



WELCOME TO HISTORIC EMERSON HEIGHTS

Provided by the Emerson Heights Community Organization
www.emersonheights.org

Founded in 1983, the mission of the Emerson Heights Community Organization is to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and economic value of our community through organization, education, empowerment, and action.

September, 2022

2021 Officers:

President; Joseph Tucker
Vice President: Rebecca Seifert
Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Open
At Large: Mariam Alam

Committees and Representatives:

NESCO Representative: Susanne McNeely
Zoning Representative: Kevin Sweetland
Beautification Committee: Open
Welcome Committee: Dick Kramer
Newsletter Editor: Mariam Alam



Annual Fall Clean Up
Saturday, October 15
9:00 - 12:00



Meet at the corner of **Walnut and Dequincy** to sign in and get supplies.

Emerson Heights continues to be a clean, comfortable, and desirable community. This is because of volunteers from the community work to keep it so. Come out and meet some neighbors, enjoy a cup of coffee and Long's Donuts! Then we'll collect our supplies and head in different directions throughout the neighborhood. We have volunteers driving trucks around to collect bags of trash as we go. Just leave them on the side of the road or on the median where the drivers can see them.

Some things that need to be focused on include scraping mud and plants from the street curbs and cutting back brush in the alleys.

If you can't join us, please take the time to do a clean up on your own or with your neighbors. The dumpster is available for neighborhood residents until Monday (but please do not leave trash outside the dumpster.) If you do a clean up on your own, let us know so that we can include you in the count of volunteers. Just drop a quick note to info@emersonheights.org describing your project.

The supplies and dumpster are provided by **Keep Indianapolis Beautiful** and the **City of Indianapolis**.

Celebrate! EMERSON HEIGHTS DAY!

On August 4, 2012, Emerson Heights celebrated our 100th Anniversary. On that day Mayor Ballard proclaimed August 4th to be Emerson Heights Day. To celebrate our 110th Anniversary this year EHC held a family-friendly community event on August 6 at the Living Faith Community Park.

Music and dance performances and activities were provided by **Arts with a Purpose**. We had hands on kid's activities with musical instruments and dress up, as well as creative art projects. And everyone enjoyed the giant bubbles!

Cathy Morris and Her Band provided jazz music that had everyone bopping. While it was incredibly hot that day, people brought their lawn chairs and coolers to enjoy the music.

While we celebrated Emerson Heights Day, the more important reason for holding this event was to give residents an opportunity to get together, catch up with neighbors we haven't seen for a

while, and maybe meet some new ones. It's these personal relationships that encourage individuals to care for their neighbors and neighborhood. And we hope they continue participating in EHC events.

To keep the momentum and the good times going, we held another event on September 3 with music and children's activities. provided by **Arts with a Purpose**. Featuring **Gabe Harley Duo** - rock, blues and heartland soul & **Goldie and Friends** - music that soothes the soul.

The Emerson Heights Day Celebration and Evening in the Park Concert were funded by a grant thru the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center.

We had such a good time we did it again!
Evening in the Park
Concert

EHC General Member Meetings

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

at the Living Faith Church (Corner of Wallace and Michigan Streets)

September 15, Near Eastside Area Renewal (NEAR) by John Hay, Executive Director

October 20, Speaker TBA

November 17, Speaker TBA

December 15, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Consider volunteering for an officer position.

- EHC member meetings often include representatives from Marion County Health and Hospital, IMPD, Marion County Prosecutor's Office, and the Mayor's Office. Topics and guest speakers will be announced by e-mail and social media.
- Minutes of monthly member meetings are being posted on www.EmersonHeights.org, on Facebook at Emerson Heights Discussion Group, and the e-newsletter.
- If you wish to add an item to meeting agendas, please e-mail president@emersonheights.org.

Why Building Community Matters

Communities play an important role in every aspect of our lives. We have communities in our friends, our families, our jobs, our neighborhoods, and in so many other places. We find community in the sports teams we support, or the artists we enjoy, even the food that we like. Having a sense of community unites us. Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves. It can give us opportunities to connect with people, to reach for our goals, and makes us feel safe and secure.

