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place to live,
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make friends.

Help Us Design The Heart of Stuart

Let Us Give You 3 Reasons Why This is Important

The Stuart Historic Neighborhood Association is ready to kick off the first phase of the KRV T Placemaking Project. The Stuart Association and the City of Kalamazoo will be hosting workshops for residents, businesses, and city and county staff on July 20, 22, and 23, respectively. The purpose of these workshops is to gather ideas for the design of the public space that will become the heart of the Stuart neighborhood.

The site for this project is at the northwest corner of Kalamazoo and Westnedge Ave. This is a prime location with the event center going up diagonally from it, the conversion of Kalamazoo Ave. into a two-way residential street, and the Arcadia Creek project.



With all the development happening in and around Stuart, we want to design this public space into a place that people feel connected to and reflects the rich history and bright future of the Stuart neighborhood.

We want to give you three reasons why this project is important to the Stuart neighborhood and why you should register to participate in the **KRV T Placemaking Design Workshop for Residents** on **Saturday, July 20, 10:00 - 2:00 pm** at **Woodward School**. All residents of Kalamazoo are welcome at this workshop. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.



The public space for the KRV T Placemaking Project at the northwest corner of Kalamazoo and Westnedge Ave.



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REASON #1 - TO CONNECT

The location of this public space and how it connects to the broader community is one reason why this project is important to the Stuart neighborhood.

The Stuart neighborhood, the Northside neighborhood, and the Central Business District all converge together at this location. The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail and the future Arcadia Creek path can be accessed to run, bike, or walk. The site also features the railroad tracks with Amtrak trains passing by daily.

Turning this public space into the Heart of Stuart will strengthen all of these connections.



NELSON BREECH NAVE
AIA, ARCHITECT



Stuart Avenue Inn



Allen Chapel AME
Kalamazoo



Fourteen businesses and organizations are registered for the KRVT Placemaking Design Workshop for Businesses.

REASON #2 - TO GATHER

Picture having a place to go to in Stuart for neighbors to meet and spend time and bring their families and friends, young and old. Public spaces thrive when users have a range of reasons (10+) to be there. We want to know what things you would like to do in the Heart of Stuart.

To start the conversation, how about places to sit and have a picnic, biking and running activities and clubs, historic lighting and fencing, mural art, music events, or wayfinding signs to point you in the direction to explore something new in Kalamazoo? There are so many possibilities.



Local artist Ellen Nelson led a mural art activity in the space in May 2024.



REASON #3 - TO WELCOME

The visibility of this public space from multiple directions creates an open and welcoming entryway into the Stuart neighborhood. Whether it is a family heading home, college students going to the event center, bikers returning from a long ride on the KRVT, or visitors travelling through on the train, we want everyone to feel welcomed and to know that they are in the Stuart Historic Neighborhood.



Summer Events in Stuart

July - August 2024

- July 20** KRV T Placemaking Design Workshop for RESIDENTS | 10 - 2 | Woodward School
- July 22** KRV T Placemaking Design Workshop for BUSINESSES | 10 - 2 | Woodward School
- July 23** KRV T Placemaking Design Workshop for CITY/COUNTY | 10 - 2 | Woodward School
- August 10** Coffee Chat with Neighbors | 10 - 2 | Factory Coffee, 213 Frank St.
- August 21** Back to School | 5 - 7 | Woodward School
- August 24** Yard Sale | 9 - 3 | Stuart Neighborhood
- August 24** Neighborhood Annual Meeting | 3 - 5 | Woodward School
- August 24** MusicFest | 5 - 7 | Woodward School

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**STUART
WILL BE
HOPPING ON
AUGUST 24TH**

Go to stuartneighborhood.org for more details and full calendar of events.

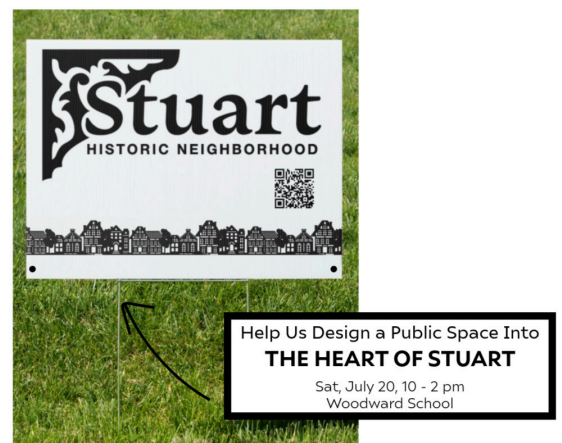
The Stuart Yard Sign

Are you looking for a way to support Stuart?

