

DIALOG



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U2 to Play at Spartan Stadium

The East Lansing community will welcome U2's 360° Tour to Spartan Stadium on Sunday, June 26.

Historically, East Lansing has not played host to this big of a concert since The Rolling Stones in 1994. An estimated 70,000 visitors will be making their way to Greater Lansing, generating an extremely positive economic impact for business districts and hotels alike.

Similar to a football Saturday, there will be special parking throughout the community to

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Soak Up the Sun During this Summer's Festival Season

As the days begin to heat up in mid-Michigan, so will the City of East Lansing's fantastic community events scene.

Festival season will kick off this spring with the East Lansing Art Festival. In its 48th year, this nationally ranked event will bring 207 talented artist exhibitors from across North America to downtown East Lansing on the weekend of May 21-22. In addition to the arts marketplace, there will be a children's activities area, an international-style food court and live music, including the likes of The Spring Standards, Vienna Teng and more. Visit www.elartfest.com for details.

The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival will heat up downtown on June 17-18. Staged under a large tent in Parking Lot 1, the festival features a two-day lineup of talented local and international jazz acts. Festival goers will enjoy live performances, dancing and outdoor dining. Visit www.eljazzfest.com to learn more.

The Great Lakes Folk Festival, hosted by the MSU Museum, will bring a celebration of cultural heritage to the streets of downtown on Aug. 12-14. Learn more about this event at www.greatlakesfolkfest.net.

In addition to the festivals, East Lansing's Play in the



Daisy May Erlewine and Seth Bernard delighted crowds at the East Lansing Art Festival in 2010. They are returning for this year's festival.

Park, Moonlight Film Festival, Summer Concert Series and Farmer's Market will keep the community busy all summer long. Learn more about these events on page 5.

Learn about the City's regulation of medical marijuana @ www.cityofeastlansing.com/mma





Juli Liebler Sworn in as New Police Chief

Following a nationwide search, East Lansing City Manager Theodore Staton appointed Juli K. Liebler the City's new chief of police in early March 2011. She was sworn in at a special ceremony on March 24, before a group of fellow officers, friends and family.

Liebler was selected from a pool of 32 applicants for her new position, a number that was later narrowed down to four finalists. Formerly the City's deputy chief of police, Liebler fills the vacancy created by former chief, Tom Wibert, who retired in October 2010.

"I was fortunate to be able to make a selection from a very competitive field of finalists," said Staton. "Juli's candidacy as chief was affirmed through a process that included feedback from student and non-student members of the community, along with a diverse panel of East Lansing residents. She has demonstrated her leadership ability while serving as acting chief since the departure of Chief Wibert last year."

"I am honored to have been chosen to serve as East Lansing's next chief of police from a pool of such distinguished candidates," said Liebler. "Chief Wibert left some pretty big shoes to fill and I am humbled by this vote of confidence in my ability to succeed him in this important community role."

Liebler holds a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation resources, a master's degree in public administration and expects to complete her doctorate in criminal justice in 2012. Joining the East Lansing Police Department in 1987, Liebler rose through the ranks to be appointed deputy chief in 2006. Liebler has been a part of the East Lansing community for 28 years and a resident for the past 12 years, which, she notes, "is a great place to live, work and raise a family."



This year's One Book, One Community 10th anniversary selection is *The New York Times* bestseller "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer (pictured above).

One Book Selection Announced

The City of East Lansing and Michigan State University have announced the One Book, One Community program's 10th anniversary book selection; *The New York Times* bestseller "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer.

Community members can meet the author as he kicks off the month-long One Book, One Community 10th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. with a talk and book signing at the East Lansing High School auditorium.

Foer's wildly lauded, yet controversial novel tells the fictional story of young Oskar Schell's hilarious and heartbreaking quest to make sense of the death of his father in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

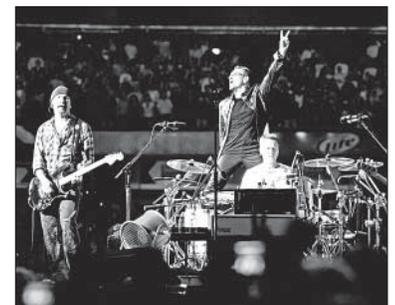
The One Book program encourages the East Lansing-MSU community to read the same book and come together to discuss its central themes at a series of community and campus events planned each fall. Visit www.onebookeastlansing.com for details.

