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City of Eaton Rapids Newsletter

June Newsletter

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Greetings!

Welcome to the City of Eaton Rapids on-line newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to keep you up to date on what is happening in Eaton Rapids. Your e-mail has been added to our database as an interested community member. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please see the bottom of this newsletter for the unsubscribe link.

We are interested in your feedback on this newsletter. Over the coming weeks and months our format and content will evolve to provide the best product for you. Please let us know how we can improve this newsletter by e-mailing us at breed@ci.eaton-rapids.mi.us.

Thank you!

Summer Programming at the Library

The Summer Reading program is underway at the Eaton Rapids Public Library there are already three exciting programs scheduled. The first was June 12, Jim Merrills Magic Show. On July 12 (11:00am), the Binder Park Zoomobile will arrive. On August 1 (1:00pm), Kevin Devine will hold a library concert. All programs are held upstairs at City Hall. Programs generally last 45 - 60 minutes. More details are available on the Eaton Rapids City Website. You may also call 663-8118 ext. 4 for more information.

Loft Open House - June 19th

Another loft project will be completed in June under Eaton Rapids' rental rehabilitation program created with a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Two apartments will be completed in the Edwards Jones building at 135 S. Main Street. The owners Lynn and Sue Ball and Dean Milligan would like to welcome the public to a ribbon cutting on June 19th at 1:30pm. An open house will follow until 3:30 where the public will be able view the new 2nd floor and 3rd floor apartments. Call Brian Reed for more details at 663-8118 ext. 8178.

Eaton Rapids Memorial Day Celebration

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Eaton Rapids Library Summer Reading Program "Get a Clue" Now Underway

The Eaton Rapids Public Library invites newborns through 8th graders to sign up to read this summer. Participatns may register all summer long. Sign-up began Tuesday, May 29th and the reading logs will begin Monday June 28th. Summer reading will last until 5:00pm on August 31st. All participants who register will receive a free book, book bag, reading log, and stickers. If you read ten books, you may choose a stretch animal, notepad, squishy sea creature, or wiggly eyed insect! Prizes are also available to those reading 20 books and for those 3 years and under. Everyone receiving their completed reading logs to the library will receive their certificate and the final reward at that time.

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Honoring Michigan's Fallen Soldiers was the theme of the Eaton Rapids Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. As the parade began you could hear the roar of applause travel north on Main St. in special recognition to the Nealey and Ellsworth families who have both lost a son in Iraq and the many soldiers young and old who participated in the parade.

As thousands watched, local children paid tribute to those we have lost to the War on Terror from Michigan by carrying signs with their names and city on them. Following the parade these signs were placed on a Wall of Honor along Hamlin Street, where family and friends placed flowers on the wall in tribute.

The Eaton Rapids Community can be proud to say we know the true meaning of Memorial Day.

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Art Council's Banner Program Continues to Gain Recognition



The Eaton Rapids Area Arts Council continues to evolve the community's flagship banner program. With the help of a grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation Youth Fund, the ERAAC entered into a partnership with the Department of Environmental Quality to create banners of the state's winning Earth Day 2007 posters. The Banners were painted in Eaton Rapids by Eaton Rapids students and artists. They hang today at Constitution Hall. In addition, the ERAAC and students from Eaton Rapids Middle School and High School participated in the Earth Day event where nearly 2000 students from across the state visited Constitution Hall. The ERAAC team helped students gain the experience of painting banners, and learn about environmental protection and stewardship at the same time. This project is a great example of the Arts inspiring students and promoting our great community. They will be recognized at the City Council Meeting on June 25th. IN addition, you will soon see banners celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ERMedical Center hanging at the south end of our community as well.

City Council Meetings

The following are the City Council meeting times for June. All meetings are on the 2nd floor of City Hall. The general public is welcome.

- Budget Meeting - Tuesday June 19, 2007 - 5pm
- Council Worksession - Monday June 28, 2007 - 5pm
- Council Meeting - Monday June 28, 2007 - 7pm

Eaton Rapids Medical Center to Turn 50!

On June 24th, 2007, the Eaton Rapids Medical Center will celebrate 50 years! The ERMC is planning a large event including free health checks, kids activities, bicycle safety checks, car seat safety checks,

kids crafts and games, a chicken bbq, and the Sea Cruisers. The event will run from 12 - 4 p.m. on the Medical Center grounds. You may contact Jennifer Painter at 663-9524 for more information.

Eaton Rapids Water Quality Report

The City of Eaton Rapids has released its 2006 water quality report. The report indicates that there are no significant sources of contamination in the water supply. The water in Eaton Rapids comes from six groundwater wells located in the northern portion of the city. The iron removal plant removes iron and the chlorine, fluoride, and phosphates are added to the water. A copy of the report is available on the Eaton Rapids website by [clicking here](#). For more information call City Superintendent Scott Poyer at 517-663-8118 ext. 8153 or by [e-mail](#).

Eaton Rapids Relay for Life a Success

The Eaton Rapids Relay for Life began at 3pm on May 18 and ended on May 19th at 3pm. In those 24 hours, 26 teams, 53 survivors, and approximately 400 participants raised close to \$60,000 for Cancer. "We couldn't have asked for better weather or better spirit from everyone involved," said Amy Butler who was an event co-chair. "Everyone was so enthusiastic and we also have to thank all of our sponsors, almost 70 in all, who really make this possible!" Butler also thanked this year's honorary chairs - Marion West and Anne Edwards who are battling cancer. "This event is about hope! We have made so many strides against cancer and one day we will beat it completely," added Butler.

Library Appreciation for Patrons

The Eaton Rapids Public Library will have a drawing each month. The name of one adult will be drawn to win a \$25.00 gift certificate good towards video/DVD rentals, an individual \$25 library card, Individual temporary cards, or to add to a new family library card. One child's name will also be drawn to win a new children's book. The drawings will begin on the first day of each month and the winners will be drawn on the last business day of each month.

What is happening Down by the river?



The only major items yet to be constructed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant are the new sanitary sewer river crossings. The initial "bore and jack" construction method had to be halted recently, due to the uncooperative geological soil conditions beneath the Grand River. An alternative method that would use a "coffer dam" during construction is currently pending approval

by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Library is now WIRELESS!

The Eaton Rapids Public Library is now wireless. Patrons can visit the library and connect to the internet using their own laptops. Library Director Nancy Murray says this is another step to making the library a key destination downtown. "So far, Patrons have liked the wireless. We hope that more residents will take advantage of it as the word gets out." You may call 663-8118 ext. 4 for more information.

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