

Red Cedar Chronicle

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!!

Month of Sept. 2024

Weather: Suny Days, Crisp Nights



ELECTION DAY SEPT 18TH

Elections for two open positions on our co-op board will be held at our annual meeting Sept 18th. Self nomination forms are now being submitted. Results of the election will be tabulated and announced at the conclusion of the Co-op meeting. Casting your ballot gives you the opportunity to let your voice be heard!

Message from the President

Can you believe that schools have already started?! That means that soon the days and nights will be cooler, leaves on the trees and the fields will begin to change to the beautiful fall colors. Life just goes by so fast sometimes! So, just a reminder to slow down, smell the roses (or whatever flower appeals to you), look around and appreciate our special community and this beautiful world. Watch the birds as they prepare to fly south, the squirrels as they frantically bury acorns, the deer as their coats change from the golden hue to their darker winter coat, the beautiful blue skies, and the wind gently moving the trees. Tuck those memories away to pull out when the snow is flying, and the wind is blowing, and it's cold! Enjoy each day and treasure all that we have!

"Life Starts all over again when it gets crisp in the Fall"

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Can you feel the energy in this crisp fall air? With this renewed spirit, our RCC Board is working diligently on exciting new plans to improve our little Village. Great things are happening here, and we love it!

Happy Autumn from the RCC Board.

RCC ANNUAL MEETING

Sept 18, 1:00 pm

Williamston Free Methodist Church
N. Williamston Rd., Williamston

1:00 Social Hour

Enjoy Tasty Treats provided by the Sunshine Committee while chatting with your neighbors.

1:30 Business Meeting

Election of new board members

Annual Budget Report

Old Business

New Business & open forum questions

NEW SPEED & SLOW DOWN SIGNS

For the safety of our residents, new traffic signs have been installed to alert drivers in our neighborhood that our speed limit is 15 M.P.H. Thank you Polly Elder for donating these signs and to our Members for their installation. A BIG THANK YOU to our residents for respecting and following our posted speed limit.

OUR BUSY VILLAGERS...Thank you

*Connie Hinton for the beautiful artwork on our front community sign. It's Perfect!



*Emmitt Omar for the step on our Village Notice Board. Sooo much easier to post a bulletin.

2023-2024 Red Cedar Co-op Officers (Term In Office)

President: Cherie Kzeski (2024)

Vice President: Frank Fortier (2024)

Treasurer: Becky Shilling (2025) Secretary: Emmitt Omar (2025) At Large: Sarah Spangler (2025)

Your Board Members are Volunteers Serving YOU!!!!

**Meet Your Neighbor:
Francis (Frank) Fortier
446 Red Cedar Blvd.**

Where were you born? Year? **My name is Francis (Frank) Fortier. Born and raised in Boston, Mass. in 1942.**

What is your educational background? **I attended Boston Trade High School where I studied to become an electrician upon graduation. I was employed at Chrysler Motors for 30 years as an electrician and training coordinator.**

How and when did you meet and marry your spouse? **I moved from Boston to Detroit in 1968 while serving as a Religious Brother at Notre Dame High School. I met Jackie through friends I was acquainted with. I began a period of reflection and decided that the Good Lord was leading me to marriage. I asked to be released from my vows and the rest is history. We were married in 1975.**

How many children and grands do you have? Ages? **We have 2 children, Jessica and Theodore (Ted). We have 4 grandchildren (Sawyer-16, Sullivan-14, Fiona-10 and Lane-6). It has been a blessing for us that both families still reside in Michigan making it easy to enjoy watching the grand kids grow up.**

What kind of hobbies do you have? **Barbershop Harmony was my main hobby for 35 years. I now cantor and sing in the St. Martha Choir. We love our fur babies, Ziggy our dachshund and Gracie our 16 year old cat.**

When did you move to the RCC? **We moved to RCC in 2016. Jackie and I moved from Grosse Pt. Farms in 2004 and bought a nice ranch home on Bismarck. After 12 years of yard work, etc. we decided to look for simpler surroundings.**

What do you like best about the RCC? **Jackie and I are very pleased with our home here. Getting to know many of our neighbors here is much easier than living in a stand alone residence.**

(Ed. Note: You will not find a nicer man than Frank. He's a credit to our Board, too.)

OUR VILLAGE BALD EAGLES!

Viewing the flight of our magnificent Bald Eagles makes an ordinary day here become very special. Their quiet majesty is a site to behold. We feel honored that they have chosen our Village as a place to build their nest and raise a family.

LABOR DAY, Mon 9-2

President Groover Cleveland signed the bill to make Labor Day a national holiday in 1894. Working conditions for labors since the end of the Civil War were horrendous...long hours working for very low wages. The "Pullman Strike" of 1894, in which Federal Troops had to be called in, and 2 people died, brought the workers situation to national attention. The enactment of the Labor Day Holiday was to honor workers and appease the public. Minimum wage laws were not set until 1938, at 25 cents an hour, and raised in 1950 to 75 cents an hour.



Aunt Mae's Recipe Box

Baked Apples

- 3 T unsalted butter, softened
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 t ground cinnamon
 - 1/8 t nutmeg
 - 1/4 c old fashioned rolled oats
 - 4 large apples, washed and cored
 - 2 T raisins, or dried cranberries, or nuts
- 4 Servings

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix the butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, & nutmeg together. Stir in the oats, and raisins etc. Place the cored apples in a pan. Pour warm water into pan, about 1 inch deep. Fill apples with the butter mixture. Bake covered with tin foil about 25 minutes, then uncover and bake an additional 20 minutes until apples are tender. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream. Enjoy your first taste of Fall!