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Red Cedar Community Association

Message from the RCCC President

Prepared by Jeffrey Friedle

As we start this new year, there are several neighborhood issues that the Red Cedar Community Association Board has been following. We encourage you to view the following links to stay well informed.

Student Recreation and Wellness Center

MSU is planning to build a new Student Recreation and Wellness Center at the south corner of the intersection of West Shaw Lane and Harrison Road. Please view this [Informational Slideshow](#) presented at recent meeting.

Emerson Park Plan Update

[Phase I improvements](#) are currently underway, and as soon as the weather breaks, the contractor will be back on site to pour the concrete walkways and construct the pavilion. Work on Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the end of May, with [additional improvements](#) planned for the future.

Accessory Dwelling Units

The City of East Lansing is exploring updating residential zoning to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). For more information, please find the [ADU Slideshow](#) presented at the January Council of Neighborhood Presidents meeting.

Crown Castle Proposed 5G Cell Towers

On Monday, February 27, Crown Castle held an information meeting to discuss the proposed installation of several 40-ft 5G cell phone towers in road right of ways throughout neighborhoods in East Lansing for Verizon and potentially other providers. [Proposed tower location map](#)

MDOT US-127/I-496 Project

Phase 1 of the project to restructure the highway between I-96 and I-496 is beginning February 2023, with bridge replacement planned for the southbound US-127 ramp to westbound I-496 and the eastbound I-496 ramp to northbound US-127. Work on US-127/I-496 from I-96 to I-496 is expected to start in the summer of 2023 and be completed in 2025. Phase 2 of the project is expected to start in the spring off 2025 with work into 2026. More detailed information can be seen on the [MDOT website for US-127 Corridor Improvements](#).

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

MSU's Safe Routes to School organization continues to explore intersection safety and sidewalk improvements in East Lansing neighborhoods with an eye toward making walking and biking safer for neighborhood students and residents alike. Their [2022 General Report](#) includes a section on the [Red Cedar Neighborhood](#).

Meet the RCCA Board



Jeff Friedle has been active with RCCA since moving into the Ivanhoe neighborhood in 1994. He is currently serving as the Red Cedar Community Association (RCCA) President. Previously he has served as the RCCA Secretary. He also currently serves on the East Lansing Building Board of Appeals.



Ruth Ann Stump and her husband Dan moved to the Flowerpot in 1980. Their three children all attended Red Cedar Elementary, where they enjoyed international friendships and learned to accept and appreciate world cultures. Ruth served as a school volunteer for 20 years and worked for 10 years in IT at the State of Michigan. She previously served as president of the RCCA.



Linda Dunn and her husband have lived on Lilac Avenue since 1993. They enjoy the wildlife and natural elements of our unique neighborhood, as well as the ability to walk to stores, restaurants and MSU activities. She currently serves as RCCA Secretary.



Brendan Boyle has lived in Ivanhoe since 1999. In addition to the RCCA board he also serves on the East Lansing Historic District Commission. He likes the mature trees and variety of wildlife in our neighborhood and finds neighbors friendly and willing to help one another. Together with Jeff Friedle, he advocates for preparedness for the community and strong relationships with local fire, police, and city agencies.



Austin Kaufmann joined the Red Cedar Board in 2018, and has worked primarily in the role of communications, serving as the RCCA Newsletter editor. He lives with his wife, Victoria, and two children, Finn and Anara, on Lilac Avenue. An MSU English language teacher and ed tech specialist by day, Austin moonlights as singer and guitarist in an indie-folk band: [The Dangling Particles](#).



Liz Schweitzer and her husband have lived on Tanager Lane since 1972 having been drawn from married housing by the international student body at Red Cedar school. Liz served on the East Lansing City Council for 12 years and for 4 years as mayor. She worked at St. John Student Parish in our downtown for many years.

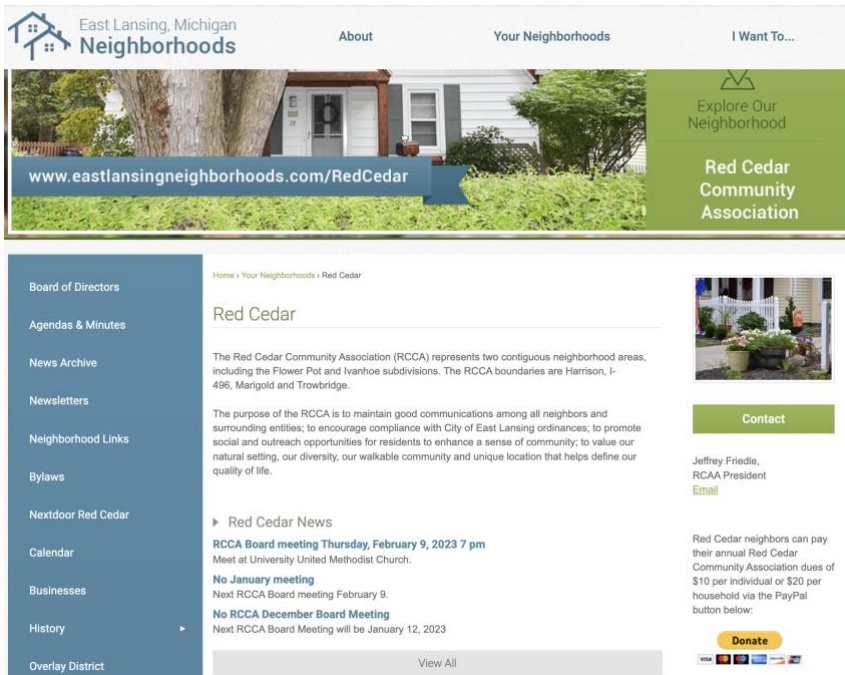


Marcia Van Ness considers herself lucky to live on Marigold Avenue in the historic and wonderfully diverse Red Cedar neighborhood. An advocate for community relations, she is a past president of both the RCCA and the former East Lansing MSU Community Relations Coalition. Marcia has served on the city's Seniors Commission and the Senior Ambassadors Committee and is a retired Lansing State Journal editor and adjunct faculty at the MSU School of Journalism.

The RCCA's Online Presence

by Vice President Ruth Stump

The City of East Lansing has a website that includes neighborhood information. Each neighborhood has a place to put notices, meeting information, contact information, and so on.



[Visit the Red Cedar Neighborhood Association's City Webpage](#)

We post meeting agendas before each meeting, with the date, time, and location. When approved, minutes are posted after the meetings. Also posted there are newsletters, annual meeting information, bylaws, a calendar, photos, history, and neighborhood businesses. In the righthand sidebar, you will also find a PayPal link for paying your annual dues.

"Spartan Strong" Yard Signs Available

Proceeds from sales will benefit [Spartan Strong Fund](#). Purchase signs [here](#).

Spartan Strong Lawn Signs



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!

Remember: If your request involves asking for RCCA funds, please contact RCCA board members **before** the 2nd Thursday of the month so the RCCA board can discuss it at their monthly meeting. Include the purpose, neighborhood benefit, and the amount of funding you are requesting so the board can give your request appropriate consideration.

Join Us

If you are interested in serving as a board member, please contact one of us for more information. It is a great way to meet others, get to the know our history, and learn more about the issues before us. Our by-laws require us to meet quarterly or more often as needed.

Contact RCCA Board President Jeff (thalweg39@gmail.com) or any other board member.

Stay Safe

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