

Bailey Newsletter

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LUMINARIES

The Annual Luminaries Display Is Scheduled for 12/22/11, Winter Solstice Evening (see article below)

Canvassing Neighbors:	SOON !
Block Captain Pick-Up Date:	Saturday, December 17th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Pick-Up Place:	Orchard Street Pump House
Display Date:	December 22nd, 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. Luminaries are candles placed in white bags with sand at the base, which then line the street curbs and are lit at 6 pm. The effect when all of them are lit is stunning! This year's display is scheduled for **December 22nd** on Winter Solstice. If you have not heard from a block captain by December 17th or if you would like to pick up a set for your individual household for another reason, you can go to the Orchard Street Pump House on the 17th to get luminaries. If you are a block captain unable to pick up your luminary sets on December 17th, please use contact information below and reschedule.

Block captains are still needed for a number of streets. All it involves is knocking on neighbors' doors and asking if they would like to buy luminaries for the given price, and an explanation of how and when to do this. Block captains then pick up the supplies and distribute them to neighbors. It doesn't take much time and is fun. Please contact Wendy Rowan at jake_rowan@hotmail.com or 203-0626) or Konrad Hittner (khittner@sbcglobal.net, 351-6354.) with questions or to indicate interest in being a block captain.

A Note on The Orchard Street Pump House

The Pump House is a vital neighborhood asset, maintained and scheduled by members of the Pump House board. In addition to the annual Ice Cream Social, Valentine's Party, luminary sales and Pump House Concerts, the Pump House is used on a daily basis by a variety of groups. The proceeds from the sale of luminaries pays for improvements and upkeep of the building.

The Pump House Board appreciates the work of so many to keep the Pump House a flourishing neighborhood treasure. And the neighborhood appreciates the wonderful work done by the Pump House Board to spearhead these efforts. Thanks to Board members: Stephen Gasteyer, Cathi Grosso, Konrad Hittner, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan, Dudley Smith, Gerry Smith, and Susan Woods!

We're looking forward to a well-lit luminaries display around the entire Bailey neighborhood starting at 6PM on Thursday evening, 12/22/11!!!! Mark your calendars now!! (Thanks to Wendy Sylvester-Rowan for the information for these articles.)

!!! Upcoming PUMP HOUSE CONCERTS !!!

Sundays, beginning at 7 p.m.

In the cold of winter, the pump house will still be a source of music and warmth, for several concerts are planned. These take place at the Orchard Street Pump House (in the park formed by the intersections of Chittenden, Orchard and Linden) and begin at 7 p.m. on Sundays. Patrons are invited to make a \$10/person contribution for the musicians. MAKE SURE to check the Bailey neighborhood's website at www.baileyneighborhood.org and Pump House Concert's Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PumpHouseConcerts> for additional information and for concerts scheduled after this newsletter goes to press. Here are the concerts scheduled so far for January:

SUNDAY, January 8th: HEATHER STYKA and EMILY WHITE, two of Chicago's finest young singer/songwriters, headline a special double bill.

Emily White possesses a captivating acoustic resolve that drives gripping lyrics of freedom through truth. See <http://www.emily-white.com/> for more information!

Heather Styka's songs capture moments, impressions, feelings, & thoughts in a way that connects with the listener. Heather's latest CD has hit #3 on the folk DJ charts! See <http://heatherstyka.com/> for more information!

SUNDAY, January 29th: GRIEVOUS ANGEL has been delighting fans at festivals, concert venues and juke joints throughout Michigan for years now, delivering their own rollicking brand of American roots music. Revving up at the fabled crossroads where folk,

rockabilly, blues, and alt-country were born, they burn rubber through the backwoods and bayous of the American south. <http://www.drumdancerrecords.com/grievousangel/>.

THE NEW SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE #1262

On June 21st 2011, the City Council passed Ordinance 1262, which amends the law on the removal and treatment of snow and ice. The law went into effect on June 29th, and has had its first test with the recent storm.

Previously, residents were required to remove snow within 24 hours of a snowfall. That was hard for residents and enforcement personnel to track, and contributed in part to the spotty shoveling of snow and salting of icy sidewalks. The Bailey Community Association periodically made complaints about both the inconsistent enforcement of the law and its confusing nature.

The City has prepared a detailed list of Frequently Asked Questions about the new ordinance, which you can access through the Bailey website at: www.baileyneighborhood.org. To quote from that document, Ordinance 1262 was created “to clarify the time frame for snow/ice removal making it easier for compliance and enforcement. So, snow that accumulates before noon on a sidewalk, as the result of a snowfall, must be cleared by midnight of that date. Any snow accumulating after noon on a sidewalk, as a result of a snowfall, must be cleared by midnight of the following day.”

Some things to note:

You are responsible not only for clearing snow on adjacent sidewalks but also treating any ice with salt or sand if you cannot remove it. Even if your adjacent sidewalks are cleared by the city or school district, you are responsible for ensuring they are clear. Moreover, the ordinance does not assign responsibility for these tasks to either landlord or tenant. This should be discussed and arranged between the parties involved, ideally before the next snowfall. You remain responsible for these duties even when you are on vacation, so make arrangements.

Fines begin at \$25 for a first offense, but can go as high as \$125 for a subsequent offense. Warnings may be issued at first. In fact, the “*State News*” reports that because residents are unfamiliar with the new ordinance, the city has been issuing warnings rather than citations following our first snow storm, and may do this again. But not, of course, for most of the snow season.

