

# Bailey Newsletter

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## BAILEY ANNUAL MEETING

- PLACE:** Orchard Street Pump House  
368 Orchard Street
- DATE:** Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- TIME:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- BCA BUSINESS:** 7:00 – 7:20  
Treasurer's Report  
Proposed By-Laws Amendment to Raise Dues\*  
Elections of Officers & New Members  
(See back pages for list of nominees.)
- TOPIC 1:** 7:25 – 8:00 p.m.  
*BW&L's Response to the Ice Storm*  
Speaker: Bob Perialias, BW&L's Manager of  
Community Services and Community Relations
- TOPIC 2:** 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
*ELPD's Emergency Preparedness*  
Speaker: Officer Jacob Cortez,  
Bailey Neighborhood Liaison Officer

**\*The Proposed Amendment Language is:**

*Shall the Bailey Community Association increase its annual membership dues to \$10/year for couples/families, and \$5/year for singles, students, couples or singles over 65 years old? (See article below for explanation.)*

The Bailey Community Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. After the treasurer's report, a proposed by – law amendment to increase membership dues will go before the BCA members for a vote. Following this, elections for officers and new members will be held. The nominees' list is on the last pages of this newsletter. A discussion of the proposed amendment change is below. When the neighborhood business agenda is complete, two outside speakers will address two related topics, each a response to the brutal ice storm we experienced last winter. Bob Perialias from the BW&L will discuss the utility's response to the ice storm and steps it has taken since to prepare for future events. Officer Jacob Cortez from the ELPD will discuss the ELPD's Emergency Preparedness. Each talk will include time for Q&A. This should be a fascinating meeting, so plan on attending!

## PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP DUES

Bailey membership dues are currently \$7/couples and families, \$4/singles, and \$3/ couples and singles over 65 and students. The proposed change is to \$10/couples and families and \$5 for everyone else.

Membership dues pay for neighborhood events such as the Valentine's Party, but are primarily used to defray the cost of the neighborhood newsletter. "The Bailey Newsletter" goes to 1500 households four times a year. It usually ranges from 4 to 8 pages, and costs from about \$400 to double that. The bulk of that cost is paid by the City of East Lansing. The BCA contributes \$150 towards each newsletter, or \$600/year.

The city has signaled that it would like to reduce its costs on the newsletter. It has contacted a new printer, and is considering raising the amount the BCA pays toward the newsletter. Meanwhile, the Bailey board and newsletter editor will explore ways to reduce the size of the newsletter and look into other distribution methods, such as email. However, since the Bailey Community Association was founded to include all residents, the newsletter goes to tenants as well as permanent residents. That makes it difficult to resort to email distribution for everyone, should such come to pass, because it would be impossible to find out the email addresses of our renters from year to year.

The dues have been raised only once since the neighborhood was founded and are very modest in order to make neighborhood association membership as inclusive as possible. The dues increase is also very modest. The BCA board voted to propose the dues increase at its March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Changes to the bylaws must be voted on by the membership at the BCA annual meeting.

## MORE GREAT PUMP HOUSE CONCERTS

All shows start at 7 p.m.

The Pump House Concerts music series at the Bailey Pump House brings in top level talent from Michigan, Nashville, and across the country 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 to check concert schedules, please send an email to [pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com) to receive updates on shows, or go to [www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts](http://www.facebook.com/pumphouseconcerts) and the new Bailey website at: <http://www.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.

**Wednesday, Apr 23rd \_\_ GURF MORLIX:** Gurf is a member of the Austin Music Awards Hall of Fame and is the Americana Music Association Instrumentalist of the Year for 2009. He has played or produced for eminent musical artists like Lucinda Williams, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Warren Zevon, Patty Griffin, Buddy Miller, & Mary Gauthier, to name a few. His blue-ribbon associations as a producer, guitarist and multi-instrumentalist

have led Morlix to a similar level of excellence as a singer, songwriter and artist in his own right.  
[www.gurfmorlix.com](http://www.gurfmorlix.com)

**SATURDAY JUNE 28th--THE BRAD COLE TRIO:** Here's what Brad Cole has to say about what inspires his music: "I am part of the human condition. It's an amazingly brilliant and totally crazy place to be. Emotions I see in you and me, hard to articulate and understand, so often lost in transmission, this is what moves me. The combustion between you and me and the world we live in, the falling down and the rising up, that's what moves me and that's what you will find here." Brad Cole has just released his third solo album, "Down The Line," which *Roots Music Report* has named one of the Top 20 Roots Americana records for 2013. For more information, go to: [www.bradcolemusic.com](http://www.bradcolemusic.com).

