



# PINECREST POST



The Newsletter of the East Lansing Pinecrest Neighborhood Association

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## JUNE 14: Vote Your Opinion

- School District funding and Board of Education slots at stake

On June 14, voters in the East Lansing School District will decide whether or not to authorize three millages that will affect the budget for five years. The Supplemental, Operating, and Sinking Fund millages currently in place are all set to expire in June. The revenue generated by these millages represents about 24 percent of general fund revenues in the FY 2004 budget. If all were to fail, the district would lose about \$9 million in annual revenue. By the Headlee Amendment, millages are automatically rolled back when taxable property values increase faster than inflation. Such rollbacks also lead to reductions in state aid under Proposal A. The proposed levies would restore millages to pre-rollback levels. The outcome of this vote will affect the financial strength of our schools for five years, so make sure you become informed and vote on June 14th!! If you will be out of town, you will need to apply for an absentee ballot-- these ballots will be sent out between May 19th and May 24th, so notify the City Clerk now if you will be unable to vote on June 14th. For more information about the proposed school budget, go to the district web site: <http://elps.k12.mi.us/>. To learn more about the proposed millages, contact **Richard Pugh, Accountant with ELPS: 333-7435**.

Also on the ballot will be candidates for three open positions on the Board of Education. Two 1-year and one 4-year slots are open. There is only one candidate who declared by the deadline, but several others have made themselves eligible as write-in candidates. There are very specific instructions for voting for a write-in candidate; please check the district web site or contact Maria Bolen at 333-7470 or [bolen\\_ma@elps.k12.mi.us](mailto:bolen_ma@elps.k12.mi.us).

### ELPNA Elections

At the annual meeting on April 12th, three people were elected to officer positions. Reelected as Vice President and Treasurer were Richard Hanna and Steve Ueberroth, respectively, and

Ann Marie Schneider joins as a newly elected Member-at-Large.

ELPNA Officers for 2004-2005

President	John Goddeeris	332-6489
Vice President	Richard Hanna	332-6630
Treasurer	Steve Ueberroth	337-1745
Secretary	Doug Pearsall	332-2231
Memb. at Large	Sharon Cramer	333-8944
Memb. at Large	Ann Marie Schneider	332-4849
Memb. at Large	Kathy Simmons	351-7572



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are needed to see this picture.

**Ellen's Race Passes Torch to Ele's Place**  
 Every year for the past 10, Ellen's Race has been a marvelously unifying event held in the Pinecrest neighborhood. The family of Ellen Osborn has moved, but the spirit of Ellen's Race has been picked up by Ele's Place, a nonprofit, community-based organization whose mission is to create awareness of and support for grieving children and their families. The event will retain many of the same features of the original and will be held on July 25, at 8:30 am. For more information call (517) 482-1315 or visit [www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org)

### East Lansing Art Festival

The East Lansing Art Festival will take place May 22-23 in downtown East Lansing. Enjoy over 200 artist exhibitors, music performances, an international food court, arts activities and more. Visit [www.elartfest.com](http://www.elartfest.com) .

# One day only SALE

## • Pinecrest Garage Sale

As in past years, ELPNA will promote a neighborhood garage sale. The sale will occur on June 19th, so mark your calendars, get out those old but useable items and get them ready for sale! ELPNA will post an ad for the sale in the Lansing State Journal and it will cost you nothing to participate and benefit from the free publicity!



## DPW and ELROW Food Drive

From July 27 to August 6, City recycling crews will be collecting canned or dry food items in your blue recycling bins on your regular collection day.

# BULLETIN

## Upcoming Events

- May 20 Children's Sculpture Garden Dedication, 4 pm, Fountain Square, East Lansing
- May 21-23 The Fantasticks, Played by Lansing Civic Players at Hanna Community Center; 484-9191 for tickets and times
- May 22-23 East Lansing Art Festival
- June 5 Project Pride, 8 am - 3 pm, Abbott Center, 1400-1500 Abbott Road
- June 11-September 3 Phone book recycling, DPW drop off site on Merritt Road
- June 12 Pinecrest Neighborhood Association meeting, 7:00 pm, Pinecrest School
- June 14 School Board and Millage Election
- June 19 Pinecrest Neighborhood garage sale
- July 25 Ele's Race, Pinecrest School and neighborhood
- July 27-August 6 ELROW Food Drive