

Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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BAILEY ANNUAL MEETING

Place: Orchard Street Pump House
Date: Thursday, April 29th 2010
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Speaker: City Manager Ted Staton at 8:00 p.m.
On East Lansing's Budget & Economy

The Bailey Community Association will hold its annual meeting on April 29th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Sue Webster, the Chairperson of the Bailey Community Association, will give a rundown of the B.C.A.'s actions over the past year, and Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock will UNVEIL our new WEBSITE. She will take your suggestions for what to add to it. This will be followed by the election of officers and new board members. (See the end of the newsletter for the list of nominees.) At 8:00 p.m. City Manager Ted Staton will talk about the impact of the recession on the city – on its housing market, businesses, budget, and financing.. Please plan on attending with your concerns and questions!!!

!!! NEW BAILEY WEBSITE !!!

The B.C.A. is pleased to announce the debut of a neighborhood website. Please visit it at: <http://sites.google.com/site/baileyneighborhood/> and come to the Annual Meeting to find out more about it and add your two cents! The website intends to broadcast the news and work of the Bailey Community Association. In addition to photo galleries and a calendar, the website posts announcements and neighborhood events, and is linked to the Orchard Street Pump House Concert Series. The BCA newsletter will continue to be published in paper form and delivered to residences, but a PDF version of the newsletter will also be available on the website. (Thanks to Anne and Ted Grevstad-Nordbrock for creating this website and making a long-term wish of the BCA come true!)

MORE PUMP HOUSE CONCERTS

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Smitty Smith and the Orchard Street Pump House Board, the Pump House has become the venue for a series of outstanding concerts by top notch professional musicians usually playing acoustic instruments and performing their own songs. Here's what Tali Haylen, who lives

on Beech Street, had to say after attending her first concert: *I honestly did not know what to expect from my first Pump House concert, but I have to say I was blown away. Who knew such an amazing "listening room" existed in Bailey's neighborhood? We're so lucky to have this option in the heart of our neighborhood to witness intimate musical performances dotted with personal stories from the artists. I urge all my friends and neighbors to come check out a show. You won't be disappointed and I know you'll be back for more!*

All shows start at 7:00 p.m., except for the Outdoor Concert, and request a \$10 donation per person for the musicians.

Sunday, May 9th, Whitney Morgan and the 78s:

In the spirit of Waylon, Marie and Willie, Whitey's melodies help people forget their problems for a few hours. Whitey Morgan has shared the stage with Shooter Jennings, David Alan Coe, and Hank Williams III among other greats. He has earned universal acclaim for his fine voice and Honky Tonk style. The band was just signed to a major record deal. See: myspace.com/whitemorgan.

Sunday, June 5th, noon to 6:00 p.m., Outdoor Picnic & Concert in the

works. Pump House Concerts is planning a picnic and concert featuring several outstanding musicians on the Pump House Green *pending approval by the City of East Lansing*. Led off by Phil Lee, who has been called "the best songwriter in Nashville" by *the Nashville Scene*, and including Annie and Rod Capps (Michigan's favorite duo), Drew Nelson (Grand Rapids' finest songwriter), and The Great American Songbook, this should be a terrific event! Food. Live Music. Fun. Friends. Check the new Bailey website for updates.

Wednesday, June 30th, Randall Williams & Jen Cass:

Randall Williams has a degree in classical music, has lived on a sailboat, wandered the Sahara, and won awards as an American Singer/Songwriter in the U.S. He is as much at home in a Bangkok slum as at the Kennedy Center in D.C.. Jen Cass was raised with no TV but plenty of folk and Motown. Jen's songwriting is often compared to Mary Chapin Carpenter or the indigo Girls. Suzanne Glass of Indie-Music.com says, "Cass' songs are lyrical gems. She weaves fables with her words that would make Aesop jealous." Come hear these exceptional artists for a real treat!

Sunday, July 25th, Nora Jane Struthers:

Born in Virginia and raised in New Jersey, Nora Jane Struthers grew up singing with her father Alan, a veteran of a Minneapolis bluegrass band. Struthers performs her material with a voice as pretty and homespun as the vintage dresses she favors on stage. "It's not really bluegrass, it's not really old time, it's not folk – it's all of these things," says Struthers. Nora Jane will be celebrating the release of her first solo CD.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL DATE: Wednesday, July 7th

24th ANNUAL VALENTINE'S PARTY THANK YOU

On February 8th, the Bailey Community Association held its 24th Annual Valentine's Party. Bubble Man Ron Loyd beguiled the audience by blowing amazing soap bubbles and manipulating them in unusual ways. Partygoers decorated heart shaped cookies, made cards, ate delicious snacks, and had a grand time.

Now is the time to thank all those who helped with this event. In this newsletter we will thank the *individuals* who helped, and in the Fall Newsletter we will give *detailed* thanks to the East Lansing merchants who contributed the fantastic door prizes. That way you will remember them at holiday shopping time. Now to the people who helped so much to make this party possible.

