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Red Cedar Community Association

Improvements Coming to Emerson Park

The City of East Lansing is currently developing plans to conduct improvements to Emerson Park and would like input from the community.

Located on Arbor Drive (and abutting the Red Cedar Elementary School property), Emerson Park is a 2½ -acre park lined with mature shade and evergreen trees. This park offers visitors open lawn areas where they can find playground equipment, outdoor fitness equipment, benches, a grill, and picnic tables.

Potential improvements under consideration include additional play equipment, a pavilion, and improved site walkways, but the city wants input from all Red Cedar neighborhood residents. The city has created an [online survey](#) to gather information. It can also be completed via by scanning the code below.



Scan to take
the survey!

The RCCA Mourns the Loss of Kathy Boyle

Longtime Red Cedar Community Association board member Kathy Boyle — an attorney and public servant to East Lansing — passed away on Feb. 3. She had dedicated herself to the service of our immediate and broader community, serving on the East Lansing City Council, the Planning Commission, the Housing Commission, and the Age Friendly Communities Steering Committee, among others.

A member of the All Saints Episcopal church, a lover a gardening, cooking, and dogs, Kathy leaves behind her adoring husband of 49 years, Brendan Boyle, her beloved dogs, Tess and Arlo, and a gaping hole on our RCCA Board, where she served with unfailing kindness, commitment, and competence. She will be greatly missed.



Photo by Raymond Holt of ELI, taken in 2019 at a city Planning Commission meeting.

[Obituary](#) | [ELI article](#)

State of the Neighborhood Message

It has been a challenging several years for all of us, individuals and organizations alike. The Red Cedar Community Association (RCCA) is no exception. The RCCA has not felt comfortable organizing the events that it has held in the past: the Neighborhood Nights Out at local restaurants, the potluck dinners with the churches and mosque, the ice cream socials, or even our annual RCCA meeting.

The board continues to meet monthly via Zoom, though not all members have been able to meet as regularly due to work demands, care-giving requirements, and home situations. Members of the RCCA also continue to represent the neighborhood at City of East Lansing and Michigan State University commissions, committees, and work groups. For the past two years, board members have also served on the City Planning Commission, the Building Board of Appeals, the Council of Neighborhood Presidents, and the MSU Community Relations Workgroup. Issues of interest to the neighborhood regarding MSU game parking and traffic, student conduct on and off campus, objectionable odors, American Recovery Funds, infrastructure planning, and proposed state legislation which would change the overlay zoning districts in the city have been discussed at these meetings.

Board members also actively involved in our local schools, supporting our neighborhood teachers and school children. And on the topic of our school children, keep an eye out for the [Red Cedar Bike Train](#) that wanders (in warmer weather) through the neighborhood before and after school, delivering a cohort of enthusiastic young bikers to school and returning them safely home.

The board has also facilitated discussions between neighbors and the City of East Lansing regarding respectful neighborhood conduct, updates to Emerson Park (see pg. 1), and emergency egress for the Ivanhoe neighborhood. We have also maintained a positive relationship with MSU interns, our city liaison, and our City of East Lansing Police Department.

As we all begin to adjust to a “new normal,” the board plans to have an annual meeting when one can be held safely. We as a neighborhood need to discuss issues of interest, fill vacant board positions, and plan for the future.

The board needs your help! We need our neighbors to step up and participate on the board. We need the next generation to volunteer for the board, help fill vacant positions, and prepare to take on executive roles.

Think about how you can help, and stay tuned!

— The RCCA Board of Directors



Led by bike enthusiast and Red Cedar Elementary School staff member Jeff Potter, the Bike Train takes the path from 1855 Place into the Red Cedar neighborhood on their way to the elementary school.

Photo by Austin Kaufmann

[Fox 47 News Article & Report](#)

WHAT'S NEW?

Red Cedar neighbors can now pay their annual Red Cedar Community Association dues of \$10 per individual or \$20 per household via credit card or PayPal.

We did not ask for or collect dues in 2020 or 2021, but as the RCCA Board returns to a more active role in 2022, we invite you to do so now.

To donate securely online, visit the RCCA website and look in the right column, or simply click the “Donate” button below to be taken directly to the donation page.

Contact

Ruth Stump,
RCAA President

[Email](#)

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Donate



Got a great idea for the Red Cedar Community? Let us know!

In the past, some of the RCCA's best initiatives – neighborhood signs, flowers, thank you gifts – have come not from the board, but from community members. If you have an idea for something that would benefit the community, submit your ideas to the board!