

# Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## **!!! 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BAILEY ICE CREAM SOCIAL !!!**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Orchard Street Pump House  
368 Orchard Street  
(between Chittenden and Linden)

**BAND:** The Sea Cruisers

**ICE CREAM  
CRANKING:** Begins at 5:00 p.m.

**RAIN DATE:** Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

**FIRE TRUCK! CLOWN! MUSIC! ICE CREAM!  
FACE PAINTING! FRIENDS! CHILDREN! FUN! NEIGHBORS! SUMMERTIME!**

You are invited to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Bailey Neighborhood Ice Cream Social! It takes place on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Orchard Street Pump House. This tasty event is a wonderful tradition where kids and families get together to enjoy ice cream, hand cranked the old fashioned way from fixings generously donated by *Melting Moments*. While enjoying ice cream and treats, children can have balloon animals made by Shenanigans the Clown, get their faces painted, and explore an East Lansing Fire truck. Badminton nets will also be up. At 6:30 pm, the Sea Cruisers will rouse you with their old time rock and roll. This event is open to people from every neighborhood, so invite all your friends! This is also a great time to sign up for, or renew membership in the Bailey Community Association. **And please bring a sweet treat to pass!**

The Ice Cream Social continues every year with the help of the Pump House board, the Bailey Community Association, many neighborhood volunteers and the City of East Lansing. Many thanks to all of them!

**! SMALL BOOK EXCHANGE  
COMING TO THE PUMP HOUSE !**

We are excited to announce that a Little Free Library is being installed at the Pump House in the near future. These small book exchange centers started in Madison, Wisconsin and are now found around the world. Wander on over and see if there is a title that catches your eye. You are welcome to take the book home, read it, and either return it or pass it on to someone else. If you have a book you would like to share with the community, add it to the collection on the book shelf. Please know that any book you donate to the library is a gift to the neighborhood. Also note that the motto of the Little Free Library is "Take one, leave one!" so please remember this is not a book depository. If you have questions, feel free to contact the library's stewards: The Cesario Family at [katehellercesario@gmail.com](mailto:katehellercesario@gmail.com) or 517-998-3008.

**!!! More PUMP HOUSE Concerts !!!**

The Pump House Concerts music series at the Orchard Street Pump House brings in top level talent from Michigan, Nashville, and across this and other countries to play in this special venue. **All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless there is contrary notice, and a \$15 voluntary contribution per person is appreciated for the artists.** Kids are free. More shows may be scheduled beyond those listed below, so check concert schedules at [pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts](http://www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts) and [www.baileyneighborhood.org](http://www.baileyneighborhood.org). You can also call Smitty at 517-927-2100. Here are some of the upcoming concerts. Please consult the above sources for more information.

**FRI. June 28<sup>th</sup> – Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys.**

Two years ago, this energetic group was a Pump House opening act. Now they are taking the country by storm and return as headliners. They've jumped into the forefront of today's progressive roots music movement with distinct vocals, tight harmonies, and instrumental expertise. They can turn on a dime, their arrangements showing a well-developed taste in music based on bluegrass traditions but frequently dipping into swing jazz & pop. Their sound is deftly guided by the clarion vocals of lead singer Lindsay Lou. For more information please see: [www.lindsayloumusic.com](http://www.lindsayloumusic.com)

**THURSDAY July 25<sup>th</sup> – Nora Jane Struthers and the Party Line.**

Nora Jane played to a sold out Pump House Concert in 2011 after winning the Telluride Bluegrass Festival. She's back with her new band and a CD that has reached #11 on the Americana chart. The high energy, Nashville-based quintet perform Struthers' original story-songs with tight, three-part harmonies, fiddle, claw-hammer banjo, acoustic guitar, bass, and drums. Struthers' songs are as steeped in American history, and as well crafted as the beautiful vintage dresses she wears on stage. For more information, please see: [www.norajanestruthers.com](http://www.norajanestruthers.com)

**Friday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – JESSE TERRY, Nashville Singer/Songwriter.**

Jesse Terry is an award-winning singer-songwriter and road warrior who tours nationally. His music has been compared to the likes of Ryan Adams, Jackson Browne, Paul Simon and James Taylor. Songs off his new record have already been featured on the CW's "Hart of Dixie" and PBS's "Roadtrip Nation." Jesse has won Grand Prize in several international songwriting competitions, including the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, the CMT/NSAI Songwriting Competition, and the Ourstage.com 2012 Finals.. The esteemed "New Music Seminar" recently selected Terry as one of the Top 100 Unsigned "Artists on the Verge". For more information, please see: [www.jessterrymusic.com](http://www.jessterrymusic.com).

**Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – JON BROOKS, 3 time Canadian songwriter of the year nominee.**

Though Jon's music is filled with grey and morally ambiguous characters living on the outskirts of approval, his mandate is unequivocal: "I've chosen to write healing songs and for that reason, I'm obliged to reveal a wound or two now and then. I want to write hopeful songs, inspiring songs and I expect I owe today's listener some compelling argument as to why we should believe our present world can be improved, or healed. A song's highest aim is to invoke empathy - to offer that rare sight of ourselves in others." For more information, please see: [www.jonbrooks.ca](http://www.jonbrooks.ca)

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – HARPER, World Blues Fusion and the didgeridoo.**

Harper is one of Australia's most highly respected & multi award winning musicians. An amalgamation of blues, rock, funk, soul and world music, Australian singer/songwriter Peter D. Harper creates a heady mix of roots music through his creative use of the harmonica, and the haunting drone of the didgeridoo. By combining traditional and modern influences, borrowing from Western and Aboriginal music, Harper has created a highly original take on the roots genre which many have labeled "World Blues". Harper has received multiple Australian Blues Awards for "Male Vocalist of the Year," "Song of the Year," and "Acoustic Artist of the Year." For more information, please see: [www.harper.biz](http://www.harper.biz).

### **FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS?**

Are fireworks waking you up—or just disrupting your peaceful evenings? **Report complaints 24/7 to police dispatch at 351-4220 ext. 2.** Even if you can't say exactly where the firework went off, police can check the area, and it's important to make your complaint part of the record. East Lansing law prohibits discharge of "consumer grade" fireworks on 335 days of the year (all except the 10 federal holidays and the day before and after each; for more information, visit [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com) and type "fireworks" into the site search box). But the disruptions continue, and the State is considering giving municipalities more control over fireworks use. Complaints are important information for the record that might inform the decision of the state legislators, so you're doing everyone a service by calling them in.

### **UPCOMING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISIONS**

The City of East Lansing has begun the process of revising its comprehensive or master plan, known as the "Big Picture Comprehensive Plan." The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires cities to update these plans at least every five years, and our current plan was adopted by the

Planning Commission in October of 2006. The extent of the revisions is not mandated by the enabling act. For instance, prior to our current comprehensive plan, the last *extensive* plan was completed in 1981-82, with numerous revisions to one part or another over the next 25 years. Planning commissions, not city councils, are charged with this task. City council approval of proposed plans is therefore optional. Our city council opted not to do so in 2006 and may not this time as well. Thus, if you want to comment on the proposals, do so early and often in the process, and do not expect public hearings before city council.

In a memo to the East Lansing Citizenry dated June 10 2013, Zoning and Planning Administrator Darcy Schmitt defined a comprehensive plan in this way:

*“A Comprehensive Plan is a broad based policy document for the physical, economic and social development of the city as it relates to land use. It has a long-range perspective that provides a coordinated approach to making important decisions. Land use decisions are influenced by several factors which change unpredictably over time and thus require ongoing careful evaluation and consideration. As such, the Comprehensive Plan must provide sufficient data concerning factors that influence land use decision, and extensive public input as it is one of the primary tools used by the City of East Lansing’s Boards and Commissions, the City Council, and the City Administration in making decisions that affect the future land use of the community.”*

The memo goes on to describe the process that has been set up to make these revisions. Tim Dempsey, the city’s Director of Planning, Building & Development also described the process in some detail at the Bailey Annual Meeting in April.

The planning will proceed through the examination of six topics, each of which will be explored by a steering committee that includes one city council member, one planning commissioner, and at least one neighborhood representative, and each assisted by at least three members of the city’s planning staff. The overall effort will also be aided by a team of three outside firms: Williams & Works, Nederveld, and Viridis Design Group with Williams & Works being the primary lead.

The committees are: the Human Dignity, Community Education and Civic Participation Committee; the Economic Sustainability Committee; the Housing Committee; the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Environmental Sustainability Committee; the Urban Form Committee; and the Outreach and Communication Committee. With the exception of the Outreach and Communication Committee, which is to have 8 – 10 members, the committees have 12 – 15 members each. Depending on the topic, other committee members are chosen to represent constituencies that the topic concerns, often including a member of a related city commission. For example, the Housing Steering Committee includes representatives from the city’s Housing Commission, University Student Commission, a student, and a landlord among others. The Outreach and Communication Committee is to include neighborhood presidents and a local newspaper representative. At the time of the Bailey Annual Meeting in April, the volunteer openings on these committees had not been filled, but now they are.

The committees will meet once at the end of June, then not again until September. Meetings will be open to the public and announced on the city’s website. In addition, the planning department section of the city’s website is now being revised to include more information about this process.

To view the city's current comprehensive plan and other information about the planning process, please go to: [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com), then "HOME", then "Departments", then "Planning, Building and Development", then click "Planning and Zoning," and then "MASTER PLANS" or other items of interest.

Many thanks to Tim Dempsey, the city's Director of Planning, Building & Development both for his presentation at the Annual Meeting and for information for this article, to Darcy Schmitt, the city's Zoning Administrator for her ample assistance with this article and her memo, and to Megan McFarland, city liaison to the Bailey Community Association and Assistant to the City Manager for her coordination help for the article.

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**About the Bailey Community Association:** The Bailey Community Association was founded to enhance the residential quality of life for those living in the Bailey Neighborhood. The Bailey neighborhood extends from Hagadorn to Abbot, and from Saginaw to Grand River. Anyone living within the boundaries of the neighborhood are welcome to join the association. **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 Konrad Hittner at [khittner1@gmail.com](mailto:khittner1@gmail.com) or Vice Chairperson, Erik Altmann at [ema@msu.edu](mailto:ema@msu.edu).

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

### BCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send dues to Michelle Lane, 417 Butterfield Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Checks should be made out to the Bailey Community Association.

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