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accommodate concert goers; and police will be directing traffic on campus. Campus parking will be \$20 and parking in downtown East Lansing will be \$1.50 an hour.

The City is working closely with businesses to create a lively atmosphere in the downtown, complete with food/drink specials, outdoor sales and more. Concert goers are encouraged to come early and enjoy downtown East Lansing's eclectic mix of dining and shopping prior to making the quick, 10-minute walk to Spartan Stadium.

Community members in the Greater Lansing region, especially



U2 will perform at MSU campus' Spartan Stadium on June 26.

those living in the neighborhoods around campus, should note that noise levels will be high during the concert. Community members can learn more about U2's visit at www.cityofeastlansing.com/U2.

City Honors Crystal Award Recipients

Community members gathered at the annual Crystal Awards reception this past April to honor an exceptional group of unsung heroes. The 2011 Crystal Award recipients included the Community Relations Coalition (CRC), Silver & Beyond, Susan Woods and Bob Uecker.

The CRC is a non-profit organization consisting of a board of executives and a group of MSU student interns who work to strengthen the relationships of students and year-round residents in East Lansing neighborhoods. Silver & Beyond is a downtown East Lansing business, owned by Siham Baladi, that has gone above and beyond to contribute to the local community through event fundraising, mentoring and civic engagement. Susan Woods is the founder and director of the



Bob Uecker and a group of CRC student interns



Susan Woods and Silver & Beyond's Siham Baladi

East Lansing Film Festival, which has brought national exposure and cultural enrichment to the community over its 13 years in existence. And finally, Bob Uecker

is the driving force behind the East Lansing Basketball Club. He founded the club in 2003 and has been an active board member ever since.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

Silver & Beyond opened its downtown East Lansing doors in 2004.

The local retail business, owned by Siham Baladi, features a wide selection of beautiful designer jewelry, elegant and trendy handbags, Michigan-made products, scarves, jewelry boxes and more.

Located at 333 Albert Ave. in the lobby of the East Lansing Marriott, Silver & Beyond is a business that strives to keep unique, one-of-a-kind items in stock at all times for its customers. Baladi, a Syrian native, travels all over the world to hand pick the items in her store, bringing a little piece of the high fashions of New York, Italy, Thailand, Israel, Australia and various other international shopping destinations right to the heart of East Lansing.

Visit www.silverbeyond.com to learn more about this beloved East Lansing business or just drop on in!



Silver & Beyond, located in the lobby of the East Lansing Marriott, features designer jewelry and more.

SILVER & BEYOND

Business Quick Facts

Address: 333 Albert Ave. Ste. 102

Phone: (517) 337-3202

Web Site: www.silverbeyond.com

Business Hours:

Monday-Tuesday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Extended hours during holidays and events.



Fun at the Aquatic Center

The East Lansing Family Aquatic Center will open its doors for the 2011 summer season on Friday, June 3.

Community members can cool off and enjoy some summer fun with the Aquatic Center's 190-foot tube water slide, 140-foot body water slide, splash park, drop slide, diving board, youth frog slide and a number of interactive water play structures. The

Aquatic Center also features a large sunbathing deck, zero-depth pool entry, wet/dry sand play area, concession area and much more.

Call (517) 332-4H20 (seasonal line) for more information and view Aquatic Center daily, 10-visit and season pass rates at www.cityofeastlansing.com. The 2011 season will run June 3-Sept. 5.

Summer Road Construction

Crews will complete Phase III and Phase IV of the Harrison Avenue reconstruction project this summer. Construction is expected to begin in mid-June, with a tentative completion date of late August.

During Phase III of the project, from mid-June to late August, Harrison Avenue will be completely closed to traffic from Trowbridge Road to Shaw Lane. Sever Drive, Wilson Road and Lilac Avenue will also be closed at Harrison Avenue.

Traffic detours will be in place during Phase III, however, motorists are encouraged to seek other routes. The closure will allow crews to complete water main, curb, road base and asphalt reconstruction.

During Phase IV, in late August, minor traffic shifts will occur on Harrison Avenue between Trowbridge Road and Kalamazoo Street. The traffic shifts will allow crews to complete permanent pavement striping.

The City appreciates the community's patience during this project's completion.

Go Green at Project Pride

Project Pride, an annual community cleanup and recycling event for East Lansing residents, is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road.

Residents can drop off a number of unwanted household items at this

popular annual event. New to the event this year, will be free electronics recycling and document shredding. Residents can view a complete list of items that will be collected at www.cityofeastlansing.com/projectpride.