Thanks to Marybeth Meyer for her indispensable help in organizing this event and garnering supplies. Thanks to Smitty Smith for being a fantastic MC. Thanks to Harry Moxley for providing the delicious hot cider we look forward to every year. Thanks to Tom and Mary Wolff for the cold beverages and cups. Thanks to Wendy

Sylvester-Rowan, Michelle Lane, Konrad Hittner, Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock, Sally Silver, Ellen Armentrout, and Sue Webster for providing treats for the snack table. Thanks to Phil McGuire, Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock and Ellen Armentrout for being general helpers. Thanks to all of the following members of the Community Relations Coalition, all M.S.U. students, for help with decorating, setting up the card and cookie tables, assisting at these tables with card and cookie decorating, greeting guests, cleaning up, making the beautiful and delicious heart shaped cookies for decorating, and being useful in every way: Stephanie Johnson, Rachel Kramer, Tyler Klitman, Kanika Suri, Whitney Smith, Tricia Phelps, Mike Berkowitz, Dan DeRose, and Michelle Skladd. Thanks also to their coordinator, Christopher Sell. Finally, thanks to all of you who attended the party and made it so much FUN!

Although we will thank in detail the merchants who contributed wonderful door prizes to the party in the Fall newsletter, we would like here to acknowledge the general importance of a vibrant downtown to the Bailey Neighborhood and urge you to shop there often. The particular merchants who gave so generously to our party are: **Cosi, the Student Book Store, Trillium Gallery, Mackerel Sky, Footgear, the Refinery, Curious Book Shop, and Moosejaw.** Please thank them and SHOP DOWNTOWN!

List of Nominees for BCA Officers and Board of Directors

Officers (one year term):

Chairperson: Suchitra Webster, 816 Chittenden Drive (336-7330). Bailey resident for 14.5 years. Two children. Serves as the recruitment and new initiatives coordinator in the College of Arts & Letters at MSU. Incumbent.

Vice Chairperson: Ellen Armentrout, 213 Orchard (203-4777). Bailey resident for 9 years. Two children. Attorney. Incumbent.

Treasurer: Tom Wolff, 624 Butterfield Drive (twolff23@msn.com). Bailey resident for 20 and a half years. Three children (two adults, one in high school). Health Care Consultant. Incumbent.

Recording Secretary: Phil McGuire, 1036 Ann Street. Two adult children. Retired M.S.U. Professor of English. Appointed last summer to fill this position.

Membership Secretary: Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock, 700 Collingwood. Bailey resident for 7 years. Two children. Homemaker. Incumbent.

Board Member Nominees (two year terms):

Two CRC Representatives, who are MSU Students, to be named next Fall.

One Nominee to be Announced

Returning Board Members: In addition to the above officers returning board members are Robert and Elizabeth Anderson, Konrad Hittner*, Michelle Lane*, Jim Liesman, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan*, and Sally Silver.

*These three board members have not yet been introduced in the newsletter, because, just as this year with one nominee, they were either “to be announced” at the Annual Meeting or appointed to fill vacancies. Here are their basic introductions:

Konrad Hittner lives at 639 Kedzie Street (214-9648). Bailey resident for 10 years. Two children. Small Unit Logistical/Maintenance Support Specialist.

Michelle Lane lives at 417 Butterfield Drive (lanemichelle@sbcglobal.net). Bailey resident for 8 years. Three children. Lawyer with a specialty in Elder Law.

Wendy Sylvester-Rowan lives at 531 Kedzie Street. Bailey resident for 9 years. Two children. Former art teacher, now a homemaker.

THANKS to all those serving on the board over the last year, with special thanks to those going off the board: Margaret Selasky has been a great representative of those north of Burcham and will be missed. Robert Anderson will continue on the board but resigned as secretary after doing that job wonderfully for several years. Thanks also to the Pump House board, which has continued the tradition of festive Ice Cream Socials and luminaria and whose hard work scheduling and maintaining the Pump House deserves great neighborhood appreciation! Thanks to Elizabeth Anderson and Justin Booth for continuing to organize clean up days for the Bailey Community Center. Kudos to Smitty Smith for the creation, scheduling and organization of the Pump House Concerts. Thanks to Anne and Ted Grevstad-Nordbrock for creating the Bailey website. Continued thanks to Rilla McHarris for managing the distribution of the *Bailey Newsletter* and to the large team of volunteers that passes out these newsletters, often on short notice and in all kinds of weather! Thanks also to the members of the litter committee and traffic committee for their work on these issues. Finally, thanks to the MSU student representatives of the Community Relations Coalition for help with neighborhood litter clean ups and the Valentine's Party but above all for helping build bridges between "town and gown."

The BCA Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of each month except August at 7:30 p.m. at the Bailey Community Center. Meetings are open to the public, and all residents are urged to attend meetings with their concerns. If you have questions, please contact Chairperson Suchitra Webster at hingwesu@msu.edu or Vice Chairperson Ellen Armentrout at glenellen@comcast.net.

Dues help the Bailey Community Association to organize meetings where viewpoints and concerns can be aired, organize "meet the candidates" forums; organize and complete Bailey park and neighborhood clean-up days; work with MSU's Community Relations Coalition; work with the Pump House Board to organize social events such as the Ice Cream Social and Valentine's Party; and publicize these through emails, newsletters, and our new website.

BCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$7.00 for couples and families
\$4.00 for singles
\$3.00 for couples and singles over 65 or for students

Please send dues to Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock, 700 Collingwood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Checks should be made out to the Bailey Community Association.

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