

Join the ECA for our Annual Meeting

By Dakota Riehl-Davis, ECA Board President

As another unprecedented year ends, we have spent quite a bit of time thinking about how resilient and supportive our Easttown Community continues to be. Throughout the last two years, our neighbors, business owners, and area leaders have continued to provide necessary services, information, and opportunities to Easttown all while keeping our community safe. The ECA continues to be humbled and grateful for not only our incredible supporters but also for the everyday actions of those who live and work in Easttown.

Throughout the last year, the ECA and our dedicated Board of Directors have supported Easttown residents, businesses, and each other while working to keep our organization efficient and effective. We successfully on-boarded six new board members, hosted both in-person and virtual events including a modified Bizarre Bazaar, advocated for residents during multiple proposed developments,

provided fresh vegetables to neighbors through our community garden, formed meaningful relationships with area organizations including the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan, and continued our training and advocacy around Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion for both the ECA and our community as a whole.

To celebrate the last year and share what we have planned for 2022, the ECA invites you to join our virtual 2022 ECA Annual Meeting on **Saturday, February 12 at 10am**. Neighbors will vote on the new slate of Board of Director candidates for the 2022-2024 term, hear from ECA board members, receive updates from other area organizations/leaders, and provide input on our plans for the future. Stay tuned to our Facebook page (@eastowngr) or call 451-3025 for information on how to participate in the meeting. We look forward to "seeing" you there!

The ECA is also seeking qualified candidates to join the ECA Board of

Directors. There will be 5 Board positions up for election with 4 incumbent members reapplying. Applications for the election are due by February 5, 2022 at 5pm ET. Applicants should be residents, business owners, or property owners in Easttown and possess a strong commitment to the Easttown community, ECA's mission, as well as to DREI (Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion). More information and the application can be found on our website at www.eastown.org or by calling 451-3025. We encourage you to reach out if you are interested!

Residents are also encouraged to get involved with ECA's committees and Host Neighbor Program. If you're feeling isolated, are interested in strategic planning, are new to the neighborhood, or just want to get more involved, it's a great time to participate! We have a fun year planned for our community and we look forward to working with you all in 2022. ♦



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Executive Director

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The Eastown Community Association board of directors meets on the second Monday of every month at 6p.m. Eastown residents and business owners are encouraged to attend. For more information visit our website at eastown.org

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Search Update

By Dakota Riehl-Davis, ECA Board President

The ECA has been actively searching for a new Executive Director since September of 2021. Since Emma’s departure in the Fall, it has been made even more clear to the current Board how big and important the position of Executive Director is to our community and our organization. The ECA only has one staff person to oversee our neighbor engagement, organizational administrative duties, event planning, and much more. Although the Board and our many volunteers are instrumental to all these tasks, it is critical to have a point person for neighbors to refer to.

We are seeking a qualified and energetic candidate to fill this critical role for our organization. The Executive Director works under the guidance of the Board of Directors to improve Eastown’s quality of life and assist neighbors living in our neighborhood. The Executive Director and the Board work cooperatively with volunteers, City staff, public safety entities, business owners, and other neighborhood organizations and groups to ensure a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community.

The Executive Director is responsible for all aspects of the daily operations and office management of our small

non-profit organization. Under the supervision of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director works to develop new programs, projects, fundraising mechanisms, and drive organizational priorities. A critical element of this position is developing relationships with current and potential volunteers and donors to help support current and future programming for neighbors.

The minimum qualification for this position includes at least two years of experience working in the field of community development, community organizing, non-profit management, fund development, or other relevant work. An Associates or Bachelor’s degree in a related field is preferred but not required. We have flexible work hours and our benefits package includes paid Federal holidays and 15 days paid time off (PTO) annually. We are unable to offer health insurance currently.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the position please contact us at info@eastown.org. If you are interested in the position, please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to info@eastown.org. ♦

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COZY STREETFAIR

Eastown's First Successful Virtual Streetfair

By Brigid Avery, ECA Board Member

On November 30th, our community came together for a Streetfair like no other...from the comfort of our homes! The livestream event featured bands, vendors, messages from each of our committees and lead sponsors and, and of course co-hosts, Pamela Goderski and Brigid Avery. While no Morning Show anchors, the two co-chairs of the events committee certainly kept things lively and engaging! And the best news: as part of Giving Tuesday, we also raised nearly \$2,000 with more gifts still coming in.

