

Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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!!! 40th ANNUAL BAILEY ICE CREAM SOCIAL !!!

DATE: Wednesday, July 9th
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Orchard Street Pump House
(368 Orchard St. between Chittenden and Linden)
BAND: 6 p.m., Donny and the Dorsals -- surf/beach music
ICE CREAM
CRANKING: Begins at 5:00 p.m.
RAIN DATE: Thursday, July 10th

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

You are invited to the 40th Annual Bailey Neighborhood Ice Cream Social. It takes place on Wednesday, July 9th, at the Orchard Street Pump House. Come enjoy this wonderful tradition where neighbors get together to savor ice cream that has been hand cranked the old fashioned way (for traditionalists who like it softer – the rest of us will enjoy the firmer stuff made ahead of time by the Pump House’s crack team of artisan ice cream elves) 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 about 6:00 p.m., Danny and the Dorsals will get everyone “hanging ten” with beach tunes. 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!*

UPCOMING PUMP HOUSE CONCERTS

All shows start at 7 p.m.

Following the BEST EVER Pumpstock on June 7th, the Pump House Concerts music series continues with more great shows at the Orchard Street Pump House where top level talent from Michigan, Nashville, and across the country come to play in this special venue. All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless there is contrary notice, and a \$15 voluntary contribution/person is appreciated for the artists. More shows may be scheduled beyond those listed below, so check concert schedules by sending an email to http://www.pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com to receive updates on shows, or by going to <http://www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts> or eastlansingneighborhoods.com/Bailey. You can also call Smitty at 517-927-2100. Here are some of the upcoming concerts. Please consult the above sources for more information.

Saturday, June 28th – Brad Cole Trio from Nashville. Brad Cole describes his musical quest as follows: “I am part of the human condition. Emotions I see in you and me, hard to articulate and understand, so often lost in transmission. The combustion between you and me and the world we live in. All of this is what moves me.” *Roots Music Report* has named “Down The Line”, Brad’s latest CD, one of the Top 20 Roots Americana records for 2013. www.bradcolemusic.com

Sunday, July 13th – Three Nashville songwriters in the round: Tony Arata, Jesse Terry and Craig Carothers. These artists are a who’s who of Nashville talent. Each one is used to anchoring a Saturday night at the famous Bluebird Café. Among his four #1 hits, Tony Arata wrote “The Dance” performed by Garth Brooks. Craig Carothers songs have been recorded by Trisha Yearwood & Kathy Mattea among others. Jesse Terry recently won the Grand Prize of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest among other accolades. For more information see: www.craigcarothers.com, www.tonyarata.com, and www.jessterry.com.

Saturday, August 2nd – Eric Taylor, Austin blues/country legend. Eric Taylor is a sage musician, lyrical genius and master of guitar. He’s a special piece in the intricate Texas singer/songwriter puzzle, and his songs have been performed by people such as Nanci Griffith and Lyle Lovett. His devotees include many fellow well-known artists. For more information about Eric, please see: www.bluerubymusic.com/home/News.html.

Friday, August 22nd – Ray Bonneville, Juno Award winner. Ray Bonneville is a poet of the demimonde who didn’t write his first song until his early 40s, some twenty years after he started performing. But with a style that sometimes draws comparisons to J.J. Cale and Daniel Lanois, this blues-influenced, New Orleans-inspired “song and groove man,” as he’s been aptly described, luckily found his rightful calling. For more information, see: www.raybonneville.com.

Friday, September 5th – Greg Trooper from New York City. Greg Trooper is a singer/songwriter who has released 12 albums since 1986. Raised in the shore town of Little Silver, NJ, he became enthralled by the greater New York area’s rich music scene. He discovered a sort of holy musical trinity in the work of Otis Redding, Bob Dylan, and Hank Williams, with their guiding lights of passion, literary prowess, and plainspoken honesty. It’s one reason Trooper’s music feels equally informed by Memphis soul, Greenwich Village folk, and Nashville twang. See www.gregtrooper.com.

Saturday, October 11th – Michigan Songwriters in the Round, to include songwriter Dave Bouttette, Mandolin wizard Jason Dennie, plus one more musician to be named. Stay tuned!