## **!!! SATURDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> - PUMPSTOCK !!!**

**Bailey Community Center Playground, 2-8 p.m.**

Mid-Michigan's favorite American Roots Music Festival returns to the lawn of the Bailey Community Center. Local food vendors, family entertainment, a playground, and the best roots music you'll see all summer. Suggested donation is \$10, kids free. This year features Harper and Midwest Kind – award winning Australian blues harmonica and didgeridoo; a special duo act of Drew Nelson and Drew Howard; Billy Strings and Don Julin – a lightning fast guitar prodigy and one of Michigan's most exciting Mandolin players; and The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle. Plus your favorite local acts on the second stage. For more information go to: [www.facebook.com/Pumpstock](http://www.facebook.com/Pumpstock)

(Thanks to Dudley "Smitty" Smith for organizing these concerts and for this information.)

**Pre-announcement Announcement for Bailey Ice Cream Social  
It will be on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Pump House Green.**

## **NEW ADDRESS FOR BAILEY WEBSITE**

Over the past year the Bailey Community Association has been working on moving its website from <http://www.baileyneighborhood.org/> to a site that is hosted by the City of East Lansing. Many neighborhoods already use the city's web site.

Although the Bailey neighborhood already has its own website, moving to the city's site has several advantages. One is that the neighborhood's web content can be conveniently accessed through the city's web site, just as for other neighborhoods. Another advantage is that B.C.A. can designate multiple web masters who provide content and manage the site, which makes it much easier to keep it up to date.

At the invitation of Megan Clark and Ami Van Antwerp in December of last year, the Bailey board began to explore this possibility. A committee of Anne Grevstad Nordbrock, Thomas Baumann, and Konrad Hittner were trained in the use of the new website. Now the B.C.A. is ready to make the switch. The new site can be found under <http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/Bailey> and already provides some content. Among other things you will find all B.C.A. Board meeting minutes, Newsletters, and announcements of importance to the neighborhood there. The old web site will no longer be updated but will link to the new site instead. (Thanks to Thomas Baumann for this article and to Thomas, Anne Grevstad Nordbrock, Konrad Hittner, and the city for helping set up the new website.)

## **UPDATE: Proposed Ordinance #1322 Could Allow 6-Story Buildings in Brookfield Plaza and Other B-2 Zones**

As we wrote in the previous newsletter, City Council is considering a zoning change that would allow buildings up to 6 stories (84 feet) in B-2 business districts, with special use permit no matter the lot size. B-2 districts include Brookfield Plaza (in Bailey), the empty lot and the Biggby across the street from Valley Court Park, and the Trowbridge Road commercial zone. Under the current zoning ordinance, 5- and 6-story buildings in B-2 zones are only allowed on lots that are at least 2 acres. Buildings in such zones can be 2 stories high by right, 4 stories high with a special use permit, and 6 stories with a special use permit that also requires the site be a minimum of 2 acres. Proposed ordinance #1322 creates two categories: 2 stories by right, and up to 6 stories with special use permit with no minimum lot size.

In the Planning Commission minutes for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Planning and Zoning Administrator Darcy Schmitt stated that the impetus for the proposed amendment came out of two proposals for West Village, an area next to Valley Court Park on the south and west, where developers wanted to build higher than the 4 stories allowed on lots smaller than two acres. Additionally, a staff memo of March 6<sup>th</sup> noted that the amendment was a response to a DTN proposal for a redevelopment in that area on the north side of Grand River at a Delta Street site under two acres.

For purposes of reference, there are no buildings in Brookfield Plaza taller than 2 stories. Downtown in the B-3 district, Hopcat is 8 stories, St Anne's loft is 5 stories, and the Albert Place Condos at Bailey are 4 stories.