Call (517) 337-9459 with questions about the event.

Farmer's Market to Open this July

The East Lansing Farmer's Market will open for its third season this July at Valley Court Park. The season will run July 10-Oct. 30 on Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The market made its successful debut in 2009, bringing fresh, farm-grown Michigan produce and products to community members throughout the region. The market has proven to be a huge hit over the last two years, drawing a crowd of an estimated 1,300 visitors to Valley Court Park each week.

Judging by the lineup of returning and new vendors participating in this year's market, the excitement and success is sure to continue! Community members are encouraged to support local farmers by making the market a weekly Sunday stop this summer and fall. In addition



Visitors enjoy fresh produce, eat-on-site treats, live music and more at the East Lansing Farmer's Market.

to farm-grown products, the market will feature live music by local musicians and children's activities.

Community members can visit

www.cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket or call (517) 319-6927 for more information about the market and the 2011 vendors.

City of East Lansing Community Events

Summer Program

Summer Concert Series

Friday & Saturday Nights
Downtown East Lansing
June 10-Aug. 6; 7-9 p.m.

Enjoy free outdoor summer concerts at Fountain Square (adjacent to clock tower) on Friday and Saturday evenings. The concerts feature live music by local musicians. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and grab a bite to eat in downtown.

Play in the Park

Tuesday Nights
Valley Court Park
July 5-26; 7 p.m.

This interactive children's entertainment series has become a popular tradition for local families. Families can pack a picnic and enjoy free entertainment at Valley Court Park (located behind Crunchy's on Grand River Avenue).

Moonlight Film Festival

Thursday Nights
Valley Court Park
July 14-Aug. 25; 9:30 p.m. in July and 9 p.m. in August

This free outdoor film series presents movies on a big screen in Valley Court Park. Enjoy live local music one hour prior to showtime. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket!

All events are FREE and will be canceled in case of rain. Call (517) 319-6927 or visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/communityevents for 2011 lineups and additional information.



LIBRARY

Free DVD Rentals at ELPL

Beginning June 27, the East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) will be offering free DVD rentals to its patrons!

The Library Board of Trustees has approved the change to the DVD rental fee and has also increased late fines for all materials.

Beginning on the above date, all DVDs (including non-fiction) will be available for a seven-day free checkout. Late fines on the DVDs

will increase to \$1.50 a day, however, all DVDs will now be available for up to three free seven-day renewals. DVDs will be renewable online.

Additionally, late fines on all materials other than DVDs will increase to 25 cents a day.

Please contact the ELPL Circulation Desk with any questions at (517) 351-2420 ext. 0.



As part of its annual Summer Reading Program, the East Lansing Public Library hosts Stories in the Garden in July and August. Learn more at www.elpl.org.

ELPL Volunteers Welcome

The East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) is always looking for friendly volunteers to assist with a variety of library duties.

ELPL can accommodate regular weekly hours or short term hours, dependent upon

library needs. Duties may include organizing materials, assisting with program setup, shelving books and more.

Please contact Jennifer Amormino or Diedra Steward at (517) 351-2420 for more information.

Library Hosts ESL Events

Each Wednesday, the East Lansing Public Library holds special events from 7-8 p.m. in its Library Meeting Room for community members seeking to practice speaking and listening to English in a friendly and relaxing

atmosphere.

Children are welcome, activities are provided and there is no need to register. This is a great event for those in the community trying to learn English as a second language (ESL).

ELPL Summer Reading Program to Start June 13

Children, teens and adults are invited to participate in the East Lansing Public Library's (ELPL) annual Summer Reading Program, beginning Monday, June 13.

Children, preschool-7th grade, can complete weekly reading activities to earn rewards. Reading passports will be available at www.elpl.org or at the library beginning June 13. ELPL will also host a number of fun, free programs all summer long, including crafts, movies,

StoryTime, BabyTime and more.

Young adults, 7th-12th grade, can write and submit a short book review online or in print. Those that submit a review will be entered into weekly drawings for prizes.

Adults can fill out a short book review form and enter it into drawings for free prizes.

Contact the library at (517) 351-2420 with questions or for more information about the annual summer reading program.

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Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Sunday, 1-5 p.m.*

*During the school year.

New Party Litter Ordinance

East Lansing City Council recently adopted a revised party litter ordinance, which will assist Parking and Code Enforcement (PACE) officers in addressing egregious litter offenses in the community.