Did you miss it? Not to worry, the recording will forever be preserved in the Cloud. You can find it by going to www.eastown.org/cozy-streetfair and clicking on either the Facebook or YouTube logos. Though we do hope to return in person next Summer, this was definitely a fun way to spend a chilly winter night. Huge thanks to James Hughes for producing this very professional, very cozy event!

Want to show your support for the Eastown Community Association while scoring some Eastown swag?

It's not too late! Donations received by January 30 will be eligible for the Cozy Packages listed on the event page. Give online, text Eastown to 44-321 or drop off a check to the Eastown Office at 415 Ethel and write "Cozy" in the Memo line.

Those who purchased one of the Cozy Swag Packages, please contact us at info@eastown.org so we can schedule a time for you to pick-up your items.♦



Photos from livestream

URBAN PERCH

My Yard a Carbon Sink?

By Lee Hardy, Access Contributor

Many following the proceedings of COP26 (the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow this past November) were disappointed by the results. COP26 participants recognized that the earth's climate could take no more than a 1.5 degree C increase in temperature above pre-industrial levels without disastrous consequences for our planet. But the world would see a 2.4 C rise if only the 2030 pledges are met; 2.1 C rise if the long-range pledges are met; and 1.8 C rise if all announced goals are met. Still not good enough. We are already at 1.1 C above pre-industrial levels.

You might feel powerless as you witness the failure of world leaders to meet the challenge of our age. But there may be some things you could do that would make a small difference, and, when added to others doing likewise, make a big difference. Some of us need look no further than our backyards. Or front yards. If they are covered with grass, they could do a lot more for the climate if they were planted, at least in part, with native meadow plants. How? Through carbon sequestration. Our yards could become

our own carbon sinks, and attractive ones at that.

In the process of photosynthesis, plants take water (H₂O), energy from the sun and carbon-dioxide (CO₂) from the air to produce glucose (CH₂O) for their own nutritional purposes and release oxygen (O₂) back into the air. In addition, they send the carbon-bearing glucose throughout the plant, including its roots. The roots, in turn, share that carbon with neighboring fungi. In short, the process of photosynthesis takes carbon out of the air and puts it in the ground. That's carbon sequestration.

But some plants do a better job of sinking carbon than others. Plants with deep and extensive root systems do better; plants with shallow and minimal roots systems do worse. Lawn grass has very shallow roots; native meadow plants have very deep roots. (See the graphic below.) Compared to lawn grass, native meadow plants store four times as much carbon in the ground. That means we can increase the carbon sink in our yards simply by expanding their borders with native

meadow plants—plants like Black-eyed Susans, Purple Coneflowers, Hoary Verbena, Butterfly Weed, and Showy Goldenrod, to name a few.

Native meadow plants bring with them a host of benefits besides sinking carbon. They are low maintenance: they don't need to be mowed except once in early spring; they require little if any watering or fertilizer. They attract and support butterflies, bees, and birds. And they put on show of color that changes throughout the growing season.

If you are interested in native meadow plants for your garden, you could find all the information you need in *Owen Wormser's Lawns into Meadows* (Stone Pier Press, 2020). You can get local advice and support from the River City Wild Ones <https://rivercitygrandrapids.wildones.org/>. Native plugs and seedlings are available at Calvin University Eco-Preserve's annual plant sale on the first Saturday in May <https://calvin.edu/ecosystem-preserve/programs-events/>, and throughout the growing season from the She is Growing Wild nursery in Ada (look up "She is Growing Wild" on the net). ♦

