

SPRING POTLUCK AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING
6:00 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007
EDGEWOOD UNITED CHURCH
469 N. HAGADORN

***PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS THAT WILL SERVE ABOUT A DOZEN
DINNERWARE PROVIDED. COFFEE, TEA, LEMONADE WILL ALSO BE SERVED.***

Guest Speakers Will Include John Szilagyi Ingham Co 4-H, Tod Sneathen
E.L. Public Works, Fred Bauries Avondale Neighborhood Assoc, Vickie
Shafarman on Semca As A Village, Jerry Schuur on Cahill Traffic.

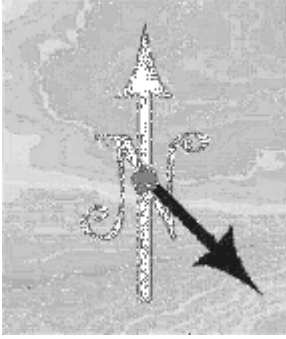
OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE A NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC,
AND ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

THIS MEETING IS FOR ***ALL*** RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE SOUTHEAST MARBLE
NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.

***PLEASE COME WITH THAT NEIGHBOR WHOM YOU HAVE BEEN MEANING TO GET TO
KNOW OR SAY HELLO. NOW IS THE TIME TO MEET AND GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS.***

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- MENTORING PROGRAM AT OTTO MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HAGADORN ROAD DIET
- IT TAKES A VILLAGE AND SEMCA IS THE VILLAGE
- CAHILL TRAFFIC CALMING PLANS
- MT. VERNON & MOORLAND POCKET PARK
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS COALITION



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SEMCA Schedule of Upcoming Events & Meetings

Spring semi-annual meeting	Sunday	April 15, 2007
Board meeting	Sunday	May 6, 2007 6:00 p.m.
Board meeting	Sunday	August 5, 2007 6:00 p.m.
Family Picnic	Sunday	Sept. 9, 2007
Fall semi-annual meeting	Sunday	October 14, 2007
Board meeting	Sunday	November 4, 2007 6:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

On Sunday, April 22nd, from 12:00-1:30 PM, Edgewood United Church of Christ, at 469 N Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, will hold an Environmental Fair to celebrate Earth Day. The fair will be sponsored by the Edgewood Church Environmental Concerns Task Force and more than a dozen environmental organizations will participate. Information will be distributed about ways to recycle, use bicycles and mass transportation, eat organic food, see birds and wildlife, grow your own food, visit nature centers as well as ways to work to improve the environment. There will be activities for children, also. **Everyone** in the neighborhood is invited to attend and learn how we can create a more sustainable world.

[an email from Marguerite Mahler, January 29, 2007]

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SEMCA?

Now is the time to become a member or renew your membership with SEMCA. Annual association dues are only \$5.00 per household, \$3.00 for senior (65+) households. Dues may be paid at the upcoming Open Membership Meeting on April 15th.

Items for this SEMCA Newsletter are welcomed; please contact Terry Hunt if you have something to contribute. Major opinion pieces may be published in our "My View" column, an example of which appeared in our last issue.

City of East Lansing Special Events & Important Information

- **Yard Waste Collection:**

The DPW's yard waste collection program will kick off on April 2 and run through November. Organic yard trimmings...grass clippings, leaves, plant material, and brush are picked up curbside. Yard-waste is collected on Mondays only and must be at the curb by 7:30 a.m.

- **No-Fee Collections: April 9, April 23, and May 7.**

No advance telephone request is necessary for these "No-Fee" days. Yard waste can be disposed of for free on the three dates listed above. City bags, stickers, and advance phone request are not required on these days. All other yard waste guidelines apply

Please note that there will be no bulk Item collection on no-fee yard waste collection days. Also, remember that yard waste cannot be disposed of in plastic bags or Easy Carts. Thank you.

- **Computers & Electronics Recycling:**

A one-day only electronics recycling collection will take place at the City of East Lansing Transfer Station, **530 East South Street in Lansing on Saturday April 21** from 8:00AM to 12:00Noon. A small recycling fee will be charged for each item dropped off. A complete list of acceptable items and cost is published on the DPW page of the City's website or can be obtained by calling 483-4400.

- **Project Pride Saturday June 2:**

Mark your calendars for this year's Project Pride and look for a special bin tag in early May featuring this unique community clean-up event.

- **Seasonal Phone Book Recycling:**

Recycle your outdated phone books at the DPW Recycling Site from June 1 through September 3. Phone books will also be collected curbside from your blue recycling bin on your regular pickup day from August 14-17.

For more information call EL Public Works 337-9459 (daytime) or 351-4999 (evenings) Visit the City's web page at www.cityofeastlansing.com

HAGADORN UPDATE

Dear Friends of Bikable/Walkable Streets,

There are some exciting developments in the Lansing area related to walkable/bikable/rollable communities... and some challenges on the road ahead. So many, in fact, that it's hard to know where to start! In no particular order...

Tri County Complete Streets A group is meeting quarterly to support "complete streets" in the Capital area. If you'd like to see what the group's talking about and doing... visit www.re-news.net/cto If you want to get on the e-mailing list for TCCS, let me know! This website has some updates on Hagadorn.