Thanks to ‘Smitty’ (Dudley) Smith for organizing these wonderful concerts!

!!! SPECIAL KIWANIS BAND CONCERT !!!

(Orchard Street Pump House, July 31st, begins at 7:00 p.m.)

The East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band, under the direction of Dave Larzelere, returns to the Pump House Green for a concert of pop and patriotic music, Thursday, July 31st, at 7:00 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray. Free admission.

Container Garden Project

At the June 9th Bailey Community Association board meeting, Alex Buchanan of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council and AmeriCorps described a container gardening project he is conducting this summer to confront the issue of urban food deserts. He will offer workshops to convert 'upcycled' containers into planters for a variety of fruits and vegetables, such as tomatoes. Container workshops will be offered free of charge to adults and children, and will include information about healthy foods and local sources of fresh produce like farmers markets. Participants will receive seeds, seedlings, soil, and containers, but people can bring their own.

One workshop has already been set up at the Orchard Street Pump House (368 Orchard Street) on **TUESDAY, July 15th, from 6 – 7 p.m.** To register, contact Alex Buchanan at midmeac@gmail.com or by phone at **(248) 497-0758**.

(Thanks to Thomas Baumann and Alex Buchanan for this information.)

How to Get Timely Notices of Bailey Happenings

"Bailey Newsletters" are published 4 times a year in time to announce the Valentines Party, Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social, and the Luminaria Sale. But plenty goes on between these events. You can find out about them in two ways: Visit the neighborhood website at: <http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/Bailey>, or send your email address to B.C.A. Chairperson, Konrad Hittner at: khittner1@gmail.com. He will use it to send you information about Bailey events and things pertinent to the neighborhood.

UPDATE: Council Votes on Ordinance #1322

The last two newsletters discussed Ordinance 1322, which as originally drafted would have allowed taller buildings in B-2 business districts throughout the City. Prior to Ord. 1322, 5 and 6 story buildings could only be built in B-2 districts if the lot was larger than 2 acres (and with a special use permit). Ord. 1322 would have allowed 5 and 6 story buildings on lots of any size (with special use permit). Bailey includes a B-2 zone along Grand River in which there are many lots smaller than 2 acres.

At its April 14th meeting, the BCA board voted to oppose Ord. 1322, on grounds that the analysis presented by City planning staff gave no basis for the ordinance in the City's comprehensive plan, and that the ordinance was rejected by the Planning Commission.

On April 15th, the City Council held a public hearing on Ord. 1322. BCA Chairperson Konrad Hittner delivered the board's view, and 7 others from Bailey and other neighborhoods spoke against the ordinance. Only Allen Russell of DTN Management spoke in favor. A motion to make the new maximum height 5 rather than 6 stories was supported by Councilmembers Ruth Beier and Kathleen Boyle and opposed by Mayor Nathan Triplett, Mayor Pro Tem Diane Goddeeris, and Councilmember Susan Woods. Mayor Pro Tem Goddeeris then

moved to apply the new 6 story maximum height only to B-2 areas that lie within the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which runs along Grand River from Hillcrest on the west to Hagadorn on the east. This version of Ord. 1322 was adopted, with only Councilmember Beier voting against.

As passed, Ord. 1322 allows consideration of a 6-story building proposed by DTN for a site between Valley Court Park and Grand River Ave. In Bailey, the new ordinance affects a contiguous series of small lots on Grand River between Kedzie and a line extending south of Kenberry. Most of Brookfield Plaza, it turns out, already had met the two-acre threshold allowing 6-story buildings. So with the exception of the building housing the Red Cedar Café and the gas station on Hagadorn, its status would be unchanged.

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 is 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 or Vice Chairperson Erik Altmann at 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 cleanup 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 **Bailey website** for updates and more information: found under <http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/Bailey>.

BCA MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL DUES FORM **NOTE: Membership dues are due only ONCE/year!**

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00 for couples and families
\$5.00 for singles
\$5.00 for couples and singles over 65, or for students

(Please send dues to: Jim Liesman, 436 Division Street, East Lansing, MI. 48823. Checks should be made out to the Bailey Community Association. If you are sending annual dues, please make a note of the date for your records. Thank you!)

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