

# Active Neighboring News

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Friday, September 25, 2009

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Included in this bulletin:

- 1) **Urban Gardener Class** begins next Tuesday- enroll today!
  - 2) **Breakfast with Bauer** tomorrow (Saturday) morning
  - 3) Seminar at Everybody Reads on **7 Wisdoms of Women**
  - 4) One more chance to weigh in on **5-year Plan for Eastside Parks**, 9/30
  - 5) Another chance to see **Craftsman Style: The Movie**, 9/30 (Note: DVD for sale at Allen Neighborhood Center, 367-2468)
  - 6) **ACLU-led Update on Banned Books** at Everybody Reads, 9/29
  - 7) Next **Mobile Food Pantry**, 10/17
  - 8) **No Senior Without Christmas**
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  - 10) **Pattengill Middle School Clothes Closet** needs donations of clothing
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## 1) A few spots left in the **Urban Gardener Certification Course**, which starts next week

*Offered by Allen Neighborhood Center and the Hunter Park Community GardenHouse*

For further information or to reserve a spot, contact KAnna Burton at 999-3910 or email her at [kannab@allenneighborhoodcenter.org](mailto:kannab@allenneighborhoodcenter.org).

The Urban Gardener Certification course features 9 sessions of instruction in basic yard & greenhouse gardening skills appropriate for high density, small lot neighborhoods such as those on Lansings Eastside and the raised beds in the GardenHouse. The course involves six classes in the GardenHouse and a minimum of three continuing ed. garden skills workshops. Topics to be covered include greenhouse vs outdoor gardening, basic plant and soil science, seeding, potting up, watering skill development, vegetables basics, organic growing and production tips, small group garden design, composting (hot piles, worms, etc.), urban native plant gardens, rain gardens, and sustainable lawns.

**Dates** : Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm; September 29th through November 3rd.

**Location** : Hunter Park Community GardenHouse (just off the Clifford Street parking lot, one block south of Kalamazoo) OR at the Allen Neighborhood Center.

**Instructors** : Primary instructors are GardenHouse staff KAnna Burton and Linda Anderson; Gary Heilig, MSU Extension Master Gardener Coordinator and Matt Smar, DEQ & local native plants gardener.

## 2) **Breakfast with Bauer** tomorrow

Representative Bauer will be holding her next "Breakfast with Bauer" tomorrow, **Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. at Gone Wired Cafe, 201 E. Michigan Ave. in Lansing** prior to House (Budget) session at 10 a.m.

### 3) "Discover the 7 Wisdoms of Women" Seminar at Everybody Reads

*Friday, September 25th from 6:30- 8PM Store Signing at Everybody Reads Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Beverly Danusis- Author of "Sophia and the Seven Goddesses: A Journey of Self-Acceptance"- will lead a full-day seminar.*

Call Jack Pyle at 517-243-3223 for more information or email him at: [jack@facetofacematters.com](mailto:jack@facetofacematters.com)

Danusis is an internationally recognized speaker who teaches women to discover their natural wisdom, beauty and power. The mission of AboutWisdom.com is to bring wisdom into the world through the hearts of women and girls.

Dove Foundation is now celebrating its 18th year as an advocate for family values in entertainment, The Foundation has worked to encourage and promote the creation, production, distribution and consumption of wholesome entertainment. The foundation is a nonprofit free from commercial pressures and has given this award to only 4,000 books.

### 4) Weigh in on the 5-Year Master Plan for Eastside Parks

*September 30, 2009, Foster Community Center Room 213, 6 - 8 p.m.*

Nancy Parsons, ENO president offers the following suggestions for topics that might be discussed:

**Foster Community Center** Increase the programs at Foster. Ask for a larger gym that could be used for hockey tournaments, etc (similar to Gier). Outside patio for family gatherings, expand the playground equipment, outside basketball courts, better landscaping, better lighting, etc.

**Foster Library** - Expand the library, computers

**Lansing Schools and area parks** Some of our schools are near or have parks attached to them. Working jointly to come up with ways to work together and combine resources.

**Surrounding Eastside Parks** Foster, Elizabeth, 119th, Hunter, Oak (I know Im missing others). Creating garden plots, add lighting, outdoor grilling areas, small walking trails for exercising, update playground equipment, etc. Again, think out of box.

**Rain Gardens** Expand along Kalamazoo, Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Pennsylvania, and other streets.

**Cemeteries** Yes, they are under the guidance of the Parks Dept. Mt. Hope has a considerable amount of Lansing history. Funding to help with maintenance, paving, markers placed for runners who use this area, etc.

### 5) Another chance to see **Craftsman Style, the Movie**

*A film by Shane Hagedorn and Dave Muylle*

Showing **Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at Snyder Hall on the Campus of MSU.**

Snyder Hall (also known as Snyder-Phillips residence hall) is located between Bogue St. and Auditorium Dr. The theatre is located on the lower level.

We have been asked to show our film to the students of the Residential College of Arts and Humanities. This is a free event and the public is invited. After this short fifty-minute film you are encouraged to stick round for a lively Q & A session.

Craftsman Style, <http://craftsmanstylethemovie.com> is a film about the history and restoration of a house on Lansings east side. It explores the themes of history, renewal, embedded energy, community innovation and collaboration, and how those relate to sustainability. It is also a very entertaining snapshot of Lansing, Michigan.

Professor Terese Monberg [tmonberg@msu.edu](mailto:tmonberg@msu.edu) who is organizing the event wants to enrich the educational experience for students by having the public, and public officials there to offer their insights to the students. Be a teacher! Attend this event

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## **6) Banned Book Activities: ACLU Update on September 29**

**Message from** Carol Koenig, President, ACLU of Michigan Lansing Branch

Harry Potter. Huckleberry Finn. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. All books that have been banned or challenged in public libraries in the last decade. It's your right to read what you choose. Join the ACLU of Michigan Lansing Branch on September 29 to hear local residents read from some of the most frequently banned or challenged books in recognition of National Banned Books Week.