Kinesiology/Parks and Rec Student Activity A group of students met with TCCS to brainstorm a bike route map for East Lansing. In the process, I located a cool map that the Transportation and Environmental Commissions produced in 2003 (with help from the City of E.L.). See a summary of this meeting at the website above and some cool maps at www.re-news.net/map

Mayor's Task Force on Walking and Biking This is a very exciting initiative to create more ped/bike-friendly region. See plans at <http://www.re-news.net/moeth/up/walkbike2.htm>

Next Steps for Hagdorn? A lot of folks feel that Hagadorn is a real important transportation artery for biking (and for cars). With the bridge renovation/shut down coming soon (S. of Gr. River), some feel this might be a time to see how traffic diverts to other corridors, hence how we'd deal with potential back-ups during high traffic football games, etc... Others feel that a pilot project makes a lot of sense, to test the waters and rally public support. Others have suggested to keep up your clear, level-headed, non-accusatory, lobbying efforts to the Council, Staff, and the Transportation Commission to help see this through... along with other road diets and street improvements on Abbott, Harrison, Coolidge, Grand River, etc.

Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan You may have seen in the Towne Courier yesterday, an E.L. Park Plan Forum is planned for Feb. 21st at 7pm at Hannah Community Center (819 Abbott). Draft available at www.cityofeastlansing.com or City Hall. Please e-mail comments today to mebrigh@cityofeastlansing.com or by tomorrow AM to wlongpr@cityofeastlansing.com (2/21) if you want your comments considered for this latest plan. (I'm gonna write something about connecting with the regional system, with Lansing, and making the whole community "recreation- friendly.")

Regional Road Improvement Opportunities Nancy Krupiarz (MI Trails and Greenways Alliance) has a stack of road improvement plans in her office if anyone has the time to review them (for "complete street" opportunities). Perhaps there should be some language in the Request for Bids/Proposals to give contractors incentives to include complete street features). A similar list of planned road improvements can be found in the 5000 page 2030 Transpo Plan (available on CD from Tri County Regional Planning Commission).

Nonmotorized Advisory Committee Nancy K. (nancy@michigantrails.org) writes: You know from all the Lansing area has going on, I think I will press again with MDOT University region to have a nonmotorized advisory committee for the Greater Lansing area just like MDOT Metro Region has. It would be a good way for all to stay on top of what is happening and maybe even get a few things in the works because we will have the powers that be at the table. There would be a seat for the road commissions too just like in Detroit area. I tried this once before and it didn't take, but I'm going to push again. We all keep meeting as advocates but without a direct connection to the decision makers it takes three times as long, many many frustrating meetings and many failed attempts to get something through. The Metro Region meetings happen quarterly and I can say there have been a few successes from them"

If anybody else has anything to share, please do. Apologies for the long e-mail, but wanted to touch base! If you'd like to get on my/our weekly "healthy community update" e-mail list, let me know.

LeRoy Harvey <leroy@leroyharvey.net>

ON THE HOUSE, VIP TASTING PARTY:

AN EAST LANSING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT

As part of the East Lansing Centennial Celebrations, East Lansing Housing & Neighborhood Services, Inc. will host "*On the House, a VIP Tasting Party*" **Sunday, April 29, 2007**, at the **Hannah Community Center, 5:30 to 7:30PM**. This event will feature a short program and sample size portions of favorite recipes of East Lansing residents. A \$20.00 donation will be accepted at the door.

The intention of this event is to increase awareness and build support for the ELHNS's activities to help revitalize, improve, preserve, and stabilize East Lansing's neighborhoods for a second 100 years. Many homes in the SEMCA neighborhood have been helped by this group.

Come join the centennial celebration fun and tasting with East Lansing residents. Contact Maggie Schuesler for further details or questions. She can be reached at 332-0670 or s.schuesler@comcast.net.

VISIT SEMCA'S WEBSITE

Thanks to our good neighbor LeRoy Harvey, SEMCA is one of only two East Lansing neighborhood associations which has its own website. Visit www.southeastmarble.org to learn about what's happening in your own neighborhood. While you're there, sign up for the neighborhood e-mail, www.re-news.net/marble. If you have news you want to share quickly with the neighbors, this is the how you can do it.

Farid Nossoni and the Community Relations Coalition

I am truly excited to work with Southeast Marble residents and students as an intern for Community Relations Coalition. My name is Farid Nossoni, I am a junior, majoring in Biochemistry specializing in Bioethics and Humanities. I have lived in East Lansing since 2001, so I am truthfully proud to be both a student at Michigan State University and a resident of East Lansing.

The Community Relations Coalition (CRC) works to build trusting relationships between the communities of East Lansing and Michigan State University by fostering cooperation and communication between neighbors. A not-for-profit organization, the CRC draws on the talents of all sectors of East Lansing through various program initiatives. The CRC motto, "We All Live Here," reinforces the organization's goal of helping citizens recognize and appreciate the responsibilities and assets we all share as residents of East Lansing. For more information you could check our website at <http://www.wealllivehere.org/>

CRC consists of different subcommittees; I have been a member of the Mediation Committee since last September. I would like to take this chance and briefly introduce mediation to our neighborhood. Mediation is a process that helps people to resolve disputes. Trained mediators facilitate a communication process that assists people in reaching mutually satisfactory agreements. However, mediation does not close off other options; if it fails, court or other options are still available. Although CRC doesn't conduct mediation, we strongly believe it is a great option available to the residents of East Lansing in the case of disputes. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me or call the Dispute Resolution Center at 517-485-2274.

Being part of a community is really essential to me. While I have learned a lot about this community this year, it is evident that I can learn more and more if we all work together. I believe together we could make Southeast Marble a role model for other communities in East Lansing, where everyone lives and loves its neighborhood. If there are any questions or concerns regarding to my work and CRC please feel free to contact me at 517-402-7801 or via email at nossonif@msu.edu. I am looking forward to seeing you at our potluck in April.

DELIVERANCE NEEDED

If you can help with distribution of the Fall issue of this newsletter, please let us know. We depend on our V I P Distribution Network of *Voluntarily Involved Participants*. For more information please contact Marguerite Mahler at 332-5636 or mbmahler2@comcast.net