



October 11, 2019

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**◆The Regular Member Meeting is this Thursday◆  
 October 17, 6:30 to 8:00  
 Hosted by Eastside Community Baptist Church**

Join us in the basement at the corner of Wallace and Michigan. Representatives from the health department, IMPD, and the Prosecutor’s Office usually attend. This meeting is open and everyone is welcome.

**◆The November meeting will be November 21, 6:30 – 8:00◆**

**◆The EHCN Holiday Party is December 19, 6:30 – 8:00◆**

We reserve the last meeting of the year to getting together and socializing with our friends and neighbors, those we know and those we haven’t met yet.  
 Bring a dish to share. If you can’t, just come anyway!

**◆The first meeting in 2020 will be March 19, 6:30 – 8:00◆**

**Fall Neighborhood Cleanup  
 Saturday, October 26, 9:00 till 12:00  
 Meet at the corner of Walnut and Dequincy**

***We need pickup trucks!!***

The City and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful will provide a dumpster, gloves and bags. Volunteers are needed to do pick up trash. If you can’t come out, please pick up the streets and alleys around your own house. Some folks have also suggested that the alleys need to have brush cut back.

**Meet up with your neighbors to take care of our community.**

## **EHCO Fundraiser at the Steer In**

Thank you to everyone who came out on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Steer In donated over \$100 to us. That was 15% of their profits for everyone who said they were there to support the Emerson Heights Community Organization.

## **Median Garden Project**

It's time to put the gardens to bed. Volunteers are cutting back the spent plants for the winter. There are two garden beds that need caretakers, the south bed at 9<sup>th</sup> and Dequincy, and the south bed at 9<sup>th</sup> and Riley. If a bed isn't adopted, the plan is dig it up and plant grass in the spring. To adopt a garden, contact Mariam Alam at 317-441-6240 or [m.k.alam65@gmail.com](mailto:m.k.alam65@gmail.com).

## **Near Eastside Quality of Life Planning**

In 2006, over 400 residents attended a community-wide visioning event that evolved into a plan complete with goals, action items and benchmarks. This plan is used by the city, funders, developers and the community as a guide to what the residents want in their neighborhoods. With many of those goals achieved, it's time to update the plan to include the visions of today.

On Saturday, September 7, another Community-wide Visioning Day was held. Hundreds of residents, including from Emerson Heights, discussed what they love about their neighborhoods and what they want to see them become. Goals and priorities were established.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the first planning session neighbors came together to get deeper into each of the goals: Education; Economic and Workforce Development; Safety and Infrastructure; Arts, Culture, and Green Spaces; Health, Wellness and Family Strengthening; Equity and Engagement; and, Housing.

### **The next planning session is Tuesday, November 5 at 6 pm, at the Englewood Christian Church, 57 N. Rural Street.**

- November 5, at the second planning session residents will put metrics to specific goals and discuss lead partners for each goal.
- December 3, the third planning session.
- January 30, 2020, the Quality of Life Plan Celebration.
- February 25, 2020, the Quality of Life Plan Presentation and Adoption.

Find the September 7 Visioning Day Summary and additional information on Facebook by searching for @NearEastQOL.

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### **Monthly Meetings**

- EHCO member meetings are held the third Thursday of every month (except January and February).
- Meetings are 6:30 to 8:00, in the basement of the Eastside Community Baptist Church (Michigan & Wallace Streets).
- EHCO member meetings often include representatives from Marion County Health and Hospital, IMPD, Marion County Prosecutor's Office, and the Mayor's Office. Other government agencies and community organizations may attend for specific topics. Topics and guest speakers will be announced by e-mail, Facebook and other social media.
- Minutes of monthly member meetings are being posted on [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com).
- If you wish to add an item to future meeting agendas, please e-mail [president@emersonheights.org](mailto:president@emersonheights.org).
- If you have information that might go into the newsletter, please e-mail [m.k.alam65@gmail.com](mailto:m.k.alam65@gmail.com).