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Red Cedar Community Association

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Dear Neighbors,

At our annual meeting in May, the Red Cedar Community Association welcomed three new Board members: Debi Robinson, Josh Smith and Marcia Van Ness. We also had updates on the projects we have currently been working on:

- the City's Reverse 911 plan & emergency evacuation procedures
- University Village apartments from MSU representative, Erin Bowdell
- the highway noise barrier process being spearheaded by Brenda Boyle
- Red Cedar Arts Café evenings – our winter fun & talent filled social evenings
- our neighborhood web site – created & updated by Kathy & Fred Jacobs

At our suggestion, the City has formed a committee to create a Comprehensive Plan for the Trowbridge Road commercial corridor. RCCA will participate along with business & property Owners to hopefully help fill our vacant commercial properties while improving both the look and traffic patterns in the entire area. This will not be a quick process but we are committed to keeping Trowbridge, a major entrance into EL, a viable commercial area.

RCCA received a letter from MSU President, Dr Lou Anna Simon to inform us that in 2009, the Michigan State Police would be vacating the Harrison Road post. The property is owned by MSU and they intend to reuse most of the site for parking. While we do not dispute the need for more events parking, we have asked that any redevelopment plans include early and direct meetings with the RCCA. Our first concern is how the entrances/exits and traffic flow will impact our ability to access our neighborhood. Our second is making sure that a buffer is maintained on Marigold - preferably extending the line of single family homes or at least maintaining the existing green space. We have worked hard this past year to develop a positive working relationship with the MSU Planning staff and will continue to do so.

We welcome any comments, ideas or concerns that you would like to share. If you are interested in participating on any of our committees, please contact me or any Board member or join us at our monthly Board meeting (2nd Thursday, upstairs at Shop Rite at 7p.m. – next meeting August 9th.)

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events on the reverse side, especially the "Neighborhood Historic Evening" and don't forget to check <<http://redcedar.bravehost.com/>> for all the latest neighborhood news.

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