

Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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LUMINARIES

The Annual Luminaries Display Is Scheduled for 12/21/10, Winter Solstice Evening (see article below)

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| Canvassing Neighbors: | SOON ! |
| Block Captain Pick-Up Date: | Sunday, December 12th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| Pick-Up Place: | Orchard Street Pump House |
| Display Date: | December 21st, beginning at 6 p.m. |
| Cost for Luminaries: | \$5/set of 10 candles, 10 bags, 10 cups |

! MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED !

The sale of luminaries to light up the darkest nights of winter is the main income source for the Pump House. Please note that the display is scheduled for December 21st on Winter Solstice. If you have not heard from a block captain by December 11th, or if you would like to pick up a set for your individual household for another reason, you may go to the Pump House on December 12th. Block captains who cannot pick up on December 12th should use contact information below and reschedule.

Block captains are still needed for the following blocks: Beech Street (500-900 blocks), Butterfield Drive (500 block), Collingwood Drive (500 and 600 blocks), and Snyder road (800 and 900 blocks). *If you would like to become a block captain or just want more information about this, please contact:* Wendy Rowan (jake_rowan@gmail.com, 203-0626) or Konrad Hittner (khittner@sbcglobal.net, 351-6354.)

NEW WEB ADDRESS FOR BAILEY NEIGHBORHOOD

Thanks to our Bailey webmeister, Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock and her husband Ted, the Bailey Community Association website has acquired a new web address far easier to remember than the old one. It is: www.baileyneighborhood.org. It even shows up on a Google search! This website has always contained great information, but it now lists ALL the activities at the Pump House as well as B.C.A. announcements and information. It even has some important city phone numbers, such as who to call if you spot a litter violation. And it publishes the minutes of BCA board meetings. Remember too that while the "Bailey Newsletter" comes out quarterly, the website is available on a daily basis. Questions? Ideas? Contact Anne at aegrevstad@hotmail.com.

ABOUT the BAILEY LUMINARY DISPLAY and Pump House Activities

The annual sale and curbside display of luminaries (candles lit inside white paper bags weighted with sand) at holiday time has been a Bailey tradition for the past three and a half decades. Last year's move of the luminary display to the evening of Winter Solstice from the previous Christmas Eve displays was a wonderful success that greatly improved overall participation. The date change was made because of a marked falloff in luminary display due to increased travel by Bailey residents over the Christmas holiday.

All Bailey residents should be on the lookout for a call or knock on their door from their block captains before December 11th. The block captains will gladly take orders for one or more luminary sets (10 candles, 10 cups, and 10 bags each), for \$5 a set, the same as last year.

The luminary sales are the main source of revenue for the revitalized and expanded use of the Orchard Street Pump House. The building is now used daily, with eight regular user groups meeting weekly, sometimes several on any given day. Under Dudley Smith's leadership, the Pump House has become, once or twice each month, a gig location of choice for talented live musicians. Susan Woods, the EL Film Festival's director, has given us several "sneak peeks" of new films, as well as showing a couple of children's films. There are also several new dance groups using the Pump House, along with the yoga, meditation, and martial arts practitioners who have used the building for years. With a portion of last year's revenue, a simple surround-sound system has been installed that can be used to provide musical background or film soundtracks for all Pump House events. We've also bought a number of more comfortable, padded chairs for seated events. In general, proceeds from the luminary sales go for maintenance and improvements to the Pump House.

The Pump House obviously remains a vibrant neighborhood asset, and the Pump House Board appreciates the work of so many to keep it so. We're looking forward to a well-lit luminaries display around the entire Bailey neighborhood starting at 6PM on Tuesday evening, 12/21/10!!!! Mark your calendars now!! (Thanks to Wendy Rowan and Konrad Hittner for their report, and to the Pump House Board, on which they play a key part, for all of their work to make the Pump House such a wonderful center for neighborhood activity.)

KINDRED SPIRITS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW Wednesday, December 1st, 2 – 8 p.m., Orchard Street Pump House

This is the second of two arts and crafts shows taking place at the Orchard Street Pump House. Fifteen local artists will display their works. This is a great opportunity to get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping while supporting local artists.

MORE PUMP HOUSE CONCERTS

DECEMBERSONGS: MONDAY, December 13, at 7 p.m.

Four of the country's most celebrated singer songwriters join together for an acoustic holiday celebration. The group will perform only 11 shows nationwide, including Nashville's Bluebird Café and Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. The Pump House is the smallest venue where this group will EVER have played! This is a SPECIAL treat for our neighborhood and

city, and a great way to kick off the holiday season. If you attend one concert this December, make it this one! The four artists are:

Dan Navarro. Dan has spent the past 30 years as a singer and voice actor. His songs have been recorded by artists from Pat Benatar to Dionne Warwick, and Dave Edmunds.

Amy Speace is a veteran performer, but as a member of the National Shakespeare Company and actor on Broadway. She is now applying her talents as a singer songwriter, winning a place on Judy Collins' record label and the approval of her musician peers.