The ordinance includes a provision that will allow PACE officers to issue a ticket without issuing a prior warning if the offense is deemed serious and it is clear the litter was generated by occupants and/or guests of the property. The ordinance

also establishes a tiered fine system for properties where constant littering occurs. It should be noted that PACE officers retain the discretion to simply issue warnings rather than tickets for minor offenses.

The new party litter ordinance was adopted as a means to increase compliance and ultimately keep the City clean, safe and walkable. The ordinance will be reviewed in April 2012 to determine whether it has had the desired impact.



Council adopted some changes to petition requirements for rental restriction overlay districts this spring.

Change in Creating a Rental Restriction Overlay District

This spring, the East Lansing City Council adopted some changes to the petition requirements for a rental restriction overlay district. These changes have no impact on the current 16 rental restriction overlay districts located throughout East Lansing's neighborhoods.

In an effort to improve communication and education for those being asked to sign petitions, circulators must first distribute a rental restriction overlay district information sheet provided by the City two days prior to circulating the petition. Secondly, when gathering signatures, the circulators must verify that the information sheet was received by the person signing the petition. This will extend the time frame it will take to complete the petition process, but will allow adequate time and information to those considering adding this restriction to their property. Contact the East Lansing Department of Planning & Community Development at (517) 319-6930 with questions.

Pack Up, Pitch In Student Recycling Event is May 5-6

Off-campus Michigan State University (MSU) students are encouraged to Be Spartan Green during spring move-out by dropping off their unwanted items at the City's two-day Pack Up, Pitch In drop-off recycling site this May.

The site will be located in the side parking lot of the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, and will be available to students on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Students are asked to bring their MSU student i.d. to the site.

Items accepted this year will include clothing, shoes, non-perishable food, books, electronic waste (anything with a battery or a cord, working or non-working), carpet, sofas, other furniture, mattresses, bedding (blankets, sheets, pillows), kitchenware (plates, cups, silverware, pots, pans, etc.), other household products and curbside recyclables. Items collected will be recycled or donated for reuse by local charities, including St. Vincent Catholic Charities and Volunteers of America.

Created by MSU, Pack Up, Pitch In is a well-established



MSU students drop off their unwanted mattresses at a past off-campus Pack Up, Pitch In recycling event.

student recycling program that takes place at the on-campus residence halls and apartments each year during spring move-out. The City partnered with MSU in 2008 to expand the program off campus, creating accessible opportunities for students living in East Lansing neighborhoods to participate.

Although almost all items will be collected free of charge, a \$7.50 collection fee will be applied to furniture in poor condition. This is half of the curbside collection cost.

This is a great opportunity for students to do their part for the environment and those in need in the community, while also lightening their loads during spring move-out. Students can learn more at www.cityofeastlansing.com/PackUpPitchIn.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

East Lansing Art Festival

May 21 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 22 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The 48th Annual East Lansing Art Festival will bring more than 200 artist exhibitors, live musical performances, an interactive children's activities area, an international-style food court and much more to downtown East Lansing.

Visit www.elartfest.com for more information.

East Lansing Family Aquatic Center

June 3-Sept. 5

The East Lansing Family Aquatic Center, 6400 Abbot Road, will be open for the 2011 summer season on June 3. The Aquatic Center features water slides, a zero-depth pool entry, concessions, a sunbathing deck and more. The water park will be open through Sept. 5. Call (517) 332-4H20 (seasonal line) for more information.

Project Pride

June 4 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Project Pride is an annual community cleanup providing East Lansing residents with an easy way to donate common household items for recycling or reuse. The event takes place at the Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbot Road. Learn more at www.cityofeastlansing.com/projectpride.

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

June 17-18 from 4:30-10:30 p.m.

The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival brings renowned performers to the heart of downtown East Lansing for two unforgettable nights of live jazz. Jazz enthusiasts can enjoy live performances, dancing, outdoor dining, children's activities and a whole lot more at this year's event. Visit www.eljazzfest.com for more information.

East Lansing Farmer's Market

July 10-Oct. 30

Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The East Lansing Farmer's Market features a diverse selection of fresh, farm-grown Michigan produce and products in an inviting, friendly outdoor atmosphere. Visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket to find more market information, including a list of 2011 vendors.

Great Lakes Folk Festival

Aug. 12-14

The Great Lakes Folk Festival, produced by the Michigan State University Museum, is a celebration of cultural heritage, featuring music, arts, hands-on activities and much more. The event is staged in downtown East Lansing. Visit www.greatlakesfolkfest.net for more information.

