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**General Meeting Coming Up**

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Residing in Howell, Marila has been County Planning Director since April, 1986. Previously a member of the Saginaw County Planning Commission she has experience in preparation of state and national register nomination, historic district ordinances and educational materials and administration of two local historic districts. She has expertise in the preparation of grant applications, historic site surveys. Participation in the Michigan Historic District Network and a historic home reaffirm her concern for historic preservation.

The public is invited.
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Other donations 33.00

Interest 26.17

5091.03

Disbursements

Administration: Open House 18.65; raffle Permit 50.; supplies 13.57

82.42

Newsletter 53.54


42.94

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