Jon Vezner is a Grammy winning songwriter and a tunesmith of rare sensitivity and dry wit. His songs have been recorded by Martina McBride, John Mellencamp, Nancy Griffith, Faith Hill, Clay Walker, Diamond Rio, Kathy Mattea, and many others.

Sally Barris, a great performer in her own right, has written songs that well known artists such as Lee Ann Womack and Trisha Yearwood have performed. Her "Honeysuckle Sweet" appeared in the movie, "An Unfinished Life." She performed with the Waymores when they visited the Pump House and was a hit!

AMY SPEACE: Sunday, January 16th, 7 pm

This will be Amy Speace's second appearance at the Pump House, after the Decembersongs concert. As she launches her new career as a song writer and singer, come see what the excitement is all about! And check out her website: <http://www.amyspeace.com>.

Don't forget, it is suggested that a ten dollar per person donation be made at each concert entirely to support the artists.

Spine Center Request for Parking Lot Denied

On August 17, 1010, the East Lansing City Council held a public hearing on the request by the owners of Spine Care, at 250 East Saginaw, to conditionally rezone a one-half acre lot at the corner of East Saginaw Street and White Pond Road from R-3, Dual-Family Residential, to B-1, General Business District. The owners said they needed 20 more parking spaces because some of the clients using the Spine Center were infirm and more parking would make it easier for them to access the Center.

Bailey neighbors living in the White Hills Drive and White Pond area, ably led by Barbara Hollstein and supported by the B.C.A., opposed this request. They argued that a parking lot would harm the residential quality of their streets by increasing traffic, creating runoff problems, and creating visual blight. They noted that the recent Comprehensive Plan called for supporting neighborhoods, showed the parcel in question to be zoned residential, and made no mention in the text of development of the area. They indicated from their observations of the current parking around the Spine Center that there was no evidence that more parking was needed. And they suggested alternatives to an enlarged parking area to accommodate disabled clients. They also indicated that residential use at that location was feasible.

The City Council voted unanimously to deny the request and to keep the current residential zoning for the lot.

Refurbished Street Lights

Over the last month or two, you may have been surprised to see street lights generally located east of Division, north of Ann, west of Gunson and south of Burcham repainted black and furnished with new LED bulbs. East Lansing's street lights are leased to the city by the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL), which owns and maintains them. For a number of years the BWL has wanted to switch from using inefficient incandescent and sodium vapor bulbs to LED bulbs to save energy and expense. For three years they tested different bulbs manufactured by Sylvania in Groesbeck to find ones of acceptable color and intensity, finally settling for the bulbs recently installed on 128 fixtures in our neighborhood.

The pay for this, East Lansing received a competitive grant of \$112,500 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant set aside by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for LED demonstration projects. East Lansing's project is thus one of the state's DEMONSTRATION projects. The grant was used for rewiring the fixtures, installing new LED bulbs, and repainting. The black color was chosen for ease of maintenance. The Bailey Community Association was not informed or asked about the choice of color. The city expects to save about 680 kilowatt hours of power per fixture per year (or over 85,000 kilowatt hours total per year), or over \$26 per fixture per year (over \$3,330 overall each year). In addition to the annual energy and cost savings, the bulbs last as long as 12 years. (Thanks to CRC representative SungMo Son, Community Development Analyst Tim Schmitt, and Public Works Director Todd Sneathen for their help with this article.)

MORE 24th ANNUAL VALENTINE'S PARTY THANK YOU'S

The April "Bailey Newsletter" thanked the many individuals and groups who helped put on the Valentine's Party. In this newsletter we would like to thank the merchants who contributed wonderful door prizes to the party. As we enter the holiday season, do your shopping in the downtown! It has a large number of fine retail stores and other businesses, some of which are highlighted here, that deserve your support. One of the attractions of our neighborhood is its proximity a vibrant downtown, and your support for the downtown helps keep it so. **Thanks to:**

Trillium Gallery, formerly at 107 Division Street, for a Floor Fairy Activity Book and a wonderful soft gray Doodle Doll. Trillium Gallery, a source of lovely and affordable gifts and crafts, closed this summer – a casualty of the poor economy. We will sorely miss this shop, but are pleased that Kalli Halpern, owner of the gallery and a Bailey resident, will still sell wares at craft show. AND she hosted a CRAFT SHOW at the Orchard Street Pump House on November 16 and 17.

Curious Book Shop, 307 East Grand River, for two \$10 gift coupons *and* enough \$5 gift certificates and bookmarks for every person attending the Valentine's Party, a generous gift indeed! Curious Books just celebrated its 41st birthday, and for all those years it has been the hub of this region's used and collectible paper goods market. It organizes two prestigious Michigan antiquarian book shows each year. But every day you can find here a huge assortment of almost new, used, antique and collectible magazines and books of every description – genre fiction, the latest as well as classic fiction and nonfiction, beautiful art books and photo collections, vintage children's books, great cookbooks. There is no better way to spend an afternoon than browsing here where you will surely find something for yourself or a great holiday gift.