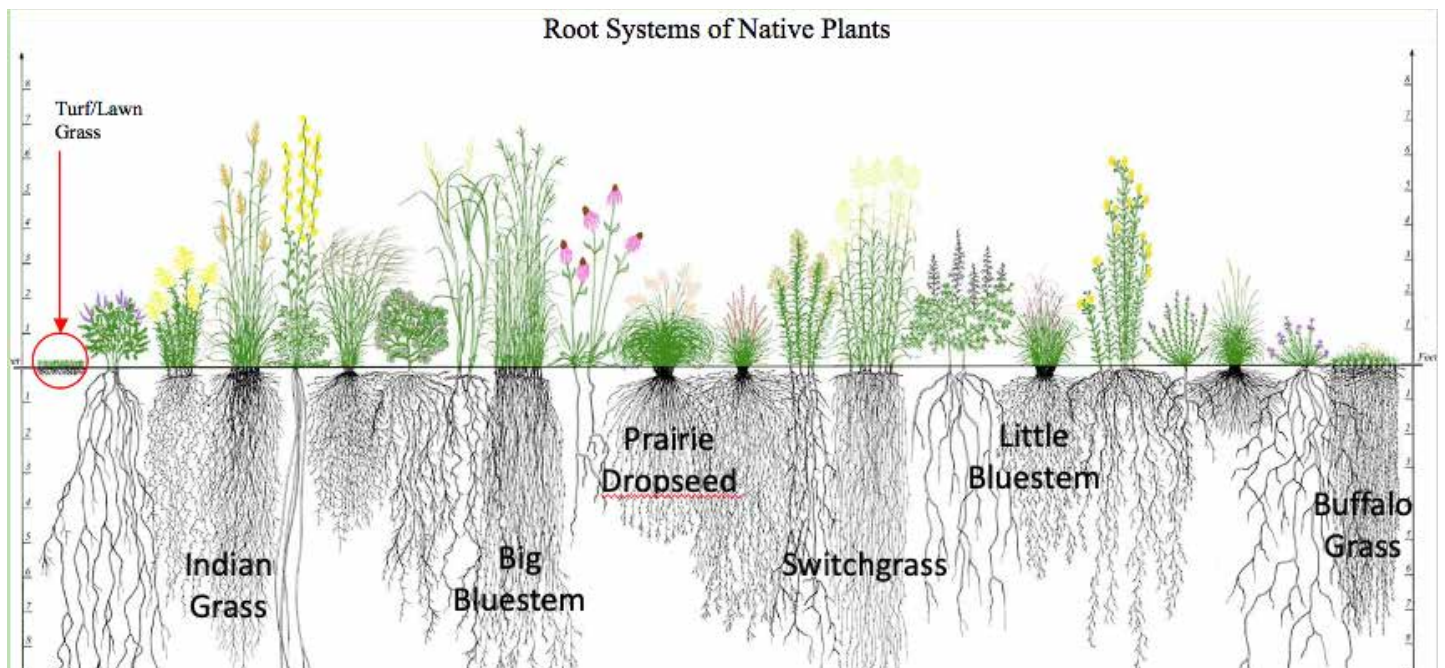


Diagram referenced from the "Conservation Research Institute"

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Eastown Welcomes New Speciality Gift Shop

By Staci Rickman, ECA Board Vice-President

As part of any vibrant urban neighborhood, businesses are always opening and closing, coming, and going. Luckily Eastown has a newcomer to the block; Yours Truly. The ECA recently spoke with Susan and Naomi, of the specialty gift shop that recently relocated to our neighborhood. Below is an excerpt from that conversation.

ECA: *When did Yours Truly open in Eastown, and do you have other locations?*

Yours Truly: We opened on August 20th, 2021, moving from our Cherry Street location where we had been in business for 19 years - longtime members of the Uptown Community!

ECA: *Why did you choose to open your business in Eastown?*

YT: We're attracted to the vibrancy and diversity of the community. For a woman owned business championing the values we do, Eastown feels like home. In fact, it is home for Naomi, who has lived in Eastown for over 40 years!

ECA: *Tell us about your store - What items are offered? Who is your target audience?*

YT: There's a quotation from Pablo Picasso: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." Yours Truly would like to make that easier for everybody. We're a woman-owned gift shop featuring gifts, art, apparel, accessories, books, and children's items. We believe in the power of the gift and strive to find handmade, beautiful gifts that intrinsically relay the giver's message. We savor the art, craft and just so-ness of a laser guided message from the heart, gut, or spleen as the occasion may require. Gift-giving is an ancient ritual of etiquette and empathy that can be as refined as a Chinese tea ceremony or blunt as a sucker punch. We relish both extremes and carry everything in between. Our target audience are

those (open minded, generous hearted) discerning gift-givers who are looking for anything from the hilarious to the heartfelt, or just looking for something to cheer themselves up!

