

# Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## BAILEY ANNUAL MEETING

**Place:** Orchard Street Pump House

**Date:** Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**TOPICS:** The City Manager's Vision.  
City Center II Progress Report.  
City Issues: Budget and Finance.

**BCA Business:** 7:00 – 7:20 p.m.

**Speaker:** 7:20 – 8:30 p.m.  
City Manager George Lahanas  
(followed by Q & A)

The Bailey Community Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 26th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Orchard Street Pump House. Suchitra Webster, Chairperson of the Bailey Community Association, will give a rundown of the BCA's actions over the past year. 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 about 7:20 p.m., City Manager George Lahanas will discuss his vision for East Lansing and give progress reports on the City Center II project and on the city's budget and financial situation. He will also take your questions. This is an occasion to get to know our new city manager and to find out about some of the most crucial downtown development projects. **Please come with questions and bring your friends!**

## *Pump House Concerts Presents*

### **PUMPSTOCK 2012**

**Saturday, June 2nd, 2 – 8 p.m.  
Bailey Park at 300 Bailey Street**

In case you don't know, Pumpstock has become an annual outdoor concert in Bailey Park that lasts all afternoon into the evening. Food vendors are on hand as well as entertainment for children, so you can stop by for music, a snack, or an evening meal! Although there is no admissions fee, the organizers of the event urge you to make a \$10/person donation for the musicians. This year Pumpstock features some great musicians: **TOMMY WOMACK, HARPETH RISING, BILL BYNAM & CO, MARTINE LOCKE, & MORE!**

“**Tommy Womack** is a Nashville rocker whose songs are INSIGHTFUL, FUNNY, AND PENETRATING” – *USA Today*. "Think Spalding Gray if he'd grown up in Kentucky with a guitar and a vinyl copy of Black and Blue" – *The Village Voice*. <http://www.tommywomack.net/>

**Harpeth Rising** is "An Americana Sensation" – **WSM 650**. "The future of original string music..." – **Keith Harrelson**, *Moonlight on the Mountain*. <http://harpethrising.com/index.html>

**Bill Bynam** is "a great player, he's got that great blues voice, that bluegrass moaning voice, he's tremendous" – Crazy Wisdom Tea Room. "An excellent rhythm guitar player and an excellent songwriter. . . . Bill has a unique style of country and rock, mixed with bluegrass." – Pete Goble, bluegrass legend. <http://www.billbynum.com/home.html>

**Martine Locke** "plays with energy, enthusiasm & talent. She can be tender, refined, or can cut loose with a wall of sound that will blow you away." – Steve Brown, *Desert Post Weekly*. <http://www.martinelocke.com/>

### **Sun. June 17<sup>th</sup> – Otis Gibbs – 7 p.m. at the Pump House**

Otis Gibbs is a man in search of an honest experience. He is often referred to as a folk artist, but that is a simplistic way to describe a man who has slept in hobo jungles and walked with nomadic shepherds in Romania. Much of his work concentrates on the world ignored by pop culture. Otis has spent the last 15 years traveling across America and abroad documenting this world, and has a story to share about each stop along the way. <http://otisgibbs.com/>

## **FIREWORKS**

The state has enacted a new fireworks law that legalizes the sale of louder and more powerful fireworks in Michigan, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act 256. The law prohibits communities from banning the sale of fireworks. However, local communities **may** enact laws to prevent the shooting of fireworks EXCEPT on the day before, day of, and day after a *national* holiday. The city of East Lansing has not done this,

however. Display shows are still required to have approval from local units of government. Also of note, “Sec. 12. (1) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization’s or person’s express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.” In addition, it is illegal to use consumer grade fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.

