

Calendar

NOVEMBER

21 **Neighborhood Night Out**
6pm Woody's Oasis

RCCA Board Meeting
7pm Arbor Forest Clubhouse

25 **Final Bulk Leaf Collection**
Weather permitting;
Extended due to snowfall

30 **MSU Football**
Time TBA vs Maryland

DECEMBER

7 **Winter Glow**
2-5pm Downtown EL

8 **John Rutter's Gloria Service**
10am University United Methodist Church

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Meet Your New Board Member (Or Not?)

Chris Barton sure is a swell guy, but *wow* did he ever procrastinate on getting his bio turned in! As a result, I—the newsletter editor—decided to just make up some stuff. (And I have this photo of him only because he happened to walk past my house last week.) Enjoy some *real* fake news!

Little known facts about Chris: he was born in the beautiful, historic city of Ceske Budejovice in southwestern Czech Republic. His grandparents immigrated to the United States after aliens from the fifth dimension destroyed the Bartoň family estate. Chris is also the uncle of Luboš Bartoň, the retired professional Czech basketball player who played for FC Barcelona's second division squad from 1996-2016.

Chris loves key lime pie, combing his beard, and long walks on the beach.



Thank You for joining our October NNO!

The RCCA would like to say thanks to everyone who made it out to our **Neighborhood Night Out** event on October 16th. Despite getting rained out once on October 1st and the cool, drizzly weather on the night of the 16th, we managed to bring together a nice warm gathering of neighbors!



In particular, the board would like to express its gratitude to Matthew and Shannon Delap for hosting the Campfire & S'mores Event.

Our next Neighborhood Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, at 6:00pm. We will meet for conversation and food at Woody's Oasis. We do not have a reserved area, but those who arrive early should claim tables near the back of the restaurant for our group.

If you would like to bring a concern to the attention of the RCCA Board or officially add an item to one of the RCCA's monthly board meetings, email one (or all) of the RCCA Board members. (Email addresses are available on the [official RCCA website](#) and pg. 2 of this RCCA Newsletter.)

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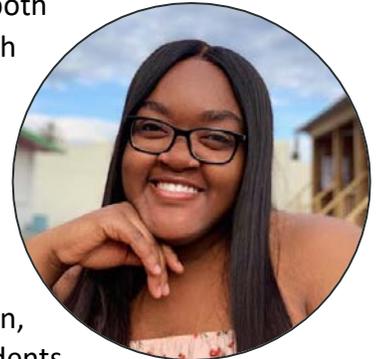
- [RCCA Website](#)
- [Nextdoor](#)
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Meet the Spartan Ambassadors

The **Spartan Ambassador Program** strives to foster positive relationships among permanent- and student-residents across the Greater Lansing Region. Through community engagement activities and educational programming our eight undergraduate Spartan Ambassadors build partnerships with community members to make the region a better place to live for everyone! A re-imagining of the Community Relations Coalition (CRC), the Spartan Ambassador Program works with MSU's Community Liaison, Sue Webster. For more information, or to make suggestions to the Spartan Ambassadors, please contact the program's graduate coordinator, **Ben Zimmitti**. zimmitt1@msu.edu

China Gross and Ben Peacock, both MSU seniors and residents in the Flowerpot neighborhood, will be working with the Red Cedar Community Association throughout the 2019-2020 academic year. It is my pleasure to introduce them to the community.

China Gross is a senior studying both English and Social Relations and Policy, with a minor in African American and African Studies. Her passion is to improve the quality of life for minority communities through policy reform. As a SAIP intern, China will be working closely with the RCCA with hopes of helping to bridge the gap between MSU students, the institution, and East Lansing residents.



Ben Peacock is a graduating senior studying comparative cultures and politics. In this position, Ben will be working with the upcoming census activities, the Red Cedar Neighborhood Association, and MSUvote, but he hopes to expand his horizons throughout the duration of the program.

Got a great idea for the Red Cedar Community? Let us know!

In the past, some of the RCCA's best initiatives – neighborhood signs, flowers, thank you gifts – have come not from the board, but from community members. If you have an idea for something that would benefit the community, submit your ideas to any or all of the board members. If your request involves RCCA funds, please contact RCCA board members by the 15th day of the month before funds are needed, in time for RCCA board meeting discussion. Include the purpose, neighborhood benefit, and the amount of funding you are requesting so the board can give your request appropriate consideration.