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Dear Neighbor,

Red Cedar History Night

Our October 4th event was an overwhelming success, attracting almost 200 current & former residents. A panel of speakers talked about the "old days" when this area was a farm and how the current neighborhood evolved.

Janet Hicks Ronk has written a 72 page history booklet that include photos of many of the houses built by the Hicks family. You may be living in one of them! Janet will be speaking at Barnes and Noble in East Lansing on Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

The history booklets are for sale for \$10 - contact Kathy Jacobs
<khjacobs@hotmail.com> or call 332-2737

A DVD of the entire evening is also available for \$15 – contact Liz Harrow
<harrowe@lcc.edu> or call 351-1381.

These would make great holiday gifts for your kids or anyone who has ever lived here. Janet will donate any profits from these sales to the RCCA. Thank you, Janet.

Sound wall application along US-127/I-496

On behalf of the RCCA Board, Brendan Boyle met with MDOT and compiled the necessary data to determine that this proposed project was eligible to be a Type II noise abatement project. The Board then got City Council to commit to the 10% funding match of the total construction costs and submit an application to MDOT last month. MDOT will now assess the feasibility and total cost of the project which borders the entire western boundary of the Red Cedar neighborhood.

New Dynasty Buffet on Trowbridge Road

The restaurant has requested a modification to their special use permit (SUP) to extend their hours until 2am and have entertainment. This SUP will be on City Council's agenda for final approval on Tuesday, December 18th. If you have any comments & concerns about this, please contact any Board member before our next regular meeting on Thursday, December 13th.

University Village Walkway and Landscaping

MSU was willing to either leave the walkway to UV open or to close it completely. Since the Board position was to defer to the adjacent neighbor's request to close it, MSU closed the walkway and removed the sidewalk. A committee of several neighbors from the north side of Marigold, a RCCA Board rep and UV students met with Erin Bowdell to discuss screening issues. A suggested berm was not feasible for drainage reasons according to MSU. No committee member responded to Erin's request for a follow up meeting including a walking tour with the Landscape Architect, so the landscaping discussion is considered closed.

Trowbridge Comprehensive Plan

City Planning staff, several business owners and a committee of the Board have met twice. The RCCA's goal is to help the City develop a plan for the commercial corridor to keep it viable.

Community Relations Coalition

The CRC has sponsored many events this past fall to get all the residents of the neighborhood to get to know each other - an ice cream social and several Fall parties at University Village. CRC has also sponsored a meeting for the City Council candidates, litter clean ups after the football games and raking for the elderly. Thanks to Marcia Van Ness and our hardworking students, Rachel Diskin and Megan O'Brien.

Breslin Center Traffic

A representative from the MSU Police Department will be at our next Board meeting on December 13th to discuss post game traffic patterns during basketball season. We have told that MSU plans no changes from last year - which would mean eastbound traffic on Kalamazoo will be routed through the neighborhood after the games. The Board does not find this acceptable.

We are also asking that you call **PACE at 351-4220** if you see cars illegally parked. One reason No Parking restrictions are in place in our neighborhood is to provide emergency vehicle access on our narrow streets.

RC Arts Café and FEMA

We are trying to plan two evening events for the upcoming winter months. We would like to have another Red Cedar Arts Café evening, showcasing the talents of our neighbors. We also thought a presentation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) regarding existing flood plains in our neighborhood would be of interest. We'll keep you posted.

The Board is here for your concerns & ideas - please contact any one of us or come to our regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm on the second floor of Shop Rite. We also encourage you to use our **webpage** <http://redcedar.bravehost.com> for our agendas, minutes and information on upcoming events.

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