The East Lansing Police Dept. advises residents that despite this law, the City’s noise ordinance remains in effect, and that any noise produced by fireworks or other means may be a violation of the City’s noise ordinance. To quote their notice:

“The City’s noise ordinance (Ch. 26, Div. 3, Sec. 26-81) states that ‘the creation of any excessive or unreasonably loud noise which disturbs the comfort, repose or peace of others within the city by being plainly audible to persons within any dwelling, hotel, hospital, office or other type of residence other than that from which it originates’ is unlawful. Residents should be mindful that the East Lansing Police Department (ELPD) will respond to calls from neighbors who have been disturbed by excessive noise, including noise originated from loud fireworks launched in and nearby the City’s neighborhoods and commercial districts. Residents should also be mindful that a noise violation will be written as a misdemeanor offense after 11 p.m. in residential districts. Penalties and fines under this ordinance vary, however, misdemeanor fines include no less than \$250 for a first offense, no less than \$350 for a second offense and no less than \$500 for a third offense. As the warmer months approach, we encourage all of our residents to be mindful and respectful of their neighbors when it comes to fireworks,’ said East Lansing Police Chief Juli Liebler. ‘Despite the state’s legalization of a select number of more powerful fireworks, our local noise ordinance remains in place to protect the comfort and well-being of all community members. If complaints are made, we will be responding proactively to those complaints.’

To make a complaint call: 351-4220.

(Thanks to Officer Erich Vedder for help with this report.)

## **Valentine’s Party 2012 THANK YOU’S**

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, The Bailey Community Association and Community Relations Coalition held the neighborhood’s 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine’s Party. It was our best attended Valentine’s party ever! Storyteller CHRIS MEASZROS crafted some wonderful tales for the audience and was aided by children who enacted the stories with verve. The Jugglers juggled to the delight of onlookers. Children decorated cards and cookies, and everyone munched on the great snacks and sought to win door prizes.

The Valentine’s Party is a cooperative effort and owes its success to many volunteers. Now is the time to thank them:

Thanks to Marybeth and Ron Meyer for helping to supply the cookie and card tables, an indispensable task! Thanks to Marybeth also for helping to set up the card and cookie decorating tables. Thanks to Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock for being a great all around helper. Thanks to Brian Silver and Anne for helping to decorate. Thanks to Harry Moxley for providing his wonderful hot apple cider, and to Michelle Lane for bringing cold beverages. Thanks to Anne, Phil McGuire, Sally Silver, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan, Suchitra Webster and Jessica Williams for providing delicious snacks and treats. Thanks to “Smitty” Smith for serving as outstanding and irreplaceable Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to the CRC interns who form the backbone of the party for helping with set ups and clean up, for baking the lovely heart shaped cookies for decorating, for sitting at the card and cookie decorating tables to help children create wonderful Valentine’s cards and cookies, for acting as greeters for the party, and for making themselves generally

useful! They are: Emily Evers, Allison Flanagan, Liz McKinley, Catie Musatics, James Robinson, Ryan Waldron, Leslie Wright, and Adele Wunsch. Thanks also to Olivia Seifert, CRC coordinator, and Adele Wunsch for helping to organize the event. Without the help of all these volunteers the party could not have taken place.

Thanks, finally, to all who came and chipped in. You are what the party is all about and you made it so much FUN!

In the Fall *Newsletter* we will give full thanks to the merchants who contributed terrific door prizes to the party. But for now, we would like to give them preliminary thanks and urge all Baileyites to shop downtown! A strong downtown needs our support. Thanks to the following merchants for their gifts: Curious Book Shop, Footgear, Mackerel Sky Gallery, Moosejaw Mountaineering, The Peanut Barrel, The Student Book Store, and Wanderer's Teahouse & Café. With the exception of Mackerel Sky on M.A.C. and Footgear on Division, all these shops are on East Grand River.

## **Nominees for BCA Officers and Board of Directors**

### **Officers (one year term):**

**Chairperson: Suchitra Webster**, 816 Chittenden Drive (336-7330). Bailey resident for 16.5 years. Serves as the recruitment and new initiatives coordinator in the College of Arts & Letters at MSU. Two children. Incumbent.

**Vice Chairperson: Konrad Hittner**, 639 Kedzie Street (351-6354). Bailey resident for 13 years. Lawyer by training and licensure, but not by recent practice. Chair of EL Transportation Commission. One of the cooks and bottle washers on the Pump House board and current BCA board member. Two teenage children.

