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Six Car Accidents in Nine Days on Kalamazoo Ave. and West Main St.

Pedestrians walking through Stuart need to take extra precaution as they approach intersections along Kalamazoo Ave. and West Main St.

The speed of traffic down Kalamazoo Ave. and West Main St. has been estimated to reach 70 mph at times making it extremely dangerous to drive and walk through the neighborhood. The Stuart Historic Neighborhood Association (SHNA) wants all residents of Stuart to be aware of the recent increase in car accidents that have occurred in the Stuart neighborhood between April 11th and April 20th. During this nine day period there have been six car accidents along Kalamazoo Avenue and West Main St., with many of these accidents involving cars crashing into utility poles. The intersections where these accidents took place, include,

- SE and NE corners of West Main St. and Stuart Ave.
- SE corner of West Main St. and Catherine St.
- West Main St. and Douglas Ave.
- SE corner of Kalamazoo and Stuart Ave.



The SHNA is greatly concerned for the safety of our residents and recommends that all residents keep a safe distance away from intersections when attempting to cross Kalamazoo Ave., West Main St., and the cross streets. There was a Stuart resident walking down Stuart Ave. with his child who missed one of these crashes by only 50 feet.



The two-way conversion projects of Kalamazoo Ave. and West Main St. will significantly reduce traffic speeds but these projects have been delayed until after 2025. The Stuart neighborhood cannot wait for one, two or even more years before the speed of traffic is reduced. SHNA wants the residents to feel safe today as they walk and drive through the neighborhood. SHNA has discussed a wide range of solutions to reduce the traffic speed with the City of Kalamazoo, including,

- increasing speed enforcement efforts
- reducing speed limits
- installing portable radar speed signs
- installing HAWK pedestrian crossings
- installing traffic lights at West Main & Stuart, Kalamazoo & Elm)
- installing more stop signs

It is now time to act on these solutions before it is not just a utility pole but a resident, a neighbor who is seriously injured or killed. SHNA encourages all residents to reach out to city officials and ask for safety measures to be implemented to reduce the speed of traffic through the Stuart Historic Neighborhood.

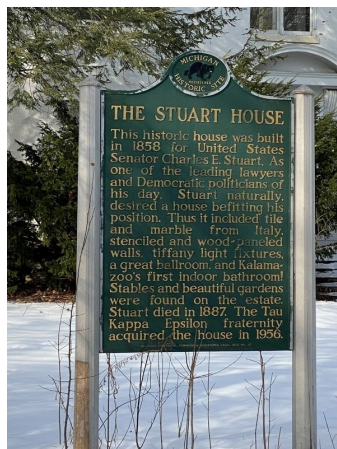
The Stuart Historic Homes Tour

This iconic Kalamazoo event has been scheduled for the first weekend of October. Mark your calendars



The 2025 Stuart Historic Homes Tour is scheduled for the first weekend in October. This two-day event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 - 5 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm on each day.

The homes tour will highlight both renovated and non-restored historic homes built in the 19th century in a variety of architectural styles, including Greek Revival, Italianate, and Queen Anne. More details coming soon.



Stuart History - Then and Now



The above photos show the Rufus Tyler House, located at the corner of West Main and Douglas Ave., in 1890 and 2025. The architectural style of this home is Late Italianate.

For more Stuart History - Then and Now, follow us on instagram @stuarthistoricneighborhood.



Let's Get Moving This Summer on the KRVT

This summer put on your running shoes or grab your bike and join your neighbors for a walk, run, or bike ride on the KRVT.

The Stuart Workout Club will meet on the following six Wednesdays at 6 pm at the KRVT Trailhead at the corner of Westnedge and Kalamazoo Ave.

June 11
June 25
July 2
July 16
July 30
Aug 13

The club will warm up together for 15 minutes and encourage participants with similar workout interests to group together and head out for a workout on the the KRVT. The type, length, and intensity of the workout is determined 100% by participants.



KRVT Trailhead at the corner of Westnedge & Kalamazoo Ave.



Events in Stuart

May - June 2025

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| May 13 | May Board Meeting 6 - 8 pm The Stuart House, 530 Douglas Ave. |
| June 10 | June Board Meeting 6 - 8 pm The Stuart House, 530 Douglas Ave. |
| June 11 | Stuart Workout Club 6 pm KRVT Trailhead at the corner of Westnedge & Kalamazoo Ave. |
| June 25 | Stuart Workout Club 6 pm KRVT Trailhead at the corner of Westnedge & Kalamazoo Ave. |