



The Historic Emerson Heights



September 10, 2020

2019-2020 Officers:

President: Rick McNutt
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NESCO Representative: Natalie Waite
Zoning Representative: Jack White
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Newsletter Editor: Mariam Alam

The Regular Member Meeting is this Thursday

September 17, 6:30 to 8:00

Hosted by Eastside Community Baptist Church

- Join us in person at the corner of Wallace and Michigan. Representatives from the health department, IMPD, and the Prosecutor's Office often attend. This meeting is open and everyone is welcome. Masks must be worn and we try to spread out to keep "socially distant".
- Join us virtually. As an inclusive neighborhood, we want to provide an alternate option for those more comfortable meeting virtually. We will be using Google Meet to host this meeting. This will be for viewing the meeting only, though we will try to open it up to online questions at the end of the meeting.

Online meeting instructions:

- Go to meet.google.com/qxj-hjoc-vhe a few minutes before the beginning of the meeting to sign-in.
- Click "Ask to join" before the meeting begins at 6:30.
- To learn more about Google Meet ahead of time, visit this helpful guide: [How to Use Google Meet](#).

These Unprecedented Times

Since the last newsletter went out in March, our world has drastically changed. Most work stopped. Schools closed. Summer festivals cancelled. Our neighborhood meetings were cancelled. Heck, the Indianapolis 500, the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing", ran in August-- with no spectators.

Many people lost their businesses, jobs, or homes. As Americans, in hard times we band together and take care of each other. Please reach out to your neighbors and make sure they're okay. There are lots of resources available. There are many organizations, including most of our neighborhood

churches, which have food banks. Call **211** to learn about available help, including with utilities, rent or mortgage, and legal assistance or go to <https://in211.communityos.org/>.

And then there has been these months of protests against police violence, especially on black people. These protests have also ignited the powder keg that is our country's 400 year old legacy — that laws, programs, education, business, even sports, have been designed to favor only certain white people. Even Emerson Heights was established with a covenant that forbade the sale of houses to black people.

All lives don't matter until black lives matter.

This is YOUR neighborhood association.

We need to hear about what you want in a neighborhood association. Do you have suggestions for projects or events. Perhaps committees, education topics, or concerns? Please join us on Facebook at Emerson Heights Discussion Group. You can email President@EmersonHeights.org or you can write an old fashion letter to EHCO, PO Box 11686, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

By-laws Update

The current by-laws were written in 1990 and 2006, and there are some items that need to be updated. EHCO is reviewing the by-laws and will make recommendations for amendments to be adopted at a general meeting. If this is something you would be interested in working on please volunteer.

Fund Raising

EHCO currently does not charge dues. We received some money years ago from a grant, but that money is running out. Currently we pay for the newsletter, mulch for the gardens, food for our events, and some administrative expenses. Do you have any ideas for fundraising? Do you have any experience in it? We would love to hear from you and could really use your help.

Election of Organization Officers

Like so many things, the election of the 2020 officers was cancelled due to the city wide lock down. The elections have not yet been rescheduled. Keep an eye out for future meeting notices.

IMPD Updates

- The rollout of body cameras for East district police officers is happening now! This program should be fully implemented by late September.
- Task force meetings for Near Eastside neighbors have not yet resumed. Watch for more information from IMPD. They hope to begin meetings again in September.
- A big thank you to IMPD Officer Fred Carpenter (fred.carpenter@indy.gov), our Community Resource Unit Officer, for participating in our community meetings so regularly.
- And thank you to the IMPD East District CRU Officers who recently volunteered at the Westminster Neighborhood Services Center (2325 E. New York St). The center has their food pantry every Monday and Thursday from 8:30a-11:30a.

EHCO appreciates and supports the Police Officers who keep our neighborhood and city safe, and we absolutely oppose police misconduct or violence.



Have you heard? There's an election this year.

Dates and deadlines

- The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 5, 2020.
- The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is (received by) Thursday, October 22, 2020.
- The in person, early voting period runs from Tuesday, October 6, 2020 to Monday, November 2, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.
- **Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.**

For more information, to register or confirm your registration, to receive a mail in absentee ballot, or to get more information, go to:

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/>
<https://vote.indy.gov/>

Monthly Meetings

- EHCO member meetings are held the third Thursday of every month (except January and February).
- Meetings are 6:30 to 8:00, at 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.
- If you wish to add an item to future meeting agendas, please e-mail president@emersonheights.org.
- If you have information that might go into the newsletter, please e-mail m.k.alam65@gmail.com.