**Banned and Challenged Books Read Out  
September 29, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Everybody Reads bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing**

Did you know that from 2001 to 2008 American libraries were faced with 3,736 challenges?

1,225 challenges due to "sexually explicit" material;

1,008 challenges due to "offensive language";

720 challenges due to material deemed "unsuited to age group";

458 challenges due to "violence" ;

269 challenges due to "homosexuality"

Join us next Tuesday at Everybody Reads to learn more about the most frequently banned or challenged books and to hear readings from some of America's most beloved works.

This event is free and open to the public.

## **7) MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

City of Lansing HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT & the Mid-Michigan Food Bank announces the distribution of FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items.

When: Saturday, October 17, 2009, (From 9:00 am to 11 am)

Where: Bethlehem Temple Church, 1518 S. Washington, Lansing, MI 48910

Who can participate?

The disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Senior citizens on fixed incomes.

Families/individuals with limited or low income jobs.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A VALID STATE**

**IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVERS LICENSE**

If you or someone you know must choose between buying food and filling prescriptions, please tell them about this important program. Participants should bring a box or bag to carry food.

For more information, call the City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services

Department at (517) 483-4477

## **8) "No Senior without Christmas."**

The Ingham County TRIAD, a 501 c-3 non-profit organization, is once again planning for our annual "No Senior without Christmas." 200 Christmas baskets will be delivered to

elders in need on December 15, 2009. Last year our delivery area consisted of Ingham, Clinton, Eaton, Jackson & Shiawassee counties!

Please consider joining us to make a difference for our area seniors during this holiday season. Oceans of thanks for any contribution you may make!

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**9) Land Use Lunches** have finished their extra-long summer break, and will start back up on the **first Friday in October**. The speaker is **Tim Dempsey, Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of East Lansing**. His talk will be 'How **Public-Private Partnerships are Driving Urban Redevelopment**.' The program is from **noon to 1:00, at the Central United Methodist Church, 215 N Capitol Ave**. A light buffet lunch will be available. Please bring a (wonky) friend who likes talking about planning as much as you do.

**For more information**, call Liz Harrow at 803-8874.

**November program** : Rex LaMore, talking about the nitty gritty of local economies.

**December program**: Dan Kildee, talking about shrinking Flint.

## **10) Pattengill Middle School Clothing Closet**

Pattengill is looking to fill their **Clothing Closet** with uniform type clothes for students:  
**Polo Shirts**: girls and boys, all sizes. Solid Colors: Red, white, gray, dark blue, sky blue, and black; no logos. Mens small, medium, and large are needed as well.

**Pants**: girls and boys; all sizes; Docker style; black, kaki, and dark blue. No corduroy

**Belts**: Would be nice too

Please make sure they are clean and in good condition as they are used to help students in need of clothing. You may drop them off at Pattengills main office, Nancy Mahlows house (430 N. Fairview), or let Nancy know and she will arrange pickup. If you are attending the 5-year Park meeting next Wednesday, you can bring them and give them to Nancy at that time.

## **11) Two Public Events in connection with MSUs**

### **Feminism and Rhetoric 2009 Conference**

#### **2009 Feminism and Rhetoric Community Networking Event!**

*Friday, October 8th, 4:00-5:30*

*Riverside Room, MSU Kellogg Center (located on lower/garden level)*

Please join the FemRhet 2009 Community Connections committee for a Greater Lansing networking meet-up **for organizers and engaged citizens**. This event gives community leaders, conference participants, MSU students, and the community at large an opportunity to share their visions of engagement and collaboration. Those with a desire to volunteer or intern in the community are especially encouraged to attend. This event is free and open to the public. No conference registration is required.

#### **Community Poetry Reading and Open Mic Event!**

*Thursday, October 8th, 8:00-10:00 PM (Doors open @ 7:30 PM)*

*(SCENE) MetroSpace, 110 Charles Street, downtown East Lansing, with MC Ruelaine Stokes*

Well bring together **students, community members, and faculty from the Greater Lansing area** to share their poetry with the larger community and with attendees of the national 2009 Fem/Rhet Conference. Following the reading, have your say! Open mic time for other interested readers following the reading. Both readers and listeners from the community are encouraged to attend. This event is free and open to the public.

*Sponsored by the MSU Graduate Program in Rhetoric & Writing and the Center for Poetry in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at MSU.*

## **12) ENO Candidates Night, October 7**

*Invitation from Nancy Mahlow, ENO President*

Please join me and the rest of our organization in a meet and greet and Q/A session with our candidates for office. This is an opportunity to speak with the candidates and ask those important questions to see just how they plan to build our city and schools. We are trying to obtain City TV to tape this event for future airing.

If you would like to submit a question or two because you might be shy or simply can't make the event, feel free to send them to me and I will compile them for the moderator. I look forward to seeing you and please share with others. Remember it is your right to vote!

Nancy Mahlow, [mahlown@michigan.gov](mailto:mahlown@michigan.gov), 373-8448

## **13) Good Living Opportunity**

ANC is partnering with **Lansing Park Apartments** on a variety of projects these days, e.g., gardening activities. The apartments are directly across from the lovely, 13 acre Hunter Park, home of the Hunter Park GardenHouse and one of two outdoor pools/splash pads in the City. There are currently two 2-bedroom apartments available for \$500/month, with one month free. Call Solee at 487-0227 to check this opportunity.

## **14) Quote of the Week**

**Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow.** Norman Vincent Peale

*Reminder*

*Join ANC staff every Friday at noon in Hunter Park & walk with us!*

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