



# Red Cedar Community Association

<http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/RedCedar>

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Happy New Year! Much is happening in and around our neighborhood. Read on!

Congratulations to two of our residents: **Kathy Boyle** (Scott Drive) was appointed to the East Lansing City Council and **Kath Edsall** (Daisy Lane) has been elected to the East Lansing School Board. We will continue to support their efforts; we thank them for their service on behalf of the community.

Fred Kletke, a beloved long-time neighborhood resident, died in December. We are planning a memorial bench inside Shop-Rite – further discussion at our annual meeting.

**Communications** – Our neighborhood email list is used solely for notifications approved by the board and sent out so that no email addresses are visible to others. If you have not yet shared your email and want to be informed of important happenings, please email Joanne Russell at [russell64@comcast.net](mailto:russell64@comcast.net) to be added to the list. Given our inability to deliver hard-copy newsletters as much as we would like, email communication is the most immediate and cost-effective way we have of sharing important information.

**Neighborhood Partnership Program** - The city has initiated a program to encourage greater dialogue, information sharing and availability of resources with the city's neighborhood partners. Red Cedar is participating, and we encourage you to visit the website: [www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/redcedar](http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/redcedar). This is now our neighborhood's official website, and we welcome suggestions for information to post in addition to the agendas, meeting minutes & schedule, board information, neighborhood events, etc.

**Red Cedar Board of Directors** – We are currently opposing Ordinance 1288 on behalf of the neighborhood. This proposed ordinance allows a seller who has listed their house and hasn't sold it in 60 days, to rent it without a license for up to 4 years - even in rental overlay zones that restrict any new rental licenses

**Annual RCCA meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11th at the Red Cedar School**. Learn more about this year's Kalamazoo St. repaving project; the many resources on the city's new website and safety tips from Officer Ojerio.

**You're Invited** – see the back of this page

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## **YOU'RE INVITED**

### **Be a Red Cedar Community Board member**

**This letter is an invitation to join the RCCA as a Board member.** RCCA is the oldest of the 29 neighborhood associations in the City of East Lansing and represents both the Flower Pot and the Ivanhoe neighborhoods.

Since we are a relatively small neighborhood, many have served several terms on our board and we are actively seeking new members and new ideas.

The Board meets on the second Thursday of the month or as needed. We address issues and concerns affecting our area; maintain open communications with the City, MSU and other civic organizations and communicate our efforts back to our neighbors via newsletters, flyers and our web site. Being a Board member is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to your community, become well informed on local issues and get to know more of your neighbors.

New Board Members are elected each year at our annual meeting in April and we hope that you will consider serving your neighborhood.

Each year comes with its own challenges and a few issues that we expect to participate in because they impact our neighborhood are:

**Red Cedar Elementary School closing and reconfiguring**

**Improving curb appeal and preserving our neighborhood**

**New Trowbridge multi-modal Transportation Center construction**

**Michigan State Police Post Property reuse**

**East Lansing Neighborhood Partnership program**

**M.S.U. Planning & Construction activity**

If you have an interest in helping RCCA to work with any of these, or any other issues, please contact a current Board member. We are happy to answer any questions you may have and will submit your name for election at our April 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

**New members, new ideas, new perspectives - consider volunteering to be a Board member and help us maintain Red Cedar as a great neighborhood.**

Thank You,  
Jim DeWitt  
RCCA President