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Dear Neighbor,

Hello and welcome to 2009-'10 in the Red Cedar community.

Changes coming to Cherry Lane:

Your Red Cedar board continues to outline priorities as the university considers new uses for the Cherry Lane/Faculty bricks complex. The area covers the southeast corner of Harrison and West Shaw Lane.

With demolition of its aging structures pending, a representative group met with MSU officials to offer cooperation and input during the planning and redevelopment process.

A letter to MSU officials followed, outlining Red Cedar concerns and goals, including to:

- Preserve the enrollment and future of Red Cedar School.
- Respect the international character of Cherry Lane.
- Retain the residential and family nature of Red Cedar/Cherry Lane.

Taking a fresh look at the Trowbridge corridor:

Is the Trowbridge Road area reaching its potential as a key gateway to East Lansing and the university?

Red Cedar board members represent the neighborhood as the city weighs options for redeveloping the area as a prime retail and housing destination. Proposals are being drafted this fall for consideration by the city's community development, planning and zoning staff.

Reminders: Yard, property care (City Ordinances):

Sec. 14-36. Abandoned or inoperable motor vehicles.

No person shall store on, or place in, or permit to be stored on, or remain on, any private premises within the city, an abandoned or inoperable motor vehicle, part, or parts of a motor vehicle, unless said motor vehicle, part, or parts of a motor vehicle shall be kept in a wholly enclosed garage or other structure meeting the requirements of the City Code for such use.

(Code 1994, ch. 63, § 6.108)

Sec. 14-37. Owner and occupant to maintain premises free of litter; recovery of costs by owner when violation is caused by occupant.

(a) The owner and occupant, as the case may be, shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter, including, but not limited to, the accumulation of any litter within yard areas, open accessory structures and along fence lines, provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection.

(b) The owner of a property who is found to be responsible for a violation of this article charged as a civil infraction has the right to recover in a civil action against the occupant who caused or allowed the violation, damages in the amount of any civil fine, costs or expenses assigned by the court. The owner of a premises may provide in a written agreement that the person who caused or allowed a violation of this article, when the violation is a civil infraction, shall indemnify the owner for any civil fine, costs and expenses imposed upon the owner for that civil infraction.

(Code 1994, ch. 63, § 6.109)

Trash means parts that have been torn off, broken off, or stripped from natural and human-made combustible and noncombustible matter, including, but not limited to, trees, shrubs, plants, motorized and non-motorized vehicles, building materials, buildings and structures. (Code 1994, ch. 63, §§ 6.101, 6-102)

302.4 Weeds and plants. All exterior premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. Trees and shrubs and other plantings shall be tended and trimmed to maintain sight lines, to prevent damage to structures, and to have at least a 7 foot clearance above a sidewalk.

Calendar:

Friday, Sept. 18 – 3 p.m. – Peace Pole and Sign Celebration, Red Cedar School

Wednesday, Sept. 23 – 6 p.m. – CRC/RCCA Ice Cream Social, Red Cedar School

Next Red Cedar Community Association meetings, all welcome:

Arbor Forest Apartments community building, 7 p.m.

October 8

November 12