ECA: *Are there any guiding principles or values that drive which products you choose to sell at Yours Truly?*

YT: We are a service/ relationship-based business. When you walk in the door, expect Susan or Naomi to strike up a conversation with you. We are eager to tell you about our hand-picked, vetted items, and help you find the best gift, or discuss social justice issues and get to know you. We are curious, and here to help.

Committed to integrity in all aspects of our business, from the quality of our products and how they are made, to how we treat our clients, artists, and suppliers, we are committed to creating a positive environment in Eastown. We promote equality, racial diversity,

and economic empowerment. We're an inclusive community business where everyone is celebrated for who they are. We're proud to offer products that represent and promote these values. Whether its products sourced from local artisans, or women owned and/or black owned businesses, to products celebrating LGBTQ, women-empowerment, and body positivity - including an excellent selection of inclusive sizing options - we're a business that likes to wear its heart on its sleeve, participating, in an unabashed and playful way, in the cultural conversation about inclusivity.

ECA: *Is there anything else you'd like to share?*

YT: It has been our pleasure to serve the Uptown Community since 2002. We are excited to celebrate our 20th anniversary next year. Watch for more information to come!

Yours Truly is located at 1405A Lake Dr SE and is open Tue-Fri 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4, closed Mondays. ♦



Photo by Rion Hollenbeck

Coldbrook Creek Corner

By Mary & Peter Lewandoski, Coldbrook Creek Community

Thanks to a program through LGROW and CMU, the Coldbrook Creek Community recently started testing the creek's water at Aquinas College and Highland Park for conductivity, turbidity, pH, nitrates, phosphate, and dissolved oxygen. Below is a short description of each water quality test, followed by a table with our data for each site compared to the EPA's recommended levels.

Conductivity is the ability of water to pass an electrical current. Each water body has a constant range of conductivity based on its geology. Once a baseline has been established, if a significant change is observed this could indicate a pollutant was discharged into the water.

Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water by evaluating how much the materials suspended in the water decrease the passage of light through the water. Increased turbidity can increase water temperatures and decrease sunlight which can affect the amount of dissolved oxygen for animal life and light available for photosynthesis. A major cause of increased turbidity is erosion and runoff.

pH is a term used to indicate the alkalinity or acidity of a substance based on a scale from 1.0 to 14.0. The lower the number the more acidic, with 7 being neutral. The largest variety of aquatic animals are found in waters within a range of 6.0 to 9.0,

though a narrower range is ideal. Changes in pH can be caused by acid rain, rock formations, and certain wastewater discharges.

Nitrates are critical, naturally occurring nutrients that are essential for aquatic plant and animal growth. Excess nitrates can cause a dramatic increase in aquatic plant growth which will decrease the amount of available oxygen for aquatic animals. The natural nitrate level in fresh surface waters is less than 1 ppm. Lawn fertilizers are a major component of nitrate pollution.

Phosphate is an essential nutrient for plant and animal life that naturally cycles within the aquatic food web but exists in very small amounts (0.005-0.05 ppm). Any increase in these levels may cause a chain of problems to the water system from increased plant growth to low levels of dissolved oxygen causing a loss of aquatic animals. Some sources of phosphate pollutants include runoff from fertilized lawns and cropland, animal waste and urban runoff.

Dissolved Oxygen (DO) is the amount of oxygen in the water from aquatic plants and the atmosphere. Running water dissolves more oxygen than a pond. All aquatic animals need DO to breathe. Testing for DO is a direct indicator of the ability of the water body to support life. Values less than 3 ppm are of concern and less than 1 ppm would indicate an absence of life.

The goal is to continue testing each site periodically, ideally every season. The process is easy to learn and takes a couple people about an hour to complete. If interested in participating in this project, please contact the Coldwater Creek Community (see below).