According to a March 20<sup>th</sup> staff memo, a Planning Commission subcommittee created to review this matter voted on March 5<sup>th</sup> by 2 -1 against recommending Ordinance #1322 because commissioners White and Davis "generally felt that the topic should be vetted through the comprehensive plan update process." In turn, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission as a whole rejected Ordinance #1322 by a 5-3 vote. According to Planning Commissioner Paul Stokstad, one of the primary reasons put forward by commissioners opposing the ordinance was the belief that consideration of building heights should be done as part of the comprehensive plan revision now underway.

City Council took up this issue at its March 25<sup>th</sup> city council work-session. Mayor Triplett, Mayor Pro Tem Goddeeris, and Councilmember Woods said they thought that City Council should have the flexibility to say yes to 6-story buildings in B-2 zones. Councilmembers Beier and Boyle were concerned about the lack of grounding of the ordinance in the comprehensive plan.

**There will be a public hearing on Ordinance #1322 before City Council on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If this concerns you, plan on attending that meeting.** (Thanks to Erik Altmann for this report and to Planning Commissioner Paul Stokstad for information he provided.)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD THANK YOU'S**

**Special Thanks to Suchitra Webster!** Sadly for the neighborhood, Suchitra Webster and her delightful family have moved from their house on Chittenden to Meridian Township. Sue served on the pump house board, then on the Bailey board of directors. For four years she served as chairperson of the neighborhood association leading the neighborhood through a few difficult times in her quiet and thoughtful way. We'll miss her, but wish her and her family the best of luck in their new home!

**Thanks to the Pump House Board!** The Orchard Street Pump House in its lovely park is a neighborhood gem and the center of many neighborhood activities. The Pump House board, made up of Bailey residents, works with the city to maintain the pump house, and schedules the many activities that take place there, such as the Annual Meeting. It organizes the wonderful Ice Cream Social every July, the sale of luminaries in the winter, and under the leadership of Dudley "Smitty" Smith the superb Pump House Concerts all year long. The sale of the luminaries raises funds to help pay for maintenance of the pump house. All of this would not be possible without the work and imagination of the pump house board. Thanks so much to its members: Konrad Hittner, Amy Moore, Dudley "Smitty" Smith and Susan Woods.

**Thanks to B.C.A. Officers and Board Members!** Thanks to all the Bailey Community Association Board members who not only meet each month to discuss neighborhood concerns, but monitor and participate in city meetings, organize neighborhood events, and serve on Bailey and city wide committees. Four board members, for example, are on the city's Comprehensive Plan Revision steering committees, and three are members of city commissions.

Particular thanks are now due to outgoing board members: Linda Cassiday, Emily Hazel, Donald Scheckel, Colin Weinstein, and Susan Woods. All served on the board for several years, contributed invaluable to lively board discussion, and helped with neighborhood events such as the Valentine's Party and Ice Cream Social. Emily served as Community Relations Coalition liaison and helped organize the Valentine's Party and all the items discussed under the article on the CRC. Thanks to all of them!

A shout out also is due to Michelle Lane. Michelle now serves as both Membership Secretary (since 2013) and Treasurer (since 2011). She has been exemplary in each role, but has pointed out that having the person who collects membership dues also in charge of depositing those dues might not be the best idea. Fortunately for us, Michelle will continue as a board member!

**Valentine's Party Thank You's:** The Bailey Community Association and Community Relations Coalition hosted the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Bailey Valentine's Party on February 9<sup>th</sup>. It provided a fun respite from the grim weather. The Jugglers juggled, children created amazing Valentine's cards and decorated delicious heart-shaped sugar cookies, and everyone munched and sipped the wonderful snacks and drinks provided by neighbors. Jeff the Magician astonished everyone with terrific tricks: balls that rearranged themselves, knots that jumped from one rope to another, and amazing feats of mind reading. Thanks to these great entertainers! (You can see Jeff the Magician every Monday at "I Scream, Ice Cream" in Dewitt from 6-8 pm and every Tuesday at Max & Erma's from 5-7 pm. Please visit [www.lansingmagician.com](http://www.lansingmagician.com) for more info.)