Consider getting your very own Stuart yard sign to put proudly in their front yard.

The Stuart yard sign is designed with our new logo, a QR code to our website, and interchangeable event signs that can be attached to the bottom.

Yard signs are FREE to residents who agree to swap out the interchangeable event signs to help us promote our neighborhood events.



SEND US AN EMAIL TO RESERVE
YOUR YARD SIGN!

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The Stuart Neighborhood Annual Meeting

Happening on August 24 and Bylaws Changes Will Be Voted On

The Neighborhood Annual Meeting has been moved to Saturday, August 24, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, at Woodward School. One agenda item is to vote on changes to the bylaws recommended by the Stuart Association Bylaws Committee. The committee made the following recommendations.

- **5.01** The annual meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall be held ANNUALLY. It shall include a presentation of annual reports to the members, the election of new board members and Directors, and such other businesses may properly come before the meeting.
- **6.02** (DELETE THE FOLLOWING) Board may include a seat for one person that is not a member resident, property or business owner. Once elected this individual will have all the rights as a member of the Board with the exception that they may not serve on the Executive Board. This individual must be elected yearly, and can serve for a maximum of a 3-year term.
- **6.02** Board Members shall be elected to terms of one (1) year and may be reelected for multiple terms.

These Bylaws changes were voted on at the June 11, 2024 Board Meeting and the next step requires a simple majority vote of the members attending the annual meeting on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Ways to Get Involved

Join the Stuart Board of Directors



APPLY
TO JOIN THE
STUART BOARD

The Stuart Historic Neighborhood Association is looking for residents to join the Board of Directors. Every resident in the Stuart neighborhood is welcome to apply.

There is so much happening in and around the Stuart neighborhood making this a great time to join.

Go to stuartneighborhood.org to fill out the application.

Board Member Elections Slate 2024

Marty Anderson

Megan Faurot Campanile

David Engerer

Gary Wark

Cynthia Whittingham



KRVT Placemaking Design Workshop Flyer

Stuart

KRVT PLACEMAKING DESIGN WORKSHOPS

DO YOU WANT
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Northwest corner of Kalamazoo and Westnedge Ave

KRVT PLACEMAKING DESIGN WORKSHOP FOR **RESIDENTS**

SATURDAY, JULY 20



RESIDENTS
REGISTER HERE

KRVT PLACEMAKING DESIGN WORKSHOP FOR **BUSINESSES**

MONDAY, JULY 22



BUSINESSES
REGISTER HERE

KRVT PLACEMAKING DESIGN WORKSHOP FOR **CITY & COUNTY**

TUESDAY, JULY 23



CITY & COUNTY
INVITED BY EMAIL





KRVT Placemaking Design Workshop Flyer

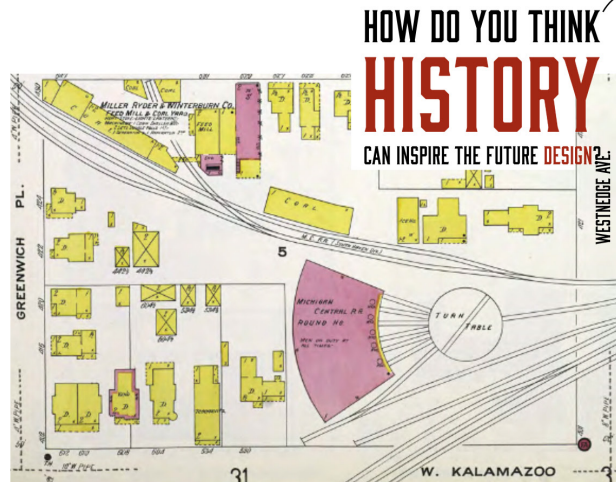
WORKSHOP PURPOSE & GOALS

The Stuart Historic Neighborhood Association is planning workshops with residents, businesses, and city and county staff to re-imaging and provide feedback on the public space near the KRVT at the northwest corner of Kalamazoo and Westnedge Ave.

The goal is to use the ideas and feedback generated from the workshops to develop an action plan for this area and to pursue external funding and volunteer support for short- and long-term improvements

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 10:00 Project Overview
- 10:30 "Designing Successful Public Spaces" Stations
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 2D Model Space Activity
- 1:30 Next Steps



1800s Historical Map of the Kalamazoo & Westnedge Ave. Corner

This map shows that in the 1800s the site was used for the Kalamazoo – South Haven Railroad Roadhouse and Turn Table. The turn table was approximately 75 feet in diameter and included six stalls made of bricks, making this a very active area with trains coming and going in multiple directions.

HOW DO YOU WANT THE SPACE TO BE USED?