Coldbrook Creek originates in the wetlands around Reeds Lake in EGR and from there flows into the Grand River in downtown GR. The mission of the Coldbrook Creek Community is to promote education, protect the environment, and provide enjoyment of this watershed. To become involved or for more information please visit www.lgrows.org/coldbrook-creek, or search for us on Facebook. ♦

Initial Water Quality Test Results for Coldbrook Creek

	Conductivity	Turbidity	pH	Nitrates	Phosphate	D.O.
Aquinas 11-6-2021	428 ppm	120+ cm	8.32	0 ppm	.20 ppm	8.00 ppm
Highland 11-6-2021	463 ppm	120+ cm	8.77	0 ppm	0 ppm	9.00 ppm
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By Brigid Avery, ECA Board Member

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Thurs, Feb. 24 - Wed April 8

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Closed March 5-13

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ON STAGE

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By Finegan Kruckemeyer

Directed by Scott Harman

Main Stage performances are Feb, 24-26, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 27, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., in the Aquinas College Performing Arts Center.

<https://www.aquinas.edu/theatre> -
Season Schedule & Ticket Information

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Aquinas College is launching a search for its ninth President after Dr. Kevin Quinn has announced he will not seek another term. The College will continue to pursue its mission as a residential liberal arts college rooted in the Catholic Dominican tradition of prayer, study, service and community.

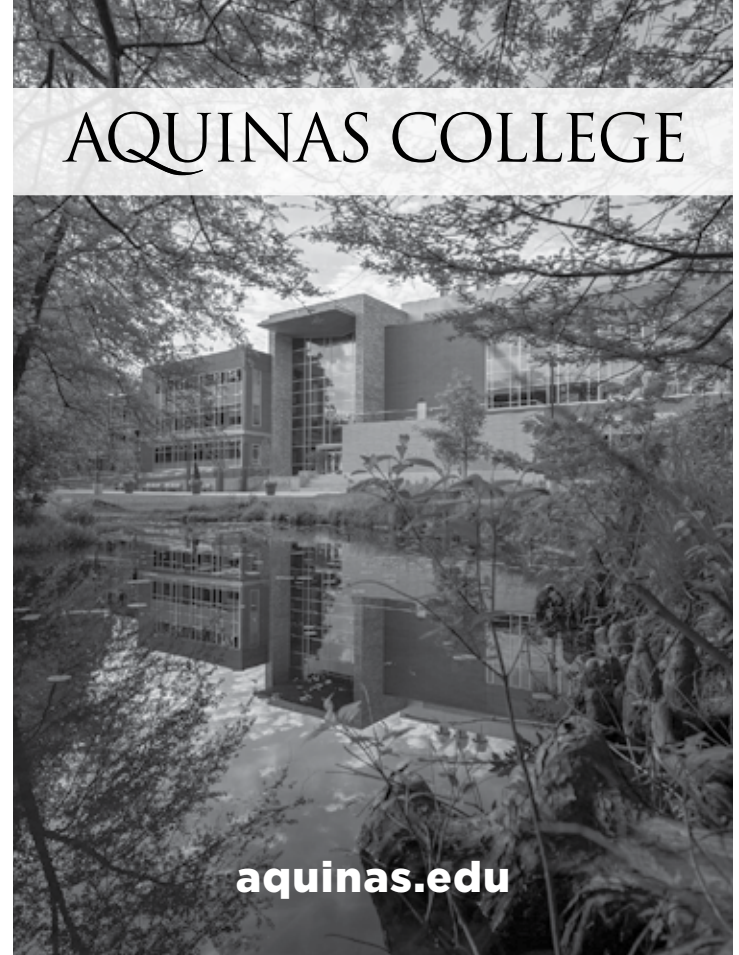
The Board of Trustees has named current Provost, Dr. Stephen Germic, as interim president during the search process. The board is working to identify a firm to lead a national search and is working with faculty, staff, students and alumni leadership to identify a Presidential Search Committee.

For more information or for updates on the search, please visit <https://aquinas.edu/presidentalsearch>



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WELL-BEING

How to Hygge with Kids

By Amber Brandt, Access Contributor

The term “hygge” has been all the rage the last few years, so you’re probably familiar with its cozy goodness. But do you know how to enjoy hygge with little ones in tow? Let’s unpack the concept and explore why practicing hygge as a family may be the key to making the remainder of winter your new best friend.

First off, what is ‘hygge’?