The Student Book Store, at 421 East Grand River, for an art assortment consisting of 1 large *Border & Riley* artist sketch pad, 1 *Magic Pencil*, 1 *My Lucky Test* pencil, 8 *Crayola* washable markers, 24 *Crayola* crayons, 1 frog refrigerator magnet, 1 fish-shaped tape dispenser, 1 *Helix* pencil sharpener, and a storage box to hold everything! *The Student Book Store* not only has textbooks and a large assortment of MSU clothing and paraphernalia, but art and drafting supplies, backpacks, general interest books and magazines, and greeting cards and wrapping paper. It recently opened a children's section upstairs and a collection of purses by Vera Bradley! This Fall SBS started to rent many textbooks for half the purchase price of the book. SBS is a community resource, an anchor for our downtown, and a family friendly place to shop.

Mackerel Sky Gallery at 211 M.A.C. for 5 children's sketch books made of recycled paper and with covers graced with cavorting fish and whales. Note the new address: Mackerel Sky has a new location on M.A.C. where there is more space and light to display its fabulous offerings of arts and crafts -- handmade ceramics, jewelry, lamps and mirrors, elegant greeting cards, cutting boards and salad bowls, an expanded section for baby items, furniture, and an enlarged grouping of Art to Wear. On the first Sunday of each month it displays the work of a different artist. In December it will again feature its popular QUILT show! Mackerel Sky Gallery is an award winning shop and one of the best places to find holiday gifts in the entire Midwest or ANYWHERE!

FOOTGEAR at 108 Division Street, for one pair of CROCS of the winner's choice. FOOTGEAR is known for its great handcrafted and exquisite European footwear – such as Mephisto, Birkenstock (a specialty), NAOT, and the ORIGINAL Ug boots from Australia (not to be confused with the knockoff “Ugg” boots made in China). It is justly known for its fine service as well. But it also carries less expensive but wonderful brands such as the terrific winter boots by BOGS. These boots, made of vulcanized rubber and neoprene, are warm in temperatures down to 40 below, in addition to being comfortable, easy to clean and affordable! For an affordable leather boot, check out the KEEN products. FOOTGEAR also has shoe care products and very warm socks. This is a great place to find what you need to keep your feet warm this winter.

Moosejaw Mountaineering at 555 East Grand River, for two fantastic hoodies of their own manufacture.. Moosejaw has all you need for camping and outdoor exploration: kayaks and canoes, tents, hammocks, snow shoes, and all kinds of great clothing to keep you properly dressed for your outdoor adventures. But the goods it stocks aren't just for the sportspeople. The hoodies, teeshirts, fleece and down jackets are perfect for your normal outdoor stroll anywhere in Michigan! In addition to well known brands like North Face and Patagonia, Moosejaw sells its own high quality clothing, including hats, scarves, and down jackets! With its wide variety of superior winter hats and gloves, and interesting small gizmos, it is also a great place to find stocking stuffers!

COSI at 301 East Grand River, for 2 coupons, each for 1 free entrée, 2 bags of Kettle Cooked Potato Chips, and 2 free coffee drink coupons. COSI opens at 6:30 am to serve breakfast and doesn't quit until 10:30 pm. Its menu centers on its own delicious and fresh cooked flat breads. This great bread is the base for a wonderful assortment of sandwiches, melts, and pizzas. But it also offers topnotch salads, including some with low calorie dressings, and excellent soups. This is, of course, a great place for a meal, but also for a snack, as it offers fantastic desserts such as apple pie, a double trouble brownie sundae, its famous s'mores, and a variety of dips. Watch for its holiday specials such as its turkey stuffing sandwich! A great place to warm up while doing your holiday shopping downtown.

The Refinery at 115 Albert, for a very generous \$50 gift coupon. The Refinery is at the western end of Albert adjacent to the corner park at Abbot and Albert. A nice feature, the store can be accessed from the park as well as from Albert. Don't overlook this terrific store with its industrial cool styling. Here you will find a large assortment of jeans for men and women by True Religion, Diesel, Rock & Republic among others, and other great brands in dresses, tops and hats, such as Free People and Ella Moss. Great tee shirts by a local artist, DeFye tee shirts, nestle on one side and should be seen. The Refinery has great SALES! If you want to look stylish, this is the place for you! Check it out soon!

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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 its 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.

***In Memoriam:* M.J BAURIES, 1935 – 2010**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mary Joan Bauries on July 3rd, 2010. With her husband Fred, M.J. headed the Avondale Neighborhood Association. Avondale forms the easternmost edge of the Bailey neighborhood. For over twenty years she served as the Treasurer of the Bailey Community Association, and did so with great efficiency. Like Fred, M.J. had served on several of the city's boards and commissions, so was full of helpful insights and useful tips about city matters at neighborhood meetings. But beyond this was her beautiful smile and cheerful nature, which inspired so much affection in her friends and neighbors. She was a wonderful, public spirited woman, and we mourn her passing.

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