

# Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## **31st ANNUAL VALENTINE'S PARTY**

**Place: Orchard Street Pump House**

**Date: Sunday, February 12th, 2017**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Entertainment: 3:00 p.m. – Storyteller/Musician,  
Karen Bonnici Czarnik**

The B.C.A. and Community Relations Coalition invite you to the 31st Annual Bailey Valentine's Party on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Orchard Street Pump House (Orchard between Linden and Chittenden). Please join us for card making, cookie decorating, and door prizes. Delicious drinks and snacks will be provided. At 3:00 p.m., the *AMAZING* Karen Bonnici Czarnik of *storyrhythms.com* will delight people of all ages with stories and songs that encourage audience participation and tickle the funny bone. Don't miss this great party to brighten a cold winter's afternoon! Bring your big and little friends and sweethearts! **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## **MORE GREAT PUMP HOUSE CONCERTS**

**All shows start at 7 p.m.**

The Pump House Concerts music series at the Bailey Pump House brings in top-level talent from Michigan, Nashville, and across the country to play in this special venue. **All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless there is contrary notice, and a \$15 voluntary contribution/person is appreciated for the artists.** More shows may be scheduled beyond those listed below, so to check concert schedules, please send an email to [pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com) to receive updates on shows, or go to [www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts](http://www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts) and [www.baileyneighborhood.org](http://www.baileyneighborhood.org). You can also call Smitty at 517-927-2100. Here are some of the upcoming concerts:

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Rachael Kilgour.** Rachael’s sincere, lyric-driven work has been called both brave and humane. Awards at Telluride and The International New Song Competition, and performances at Lincoln Center & the Sundance Film Festival are part of the acclaim she’s been receiving. Her songs address emotion and grief and forgiveness in a way that is not often done in our culture. For more information see [www.rachaelkilgour.com](http://www.rachaelkilgour.com).

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Tret Fure.** This will be a joint production of Goldenrod Music & Pump House Concerts. At 16, Tret was singing in coffeehouses and campuses in the Midwest, then moved to LA looking for a record deal. Within a year she was performing as guitarist and vocalist for Spencer Davis, touring and writing songs. One of the most prolific contemporary singer-songwriters, Tret has released 15 albums and CDs. In addition to being a gifted songwriter, she has engineered and produced countless recordings by a variety of artists. For more information, see [www.tretfure.com](http://www.tretfure.com).

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ken Yates.** Ken’s sound offers the complete package—unforgettable melodies, emotionally charged storytelling, and top-notch guitar chops. John Mayer said of a Yates song, it “moved me when I first heard it, and it still does today.” From Ontario, Ken is a Berklee College of Music grad. His music echoes of the Canadian songwriting tradition, from Gordon Lightfoot to Bruce Cockburn to Ron Sexsmith. For more information see [www.kenyates.com](http://www.kenyates.com).

## **School Board Proposes Bond Issue to Rebuild Schools**

The East Lansing Board of Education has proposed a bond for the May 2, 2017 ballot to rebuild the school district’s 5 elementary schools as well as renovate Red Cedar. Passage or failure to pass this bond will have repercussions for our neighborhoods, so please keep abreast of this issue. For your information here is the board’s press release:

*“(East Lansing, MI) — The East Lansing Public Schools Board of Education has approved an Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds not to exceed \$93.77 million to rebuild Donley, Glencairn, Marble, Pinecrest, and Whitehills Elementary Schools and renovate Red Cedar Elementary School at their January 9, 2017 meeting. This amount is a reduction from the Board of Education’s previously approved resolution authorizing up to \$98 million for this project.*

*A \$93.77 million bond proposal would result in an estimated 1.795 mill property tax increase in the first year over the district’s current debt levy. Homeowners would pay an additional \$180 per year or \$15 per month on a home with a market value of \$200,000 (taxable value of \$100,000).*

*Construction of new buildings and demolition of old elementary schools is estimated to take approximately 15-18 months for each school building. Construction will be staggered over four years with scheduled completion of all buildings by fall 2021.”*

## **UPDATE: NEW CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The last two “Bailey Newsletters” reported that the Planning Commission is moving forward towards completion of a new comprehensive plan. However, as of this writing, the city staff is still making changes to the plan with the consultant team, Williams and Works. That revised plan will then be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The public unveiling of the completed plan and the schedule

for that will probably not be known until March. The latest the public meetings are likely to occur will be May or June. Keep an eye out for announcements at the city's website about these meetings and make sure to attend them! For more information about this, please see the following: [www.cityofeastlansing.com/ComprehensivePlan](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/ComprehensivePlan).

### **Bailey Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Annual Meeting for the Bailey Community Association will be held on Thursday evening, April 27<sup>th</sup>, time and place to be announced in the next newsletter. All residents living in the Bailey neighborhood who wish to nominate themselves or others to be on the board are encouraged to apply to the board to be nominated. In order to be eligible, a person must live within the neighborhood's boundaries and be a member of the association (membership form below). We also encourage those so inclined to attend Bailey board meetings to get a sense for what the position entails. Please see the article below describing the purposes and meeting schedule of the association and the contact information for the association's chair and vice chair.

### **About the Bailey Community Association**

The Bailey Community Association was founded to enhance the residential quality of life for those living in the Bailey Neighborhood. The Bailey neighborhood extends from Hagadorn to Abbot, and from Saginaw to Grand River. Anyone living within the boundaries of the neighborhood is welcome to join the association. The BCA Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday of each month except August at 6:30 p.m. at the Orchard Street Pumphouse. Meetings are open to the public, and all residents are urged to attend meetings with their concerns. If you have questions, please contact Chairperson Konrad Hittner at [khittner1@gmail.com](mailto:khittner1@gmail.com) or Vice Chairperson Ed Wagner at [eddiewags@gmail.com](mailto:eddiewags@gmail.com).

Dues help the Bailey Community Association to organize meetings where viewpoints and concerns can be aired, organize "meet the candidates" forums; organize and complete Bailey park and neighborhood clean-up days; work with MSU's Community Relations Coalition; work with the Pump House Board to organize social events such as the Ice Cream Social and Valentine's Party; and publicize these through emails and newsletters. Don't forget the **Bailey website** for updates and more information: found under <http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/Bailey>.

### **BCA MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL DUES FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00 for couples and families.

\$5.00 for singles

\$5.00 for couples and singles over 65 or for students.

(Please send dues to Jim Liesman, 436 Division Street, East Lansing, MI 48823. Checks should be made out to the Bailey Community Association. If you are sending annual dues, please make a note of the date for your records so you do not send another payment by mistake in the same year period. Thank you!)

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