Pronounced “hooga” or “hyooga,” the term was first recorded in the 1800s derived from a Norwegian word for “well being.” Hygge is a philosophy of living found in Danish culture that literally means “to cozy around together.” It’s an atmosphere of homeyness and connectedness that comes from purposefully bonding without an agenda. While reading the definition alone probably sent warmth up your spine, there also happens to be loads of research about why hygge is important.

We already know Nordic countries experience harsh winters, but did you know Denmark also pays some of the highest taxes in the world? It may come as a surprise then that Denmark has ranked among the top three happiest countries in the world for eight consecutive years! Experts believe the key is hygge. By orienting their entire culture around the concept, Danes enjoy a deep sense of connectedness and meaning within their families and community — despite extreme cold and significant taxes!

Hygge and Parenting

A quick Pinterest search for ‘hygge’ produces an endless supply of images that are heavy on steaming mugs, crackling fires, and knit blankets, but light on children making messes. So here’s the challenge — how do we incorporate the values of hygge with small children? I recommend “frontloading” hygge for success. Here’s how:

1. Understand your capacity. As parents, we have limited time, resources, and energy, so we must be very selective about what we say yes to. We also need be realistic about the season of life we’re in. Couch cushions will spend a lot of time on the floor, and the Christmas tree may look wonky for a few years while children are young, and we need to let that all be okay. We should guard our capacity with smart “no’s” too. We can only manage so much.
2. Practice your values in a reasonable way. What do you love? What feels hygge to you? What do you want to do as a family? Maybe you hope for a simple living room movie night, or an evening ice skating downtown. What about baking cookies or sledding in the neighborhood?

Start with that one thing you most want and figure out

how to scale it appropriately to makes sense right now. A few Decembers ago, I was uncomfortably pregnant, nauseous, and in the middle of a major kitchen renovation. My capacity was super limited, but I really wanted to observe the holiday season in a meaningful way. I ended up purchasing a handful of battery-operated candles and placed one in each window of my home. Every evening, I would take ten minutes to walk through and ‘light’ them one-by-one, pausing to observe the moment. This practice perfectly aligned with my intention for the season and fit comfortably within my current capacity. It made the season very meaningful — and seeing those little lights from the street felt totally hygge.

3. Be intentional. To experience hygge as a family, you’re going to have to make it a priority. While the ideas you outlined above may seem small, unless you intentionally carve out time for them you’ll end up saying yes to other things! Put the activities on your calendar, power down the gadgets, and focus on creating an intimate or fun space with your family.
4. Stack the deck in your favor. Part of the difficulty with small children during winter months is their decreased opportunity to burn up energy. And nothing throws a wet blanket on hygge like a toddler meltdown! Do your best to stick to the nap schedule, and plan something active before you settle in for the evening. If you’re planning popcorn and a movie, have a dance party together first. If your goal is making up a story together around the table, go sledding in the afternoon, throw in an exercise video, or do bath time first to prepare for quality snuggles. (Even these “prep” ideas can be hygge with the right spirit!)
5. Hold your plans loosely. You may have hot cocoa wishes and apple pie dreams, meanwhile your kiddo is careening toward tantrum mode. If necessary, calmly let your plans go and try again another day.

Hygge for every age

Some of the typical forms of hygge — like curling up with a glass of wine and a book, for instance — don’t always work with small children, but here is a list of ideas that can work for any family.

- Bring the outside in. Bundle up, put baby in the front pack, and take the kids out for a nature walk. You can look for red berries to adorn the dinner table, hunt for the longest icicle, or plan a craft that requires small sticks and collect them together. One of my good friends and her children like to gather snow in buckets and make the maple syrup snow candy from Little House on the Prairie every winter.

- Create an atmosphere of comfort. Cozy pillows, blankets, jammies, and slippers make for a wonderful and sweet night in. Light candles, put on music and gather the family around a game or beloved book. You can even build a makeshift living room fort and pile couch cushions on the floor for extra points.
- Do something for another. Because hygge is all about connection, explore ways your family can do something meaningful that will provide warmth and love for someone else. Grab paper, markers, and stickers to make a card for a loved one. Bake a treat together for a neighbor. Host a neighborhood get together around your fire pit.
- Create rituals. Michigan winters are long, but if you can create special rituals that only happen during this time of year, you'll build anticipation and appreciation for the season. Bake a loaf of bread together on Saturday afternoons. Turn out all the lights in the house before bed and go outside to see your breath under the stars. Wear pajamas to the movies. Drink something warm together from a special mug. Spend time going through old family pictures and tell the favorite stories that come to mind.