This magical party would not have succeeded without the help of many people. Now it is time to thank them. Thanks to Marybeth and Ron Meyer for the provisions for both the cookie and card decorating tables. Thanks to Ed Wagner for the paper supplies to the snack table and helping to set it up. Thanks to Michelle Lane for the decorating supplies and for leading the decorating effort with the help of Nicole Zaremba. Thanks to all those who brought snacks for the snack table: Konrad Hittner, Krista and Thomas Baumann, Ed Wagner, Anne Grevstad Nordbrock, Mary Lou Terrien, and Jim Liesman provided cookies. Erik Altmann brought cold drinks, and Smitty Smith provided delicious hot-spiced cider. Emily Hazel made the super delicious large heart sugar cookies! Thanks to Jerry Sprague for contacting Jeff the Magician. Thanks to Ed Wagner, Michelle Lane and Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock for publicizing the party. Thanks to Smitty (Dudley) Smith for being an incomparable master of ceremonies. Thanks to Anne, again, for being a general all around helper. Thanks to Community Relations Coalition interns and intern coordinator, Elinor Landess for cohosting this party and doing a great many tasks: serving at the cookie and card decorating tables, setting and cleaning up, greeting people and supplying the large cookies for decorating. The interns, MSU students all, are: Hannah Champ, Hannah Miller, Andrew Jason, Ryan McCaffrey, Conor Ott, Corey Wilson, and Jesus Vega. And a very special thank you to Emily Hazel for organizing the intern effort!

**The contributions of all these people are very much appreciated!**

**Thanks to the Community Relations Coalition!** The Community Relations Coalition was formed in 1999 following the riots in East Lansing after MSU's loss to Duke in the Final Four that year. Consisting of a large committee representing the Michigan State and City of East Lansing communities, its purpose has been to reduce tensions and find ways to improve relations between these populations. One of the offshoots of this effort was the creation of a cadre of student interns who would serve as a direct link between the two communities by partnering one-on-one with permanent residents and working directly with neighborhood associations, including Bailey. This past year, one intern, Emily Hazel, served as a Bailey board member, keeping the neighborhood aware of student concerns and CRC activities.

The CRC does a great deal for the city and neighborhood. In the fall it undertook four neighborhood clean-ups and an ice cream social in Bailey, hosted a popular pumpkin carving booth at the Autumn Festival and a

paper plate snowman booth at Winter Glow, and it helped promote the Marble Elementary Spaghetti dinner. The CRC co-hosted the Bailey Valentine's Party, as discussed above. They will be involved with April's MSU Science Festival and the Taste of East Lansing downtown on April 26<sup>th</sup>. They have been an outstanding resource in efforts to improve communications and cooperation between younger and older residents of the city. Many thanks for all their hard work and efforts!

**Thanks to the Newsletter Carriers!** The "Bailey Newsletter" is delivered four times a year to 1500 households in the Bailey neighborhood. This is possible thanks to the work of over 25 people. Several cover more than one street and spend at least an hour of time with each delivery.

A major thank you goes to Rilla McHarris and Marybeth Meyer. Rilla is circulation manager for the newsletter. She retrieves the newsletter from the printer, then with Marybeth, divides them into packets for each route. They then put these packets into bags and deliver them to the carriers for each street. The carriers then deliver the newsletters door-to-door, sometimes with help from friends and family members. They do this even in the icy cold weather we've recently had!

The newsletter is the main way we communicate neighborhood news and would not work without this huge effort by our neighbors. **Thanks so much to all of them!** They are: Barbara Hiranprodist, Elizabeth Anderson, Steve Gasteyer, Christine Hartmann, Maribeth Foltz-Allegrina, Sally Silver, Gerd and Anna Kortemeyer, Nancy Seebeck, John Rauk and Alison Rautman, Smitty Smith, Marilyn Brown, Jay Kusler, Nina McMillan, Nathan Triplett, Andi Brancato, Joe Chartkoff, Thomas and Krista Baumann, Vicki Manning, Dale Downes, Anne Grevstad Nordbrock, Gale Gower and Lisa Homeniuk, Malia Pruitt, Jim Liesman, and Mark Meadows. We appreciate what you do for us!

## List of Board Nominees for 2014

### Officers (one-year term):

**Chairperson: Konrad Hittner\***, 639 Kedzie Street (351-6354). Bailey resident for 15 years. Lawyer by training and licensure, but not by recent practice. Wife Suzette and two high-school aged sons, Dietrich and Friedrich. Chair East Lansing Transportation Commission, a leader of the Pump House board, and the incumbent B.C.A. chairperson.