You can view Ordinance 1262 on the city’s website. At the moment it is mentioned on the first page and linked to the ordinance. In addition, you can read the minutes of the June 21st meeting when the ordinance was passed, which also contains a copy of the ordinance. Look on the left side of the home page for the City of East Lansing for the Council’s agendas and minutes. In general, the City’s website is a great place to learn about the actions of the city’s departments, commissions and council, as well as any special events

or notices. That address is: www.cityofeastlansing.com. (Thanks to Assistant City Manager Marie McKenna for providing information for this article.)

Valentine's Party Thank You's

Last February the Bailey Community Association hosted its annual Valentine's Party. In our April newsletter, we thanked the many people who helped to make that a success. Now it is time to thank the downtown merchants who contributed wonderful door prizes to the party, adding greatly to the festivities.

During this December **SHOP LOCALLY** for your holiday gifts! Many people move to the Bailey neighborhood because of its proximity to the downtown, but the vibrancy of the downtown depends on people shopping there. So while you are making up your holiday gift lists, make sure to visit our local merchants to be surprised by some of the special and unique items they carry. Support our unique downtown businesses! **Thanks to:**

Wanderer's Teahouse and Café, at 547 East Grand River for a coupon for a pot of tea, soup and a sandwich. Now that Americans have embraced coffee, it is time to embrace tea as well. This teahouse, founded by residents of East Lansing, provides a warm ambiance from the moment you step into its front room with a fireplace and comfortable chairs. In the next room you will encounter displays and a menu for a large selection of teas from all over the world, as well as homemade salads, sandwiches and soups, such as Vegetarian Chili. A new chef has baked beautiful tartlets, scones, and giant oatmeal cookies. The teahouse and café are open weekdays from 8 a.m. – 11 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. It's a great place for a light meal, snack, or spot of tea (or coffee) anytime!

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. This was a generous gift indeed! Other businesses come and go, but Curious Books has been here for over 40 years. That's because the store stocks a huge selection 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, and vintage comic books. The lower floor houses the classic old magazines such as LIFE and COLLIERS, and books in many foreign languages, which you won't find elsewhere. The top floor (exit Curious Books, turn right, and go up the stairs) contains anime, show biz related items (including older song collections and paper dolls), and scores of books and magazines about sports. Most are as interesting as newly hatched creations. This is the place to do your Christmas shopping, **and in December, all hard cover books, most in excellent condition, are 20% off.**

The Student Book Store, at 421 East Grand River, for an art assortment consisting of an Artist sketch book by Borden & Riley, a set of 8 Crayola Washable Markers, a Helix pencil sharpener, a Scotch fish-shaped tape dispenser, an MSU pencil, a Magic pencil, a

box of 16 Crayola crayons, a My Lucky Test Pencil, a Turtle clip magnet, and an Art Bin storage container to hold all of these items! *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, laptop bags, and greeting cards and wrapping paper. Near the entry is a wonderful collection of Vera Bradley merchandise. SBS is always evolving, and now has a much expanded section of the new 'must have' *underarmour*. SBS is a community resource, an anchor for our downtown, and a family friendly place to shop. And they supply you with a gift bag when you buy something, which is a great convenience when buying holiday gifts.

Mackerel Sky Gallery at 211 M.A.C. for 3 books of fanciful STICKY notes by Susie Ghahremani. Mackerel Sky is an award winning store noted throughout the state for its wonderful hand crafted items: jewelry, lamps, mirrors, elegant greeting cards and gift wrapping paper, cutting boards, salad bowls, furniture, and beautiful Art to Wear. Its children's section includes fantasy hats, puzzles, blocks, baby blankets, and lovely stuffed animals. It has charming stocking stuffers and items in every price range. Here is the place to find outstanding, unusual, and beautiful gifts that you won't find anywhere else for your holiday shopping.

FOOTGEAR at 108 Division Street, for one pair of CROCS of the winner's choice, or equivalent. FOOTGEAR is known for its great handcrafted and exquisite European footwear -- such as Mephisto, Birkenstock (a specialty), Finn Comfort, and THINK. It is justly known for its fine service. 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 and decorated with floral and geometric designs. Check out the American made and very popular KEEN products. FOOTGEAR also has shoe care products and very warm socks made by Darn Tough in Vermont with a LIFETIME guarantee! These are a great stocking stuffer, by the way. Currently there is a sale on some beautiful shearling boots. Fine shoes and boots make a wonderful gift, and here you will find shoes not available in the malls.

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, boots, hats, scarves, and all kinds of great clothing to keep you properly dressed for your outdoor adventures. But the goods it stocks aren't just for 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 for indoors and out. Currently its teeshirts are made in the U.S., and some are even printed in Michigan. With its wide variety of superior winter hats and gloves, and many interesting small gizmos, it is also a great place to find stocking stuffers!

COSI at 301 East Grand River, for 6 coupons, each for 1 free Tall Cosi Coffee beverage. 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 and delicious soups such as its Tomato Basil Aurora. This is, of course, a great place for a meal, but also for a snack, as it offers desserts such as apple pie, a variety of cookies and brownies, bread pudding and its famous s'mores. This is a great place to warm up while doing your holiday shopping downtown, or anytime!.

The Peanut Barrel at 521 East Grand River for a \$25 gift certificate. The Peanut Barrel has achieved icon status in the region. It's not just the great burgers – the 'shroom, the olive, the rodeo and delicious sandwiches, fries and coleslaw. It's not just the great assortment of beers. It's the vibe. The Peanut Barrel is the closest thing to a neighborhood pub that you will find in our downtown. It attracts people of all ages, including families with young children, who just like to hang out here. Maybe it's the consistency of the ownership over many years, the fine but low key service, or the great peanuts. But if you haven't visited the Peanut Barrel, visit soon to find out why it has been such an enduring and appreciated part of our local landscape!

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 Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock at aegrevstad@hotmail.com.

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: <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 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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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL