

Stuart

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Renaissance in Stuart

SARA is excited to announce a bold and exciting new chapter in our neighborhood life. We are looking forward to renewing our rich culture of being gracefully neighborly. Small informal events and larger exciting events. We want to have your input as to what you would love to do as a member of our beautiful community. We have a richly talented and diverse neighborhood, full of artists, musicians, cooks, gardeners, educators, and historians. Along with the rich stories of the past and present, we are full of anticipation to see what events our future holds.

So please, if you have an idea, no matter how large or small, for anything you would love to see us doing in Stuart, drop us a line at the SARA email, call the office, or just drop a note in the mailbox at the office by the back door.

We are so thrilled to be the stewards that are bringing Stuart back to a vibrant life it had in years past. Thank you for the opportunity to be excited about it, and we hope you are as well.

Neighborhood Development

FIRESTATION NUMBER 5

The Stuart Area Restoration Association has been working with the Historic Commission for a number of years in an effort to save, restore and return to public use, Fire Station # 5, located at the corner of W.North St. and Douglas Ave. With the generous donations made by the Gilmore Foundation, this is being made possible.

While the idea sessions are still in play, the work on the building has been in full swing. The building has been cleaned out. Repaired inside and out. Structural work was needed on the roof supports, and a new roof has been installed. According to Sharon Ferraro, the Historic preservation Coordinator for the City of Kalamazoo, the building is 85% complete.

It is with extreme gratitude the SARA wishes to thank all of those involved so diligently in this project, returning a building with such a vital history in our corner of the city to life.

BULK TRASH PICKUP

In September 2016, the City will be converting from monthly to quarterly bulk Trash Pick-up. Only the frequency will change, acceptable items, quantities and pick-up day will not. You can visit www.kalamazoo.org/residents/bulk-trash-pick-up and search your street for your pick-up day or visit www.recyclecoach.com to sign up and download the Recycle Coach app, which provides a collection calendar that can be customized for your neighborhood.

*News from the Stuart Area
Restoration Association for the
Historic Stuart
Neighborhood of Kalamazoo*

JULY 2016

Monthly Newsletters

SARA has switched to only three printed newsletters in 2016. We will still be publishing monthly newsletters on our Facebook and website. If you are interested in receiving an email copy of our monthly newsletters visit our website.

You can sign up one of two ways:

1. Go to eepurl.com/YoJr and sign up
2. Contact the Stuart Office

National Night Out

Come join your neighbors for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2, 6-8pm at West Main Park across from Comensoli's. Pizza and beverages generously donated by Max Tibbitts, Jeff Siuda, and the Stuart Avenue Inn. Bring a dessert to pass (preferably finger food), and a lawn chair or blanket. We plan to have lawn games this year. Children welcome.

We hope to see you there!

Our Thanks and Appreciation

We wish to thank all of the Members that attended the special meeting on June 28th. It was an important decision to make, and we could only do it with the support and input you provided.

Mark your calendars!

July 5 - Neighborhood Development at 6:30 pm. Stuart Office
July 12th - Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm. Stuart Office
July 26th - Neighborhood Development at 6:30 pm. Stuart Office

Useful Phone Numbers

Public Safety

Animal Control.....	383-8775	KVET(Drug Activity.....)	337-8880
City Commission.....	337-8046	Metro Transit.....	337-8222
Tall Grass/Weeds.....	337-8847	Nuisance Complaint Hotline.....	337-8221
City Parking Violations.....	342-6383	Public Safety (non-emergency).....	337-8994
Historic Preservation.....	337-8804	Silent Observer Hotline.....	343-2100
Housing Inspections.....	337-8026	Street Lights.....	1(800) 447-5050

Did you know that STUART has a representative in the police department that our Chair, Max Tibbitts, communicates with regularly? Well we do! We are proud of our City of Kalamazoo Police and so grateful for their hard work and dedication. If you have specific problems with safety or crime, please contact the neighborhood office or contact Max directly and we will pass the information along. If it is an emergency, please dial 911 or the non-emergency number.

The Stuart Area Restoration Association

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Mission Statement

"THE MISSION OF THE STUART AREA RESTORATION ASSOCIATION IS TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE THROUGH MUTUAL COOPERATION AND INVOLVEMENT"

What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Fair housing laws protect people from discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, marital status, and age. Discrimination is illegal in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending and insurance.

Our Mission

The Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan promotes integration and works to eliminate housing discrimination through education, advocacy, and enforcement of the fair housing law.

Our Vision

The Fair housing center of Southwest Michigan believes all people should be empowered to claim their right to equal treatment in housing choice. Working together to promote inclusive communities, we eliminate limitations created by discrimination. Securing choice and lifting barriers cultivates environments where diversity and opportunity flourish.

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MYTHS ABOUT HOME BUYING

There are plenty of choice properties for sale in Stuart. When you buy your first home, know the difference between myth and fact.

MYTH: Renting is more affordable than buying.

FACT: With today's high rental demand, buying a home is often cheaper than renting.

MYTH: You need a 20% down payment.

FACT: Pay as little as 3% down with some lower down payment options.

MYTH: It's hard to qualify for a loan.

FACT: Loans are available to accommodate diverse customer needs and qualifications. One may be right for you.

REMEMBER : Fair Housing Laws extend to the financing and mortgage process. Learn details about these facts and understand the benefits of buying a home with Home Buying Guides like the one published by PNC. Check out or visit your

bank today.