**Vice Chairperson: Erik Altmann\***, 702 Snyder Road (517-927-8589, [ema@msu.edu](mailto:ema@msu.edu)). Bailey resident for 14 years. Wife Kathy Swedlow and two high-school aged cats, Joe and Thor. Professor of Psychology at Michigan State, member of the East Lansing Historic District Commission and the Housing Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan update, and Master Citizen Planner. He is the incumbent B.C.A. vice chairperson.

**Treasurer: Ed Wagner\*\***, 630 Snyder Rd. (cell 215-806-5493). Bailey resident for two years. Wife Suzanne and four-year old son Toby. Political scientist/assessment specialist at Educational Testing Service (ETS). Board member since January, appointed at that time to fill a vacancy.

**Recording Secretary, Thomas Baumann\***, 952 Lantern Hill Drive (333-8823). Bailey residents for 9.5 years. Wife Krista and three school-aged children, Elisabeth, Timothy, and Susanna. Physicist at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, MSU. He is the incumbent recording secretary.

**Membership Secretary, Jim Liesman\***, 436 Division St. (517-337-9339). Bailey resident for 39 years. Wife Alicia Dudek and two adult children. M.S.U. technician. Jim is a current board member and past chairperson of the Bailey board.

## **New Board Members:**

**One Student Representative from the Community Relations Commission to be named next Fall.**

**Rondo Begay**, 127 Whitehills Drive (616-795-1144). Seven months in the neighborhood. Junior at M.S.U. majoring in Construction Management and a member of the Student Housing Co-operative.

**John "Jack" Cahill**, 657 Virginia Avenue or Avondale Square (517-580-3034). Bailey resident for 4 years, but lived in Bailey twice previously (MAC and Lexington in the 70s). Wife Irene. Retired from Dept. of Attorney General in 2008 as Chief of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division. Retired again from the Municipal Employees' Retirement System as Senior Deputy General Counsel in 2011. Now on Zoning Board of Appeals. Part-time musician, election worker, and soccer referee.

**Nancy Cuddeback**, 710 Virginia Avenue (517-214-1598). Bailey resident for 36 years, first on Ann, then Burcham, now Virginia. Husband Jim and two adult sons, Abraham and Arjuna. She is a retired teacher.

**Anna L. Lauer**, 1013 Beech Street (231-740-3040). Bailey resident for 8 years and in Muskegon before that. Husband Joseph. Anna is a retired insurance agent.

**Mary Lou Terrien\*\***, 232 Durand (351-8226). Bailey resident for 40 years. Welsh Terrier named Sophie. Mary Lou works for the House of Representatives and is a member of the Housing Steering Committee created to revise the Comprehensive Plan. Board member since January, appointed at that time to fill a vacancy.

**Returning Board Members:** In addition to those with asterisks returning board members are: **Michelle Lane, Jim Secor, Sally Silver, and Jerry Sprague.**

\*An officer who is also a returning board member.

\*\*A board member who was appointed to fill a vacancy but who must stand for election at the annual meeting to ratify the appointment.

### *In Memoriam*

**Geraldine Smith**

**July 21, 1947 – March 6, 2014**

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, neighbors were stunned and saddened to learn that Gerry Smith had died suddenly of a rare blood disease. She moved to the Bailey neighborhood with her husband Dudley "Smitty" and son Zack Smith in 1994, and was important to her neighbors not just for her kind and giving nature, but because she had served on the pump house board and been its treasurer, and in 2009 with Smitty founded the famous Pump House Concerts music series. She and Smitty not only organized these concerts, but hosted and fed the musicians in their home. We will sorely miss her and extend our sympathy to Smitty, the rest of her loving family, and to all those who knew and cared for her.

In memory of Gerry, her family requests that people plant a tree or perennial and send a picture of it to Smitty, or donate to the Pump House Concert Series that she created. Donations can be made via PayPal to [pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:pumphouseconcerts@gmail.com), or can be arranged via email with Smitty (and pictures sent) at the same address.

## 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](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 **Bailey website** for updates and more information: found under <http://www.eastlansingneighborhoods.com/Bailey>.

### BCA MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL DUES 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 Michelle Lane, 417 Butterfield Drive, 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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