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ANNUAL MEETING of the Red Cedar Community Association

Mark your calendars – **Thursday, April 12th at 7pm at Red Cedar School.**

Join neighbors for our social gathering that begins at 6:30 p.m. Tim Dempsey, EL Director of Planning and Community Development will speak on ways to spruce up our neighborhood. We will be collecting dues (\$5 per family but additional donations welcome) to help support the work of the RCCA board throughout the year. We also will have 4 vacancies on our board. Won't you consider getting involved?

Red Cedar Elementary School/East Lansing Bond Vote

On February 28th, East Lansing voters went to the polls and voted to defeat the bond.

Thank you to everyone in our neighborhood and supporters from across our community whose energy and resources pushed the campaign forward. Hopefully, the school board will reconsider its resolution to close Red Cedar School and seek a long-term plan that will address the concerns of the larger community.

Hometown Housing Program

Know someone who would like to buy a house in our neighborhood? HHP offers up to \$25,000 in down payment assistance to income qualified families who purchase a home in the Red Cedar neighborhood. HHP also offers other programs including rehab loans. Check them out at <http://www.hometownhousing.org/programs/> or the city website: www.homeineastlansing.com and click on Homebuyer Programs.

Michigan State Police site update

MSU will begin the demolition of most of the state police post buildings this summer replacing some areas with parking for special events. For more information and the schedule, please visit the Construction Junction website at MSU.

East Lansing Neighborhood Watch

This program is now at work in our area. Our RCCA board meetings are usually attended by one of the city's Neighborhood Watch officers with a neighborhood report. Board meeting minutes are posted on our website. For more information on the Neighborhood Watch program, please visit the city's website.

Electronic communication

Board members have been collecting information from our residents in order to build an electronic communications tool for getting out neighborhood newsletter, Neighborhood Watch information or other important neighborhood information when needed. One member of the RCCA board will hold the information confidentially and any emails will go out in a blind format for privacy purposes.

Thank you

To Janet Ronk and her family for the generous donation of the Flower Pot sign at Marigold and Harrison that pays tribute to the origin of our neighborhood. If you are interested in purchasing one of the booklets that tells the history of our neighborhood, please contact a board member for more information.

To Doug Cron for the wonderful renovation of the apartment building he now owns at the same corner. Welcome to the neighborhood, Doug.

Welcome to new Trowbridge businesses

Trowbridge Pizza & Pasta restaurant where Woody's used to be

Hot Yoga near Hobie's

American Crepes next to Korea House

Marathon gas station with a **Tim Horton's** drive-through

Please let our new merchants know how much you appreciate their presence by supporting them as well as our other long-time merchants. The Trowbridge merchants' group is working with the city and MSU to look at future possibilities for the Trowbridge corridor to draw in more visitors and shoppers.

Inter-Faith event - Saturday, April 21 at the Islamic Center.

"Religion and Politics -- Let's Talk!" will be the theme for the next Inter-Faith event.

Gathering time begins at 5:45 with a meal provided by Sultan's Restaurant at 6, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A. Tours of the Islamic Center will be offered after the program.

RCCA Annual Meeting - Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 pm at Red Cedar School