The important thing to remember is hygge doesn't have to be reserved for after the kids go to bed — it can be a part of your everyday life this winter. Simply seek ways to create special energy around even the most mundane of things. You may find the cold weather isn't quite so bad after all. ♦

My top 5 kid-friendly hygge spots in Grand Rapids:

1. The downstairs level of Lantern Coffee Bar and Lounge
2. The Sovengard restaurant (bonus, Nordic-inspired fare and the Wintergarten!)
3. The children's area at Books and Mortar
4. East Grand Rapids and Kentwood locations of the Kent District Library
5. Outside Coffee

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AROUND TOWN

A World of Winter Art

By Rion Hollenbeck, ECA Board Secretary

For those of us who spend the majority of winter hoping for spring to arrive, finding outdoor activities that pull us out of our winter hibernation can be a tall order. Luckily, Grand Rapids has many fun and unique ways to enjoy the outdoors. One of those is the World of Winter outdoor art festival.

World of Winter is an outdoor art festival that embraces the Michigan winter weather to provide a unique art-going experience. World of Winter has venues throughout the city of Grand Rapids where participants can experience over 40 interactive art installations and 50+ ice sculptures. All the exhibits are FREE and appropriately COVID-distanced. The festival starts January 7 and goes through March 6.

For more information, visit <https://worldofwintergr.com> ♦



Get Involved Through Participatory Budgeting

By Rion Hollenbeck, ECA Board Secretary

Participatory budgeting is a democratic process that allows Grand Rapids residents to identify, discuss, and prioritize public spending projects, and gives them the power to make real decisions about how money is spent. Recently, the Grand Rapids City Commission announced that the current phase of outreach and idea collection will go through May 2022. This extension gives community residents and grass-roots organizations additional time to propose projects that could receive funding. If you live or work in Grand Rapids and are at least 13 years old, you qualify to propose a project!

To learn more about the Participatory Budgeting process, and how to participate, please visit www.pbgr.org or the City of Grand Rapids site at <https://grnewshub.grandrapidsmi.gov> ♦

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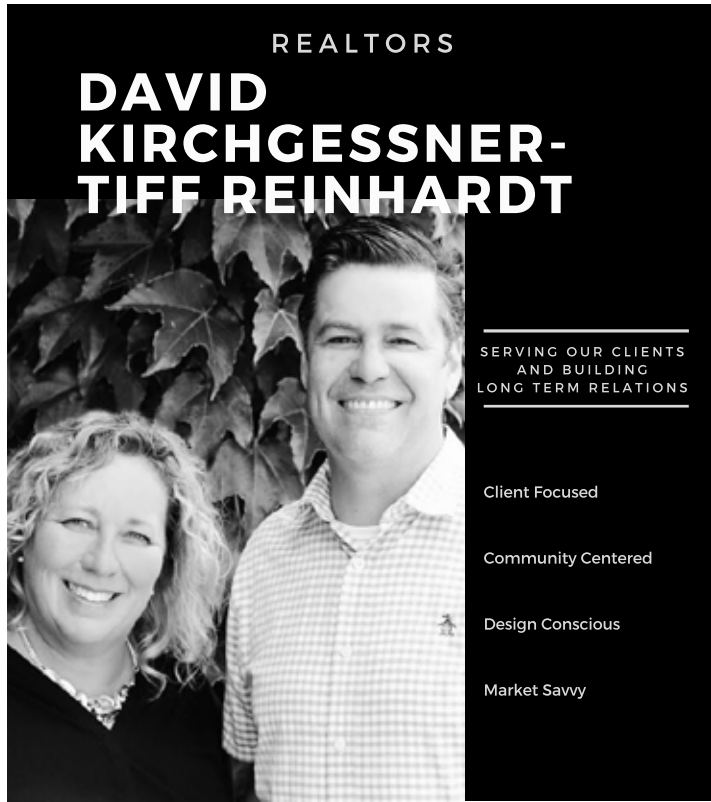
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