It's important for every person to have a sense of community. A strong community can greatly benefit families and businesses in a variety of ways. In an age where technology both connects us and separates us, a local community can greatly benefit our well being and can increase our happiness in day-to-day life.

As a part of a strong community, we are a part of a group of people who want to help each other, whether that is socially or professionally. What makes a community strong is its unanimity towards a common goal. A strong community can help support your small business by shopping locally and choosing your services over a chain. A community can help with your home care or lawn care, whether that is providing expert service for your needs, or simply walking over to a neighbor's and helping with a project. A community can even help with your children with after-school programs and daycares.

A strong community provides an environment of safety and security. You should feel secure in your own neighborhood. You should feel secure that your city is protecting you and that your neighbors are looking out for you. No place is perfect, but you should always feel a sense of security when a part of a community.

Community Action Initiatives are practical actions taken by community members to solve a problem or develop a strength. Most community programs started as a community initiative. Examples include a neighborhood clean up, a local food pantry, or a crime watch. And they can be as complicated as Community schools or housing. In fact, these are so important to society that many local governments have dedicated resources investing in community building programs.

On that note, it's essential to remember that community action doesn't need to involve grand gestures. Sometimes the best way of contributing to our community is to give: be it time, money, or kindness to others with small daily gestures. One thing is for sure: if we look around us with the intention to help, we will find ways of doing it, and in the process we will be contributing to making our community stronger.



Some of What's Happening on the Near East Side

- **Living Faith Church - Grand Opening Celebration.**
They've remodeled and updated.
Sunday, September 18, 5 pm
- **Outdoor Family Movie Night: The Iron Giant**, September 16, 6:45-9:45 PM, Intermissions Plaza, 3145 E 10th Street.
- **Irvington Farmers Market**, October 9, 12-3pm, Ellenberger Park. <https://www.irvingtongardenclub.com/>
- **Historic Irvington Halloween Festival.** October 22-29, <https://www.irvingtonhalloween.com/>
 - Halloween Ball, October 22
 - Spooky Organ Concert, October 23
 - Vampire Run, October 29
 - Street Fair, October 29
- **Midwest Music and Mingle**, Saturday, November 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, 10 East Arts HUB, 3137 E 10th Street.

Find information about art programs on the east side at <https://www.10eastarts.org/10-east-events>

Find some great information about restaurants on the East Side, check out: <https://www.nearindyguide.org/Do>

FYI

A report or request for almost any city service (including trash cans, pot holes, problem animals) can be made at: <https://maps.indy.gov/requestindy/>



Community House Signs For Sale:

Emerson Heights house signs are available for sale at just \$10. Show your community spirit and order one today. Email: treasuer@emersonheights.org

Please consider joining the executive team in supporting the neighborhood by donating \$5.00 or \$10.00 monthly, or with any amount through our PayPal account. Your continued support will be used toward the costs of neighborhood activities

You can also support your community by getting involved. There are many opportunities join EHCO committees and clubs. Or help out with the organization's activities on the Events Committee, Welcoming Committee, Beautification Committee and Newsletter Committee. Or help with special projects like the community picnics. To join, e-mail info@emersonheights.org.

Neighborhood Communications: How we're getting the word out

EHCO is striving to stay in touch with the residents and businesses in our neighborhood. Here's how —

- A paper newsletter is delivered door to door quarterly by neighborhood volunteers
- An e-newsletter is being sent out monthly. Sign up to receive the e-newsletter by sending a request to info@emersonheights.org.
- Join us on Facebook @ Emerson Heights (for business stuff) and @Emerson Heights Discussion Group (for more everyday neighborly stuff).
- A web site is in development at www.emersonheights.org. Check it out.

If you have additional ideas on how we can better communicate with the neighborhood, tell us at info@emersonheights.org.