



# Red Cedar Community Association

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## EAST LANSING SCHOOLS RECONFIGURATION PROCESS

--and its possible impact on our Red Cedar School

As you may already know, the East Lansing School Board has established a committee of residents to examine K-8 facilities. Although the high school and middle school buildings have been renovated in recent years, the district feels that the 6 elementary school buildings need physical improvement and possibly consolidating/closing/new construction. There are also substantial financial issues district-wide as well.

The committee is to give the school board recommended options by spring. The 4 Red Cedar neighborhood residents serving on this committee are: Kathleen Edsall (1026 Daisy), Karen Hoene (936 Lilac), Joanne Russell (1225 Daisy) and Marcia Van Ness (1054 Marigold).

Our neighborhood needs to send a strong message to the school committee and the board regarding the importance of Red Cedar School to our neighborhood and to the school district. The RCCA Board of Directors will send a letter – but it is VERY important that each resident of Red Cedar also send a personal message.

We urge you to convey as soon as possible your comments to:

East Lansing K-8 Facilities Committee and School Board  
841 Timberlane Suite A  
East Lansing, MI 48823 or email your letter to: [gillengerten\\_gm@elps.k12.mi.us](mailto:gillengerten_gm@elps.k12.mi.us)

THANK YOU – this is one of the most important issues ever to challenge the quality of our neighborhood's future. YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Weds, Feb 16, March 16**

**Red Cedar Neighborhood Cafes**

**7-9pm at Hobie's on Trowbridge**

Featured will be our Red Cedar neighbors active in creative arts, home-based businesses and related areas.

**Fri, March 25**

**International Coffee Hour**

**4-6pm at International Center (Spartan Room B & C)**

MSU's Office for International Students and Scholars hosts a free coffee hour every Friday. Students and community members are invited to enjoy conversation with friends, make new friends and contacts, and get involved with international student issues. Community Relations Coalition is co-sponsoring a Coffee Hour with the Red Cedar Neighborhood on March 25. Please join us!

**Thur, March 31 & Fri, April 1**

**MSU Campus Master Plan**

**11am-2pm at International Center (Spartan Rooms B & C)**

MSU is starting to update its Campus Master Plan and they wish to engage both the on and off campus public in this effort. These two forums will follow an "open house" format where MSU staff will be available to answer questions, provide information, and listen to comments. Any future changes made by the University could affect the Red Cedar neighborhood. You are encouraged to participate by sharing your concerns, issues, and ideas for development at these forums.

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**Thurs, April 14**

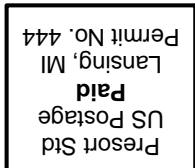
**ANNUAL MEETING of Red Cedar Community Association**  
**7-8:30pm at Red Cedar School**

Please plan to join your neighbors and special guests to learn more about issues facing our neighborhood in the months ahead. Included will be presentations of this summer's S. Harrison Road reconstruction, MSU's demolition of Cherry Lane apartments, and information about the EL Hometown Housing program. As always, please feel free to contact any board member with neighborhood questions or issues to bring to the board's attention.

**Sat, April 16**

**"The Faith Next Door"**  
**5:30-8:30pm at University Lutheran, 1020 S Harrison**

This second event in the community interfaith series is co-sponsored by University Lutheran Church and the Islamic Center of East Lansing. The theme is how different faith communities can work together for the good of others and the evening includes dinner, freely provided by ULC, and open dialogue. Stay posted for more details!



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