**Treasurer: Michelle Lane**, 417 Butterfield Drive. Bailey resident for 10 years. Elder law attorney for local firm. Three children. Incumbent.

**Recording Secretary: Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock**, 700 Collingwood. Bailey resident for 9 and a half years. Homemaker with two children. Former Membership Secretary and, current Vice Chairperson.

### **New Board Member Nominees (two year terms):**

**Linda Cassidy**, 510 Butterfield Drive (517) 974-5223. Bailey resident since July 2011. Executive Assistant at Sparrow Hospital and Owner of Archer Family Properties. Three children (21, 19 and the youngest is 11).

**Don Scheckel**, 1025 Linden St. (608-344-0970). Bailey resident for 1 year. Works as a school psychologist for the Calhoun Intermediate School District serving the school districts of Olivet and Bellevue. Three children.

**Colin Weinstein**, 315 Kedzie Street (513)288-9111. Bailey resident for 2 years. Junior at MSU majoring in Advertising. He has one roommate named Brandon Bishop.

**Krista & Thomas Baumann**, 952 Lantern Hill Drive (333-8823) Bailey residents for 7.5 years. Krista is a part time customer service representative. Thomas is a physicist at the National Superconducting

Cyclotron Laboratory, MSU. Three children.

**One or two CRC Representatives, who are MSU Students, to be named next Fall.**

**Returning Board Members:** Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock, Konrad Hittner, Michelle Lane, Jim Liesman, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan, Sally Silver, Suchitra Webster and Susan Woods.

### **More Thanks**

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Bailey Neighborhood over the past year. Thanks to all the Bailey board members and officers for their able leadership throughout the year. It is great to see many return and Suchitra Webster and Michelle Lane continue as Chairperson and Treasurer, where they have done outstanding jobs. Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock will exchange her demanding role as Vice Chairperson (while also serving as our webmaster) to become Recording Secretary. But several board members will retire and we would like to thank them for their services: Elizabeth and Robert Anderson have been serving on the board since 2007, with Robert joining the board before then. First working with Elizabeth in a joint role as recording secretary, Robert later assumed this role alone and produced succinct yet informative minutes. Both organized annual efforts to clean up the Bailey Community Center grounds, and Elizabeth spearheaded efforts to improve the energy efficiency of the Bailey Community Center, litter laws, and volunteer litter pick ups. Phil McGuire has been on the board for over six years and has been recording secretary for over three of those. Like Robert, he had the gift of summarizing convoluted meetings to make them seem intelligible, and often raised good questions in a humorous way. Thanks to Jessica Williams who will retire after one year on the board because of a growing family. We will miss her perspectives as an expert in historic preservation. Alice Peck joined the board as Membership Secretary last spring, but found she was unable to continue. We appreciate her interest! Emily Evers represented the Community Relations Coalition (CRC) on the board and was essential in keeping us informed of that group's plans and in helping the board and the CRC coordinate a number of events.

Thanks as always to the CRC, not only for help with the Valentine's Party, but also for several neighborhood cleanups and get-togethers, for creating a number of enjoyable citywide events, such as pumpkin carving and the Taste of East Lansing, and for being so helpful in efforts to connect our student population with their neighbors.

Thanks to the Pump House Board for the continued scheduling and maintenance of the Pump House, for the luminary display, and for the wonderful Ice Cream Social. A special shout out to 'Smitty' Smith for creating and scheduling the Pump House Concerts and Pumpstock!

Thanks to Rilla McHarris for organizing the newsletter carriers, and to all of them for passing out the "Bailey Newsletter" at all times of year, often on short notice, and with little fanfare.

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 [lingwesu@msu.edu](mailto:lingwesu@msu.edu) or Vice Chairperson Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock at [agrevstad@hotmail.com](mailto:agrevstad@hotmail.com).

Don't forget the new Bailey website for updates and more information. It is:  
[www.baileyneighborhood.org](http://www.baileyneighborhood.org).

## Dues

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 and newsletters.

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### 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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