for you. We support refining the flood plain boundary and base flood elevation, which may remove some properties from the flood plain and reduce the cost of flood insurance on some properties. The RCCA is also working with city, school, and fire officials to plan, document and better communicate an emergency evacuation plan for the Ivanhoe neighborhood.

## **Meet Your Newest Board Member**

Austin Kaufmann moved to the Red Cedar neighborhood in 2011 after accepting a faculty position as an ESL instructor at MSU. When not teaching, he performs with the bluesy Americana band *The Dangling Particles* around mid-Michigan.

Austin lives at 1211 Lilac Ave with his wife, Victoria Solomon, an artist, writer, and editor. They have two children: Finley (7), a budding engineer, and Anara (4), a young singer with a flair for the dramatic. The family enjoys bike rides, so look for them around the neighborhood.



Austin was elected to the RCCA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in April. He will serve primarily as newsletter editor and as liaison to the East Lansing Public Schools and Red Cedar Elementary.

# RCCA Board

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## You!

There are vacancies on the  
RCCA Board. Ask any of us!

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# LINKS

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- [RCCA Website](#)
- [Nextdoor](#)
- [East Lansing Info](#)
- [Lansing State Journal](#)
- [State News](#)

## Red Cedar Elementary Update



East Lansing Public Schools began work in March on the \$10 million project to renovate and reopen Red Cedar Elementary School, which closed in 2014.

Residents from the Red Cedar neighborhood, parents, future students, and members of the RCCA board were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony in early April.

A date has not yet been set for the opening of the building, but Principal Ware reports the school is planning a public Open House for interested students, families, and community members to tour the new facilities and see the renovations. Ware says she looks forward to returning to Red Cedar and renewing a relationship with the RCCA.

## Trowbridge Construction Update

New construction at 1100 Trowbridge Road, the site of the former Howard Johnson hotel building, is proceeding and appears to be on schedule. A four-story extended-stay hotel with 88 suites is well under way. The hotel will be operated by Marriott under the Springhill Suites brand. There will also be a single story retail building in front of the hotel. The project includes the expansion of existing water and sewer lines to Arbor Drive, and a new sidewalk has recently been finished, necessitated by the water and sewer line work.



## Ivanhoe Emergency Egress

The Ivanhoe neighborhood has two outlets, Arbor Drive and Palmer Lane, both to Trowbridge Road, both close to where the two railroads cross.

Several years ago, two alternate emergency egress routes were identified should there be a need to evacuate the neighborhood and the regular outlets were not available. Since the identification of the emergency egress routes, no planning or communication of the routes has been accomplished.

Representatives from the RCCA board are meeting with city, school district, and East Lansing Fire Department representatives. The goal is to develop an emergency plan for neighborhood evacuation, provide documentation of the plan, and to communicate with neighbors regarding their role in the plan.

## Learn More – Red Cedar Briefs

- **Justice Complex Ballot Proposal:** [Info](#) | [FAQ](#) | [PPT download](#)
- **Crescent Road (Spartan Village) Development Proposal:** [Article](#) | PPT (coming)
- **Red Cedar Development Proposal** | [PDF download](#) | [LSJ article](#)
- **1100 Trowbridge Hotel Construction Project** | [LSJ article](#)