



# Summer 2017



## WE WANT YOU!

### Join Your Neighbors!

**Annual Board of Directors Election and Nine Mile Community Center BBQ**  
**Saturday, September 30, 2017 (11 a.m. — 2 p.m.)**

Come on down and enjoy some tasty Bar-B-Que, vote in the annual board election, visit with old friends and make new ones! We'll have free burgers and other goodies after you vote.

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### Volunteer Board Members Needed

Help us out with historic preservation, event planning, fund raising, and have some fun too!

Three board member terms will end September 30, 2017. The top three vote recipients will serve three-year terms ending September 30, 2020. Citizens living in the Nine Mile valley from Siegel Pass to Interstate 90 (Exit 82) are invited to volunteer as a candidate for the Community Center Board of Directors.

Each candidate must submit a short bio that will be published in the next NMCC Newsletter.

Bios should be submitted no later than Monday, August 28, 2017. (*it's really easy*)

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### **ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, and DUTIES OF NMCC BOARD MEMBERS**

The main role of the NMCC Board is the maintenance and upkeep of your Community Center's historic buildings and 2.51 acre property . The board is responsible for all public activities at the Community Center, and for fostering revenue programs and events to support the non-profit Community Center.

Board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month (excluding January) at the Community Center.

Meetings start at 7 pm and usually last about 90 minutes, and regular attendance is required. Additional commitments include a spring cleanup day and helping out at the annual Holiday Craft Fair. Other options for participation range from buildings and grounds maintenance, educational classes, and public events.

#### **Be a part of an active group that gets things done.**

Any questions or interested candidate, please call Sharon Sweeney at 626-1610, or reach out to a current member.

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### **Interested in Teaching at the Community Center?**

If the Board of Director stuff is not your thing, that is totally OK. There are many other ways to participate and support your Community Center. Showing up for a spring cleanup day, pot luck event, or helping with the Christmas Eve gathering is always appreciated. One of our most popular programs continues to be citizen lead classes at the Community Center. We had rave reviews earlier this year for the volunteer teachers at classes on gardening, painting, and small engine repair.

Consider volunteering to teach a class at the Community Center! Your program offerings may include the areas of practical or creative skills, sports or recreational activities, rural property management, health and fitness, regional history and native culture, or any other educational passion you would like to share with your neighbors. As a great example, this fall we will host eight weeks of yoga classes.

Please step up and call Sharon Sweeney at 626-1610 for more information.

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### **What's next for Community Center Historic Preservation?**

You may recall over the past year or so we repaired cracks in the stone foundation of the Stark Schoolhouse, and with your generous donations we reconstructed the back basement stairs and basement window sills. We also repaired and cleaned our septic tank, improved landscaping around the property, did some painting, and refinished the front doors.

Our next planned projects involve improving the kitchen and dining area inside Stark Schoolhouse. After some Board discussion at our July meeting we felt that our first priority should always be any new structural issues that come up. Beyond that our next priority would be to work on the kitchen/dining portion of the school house. That project would likely be comprised of four components: 1) repair the ceiling (plaster is literally falling down); 2) remove the fluorescent shop lights and install some nice 'period' lighting; 3) fix the holes in the walls and paint the walls; and 4) re-install the molding strip that is missing from part of the wall near the ceiling. The next priority after that would be to refinish the upstairs wood floors. Outside painting and removing a large dead tree may rise in priority, just depending on how rapidly they deteriorate. Updates will be in future newsletters as we continue to develop these new projects.

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