



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.

Spring 2023

2023 Officers:

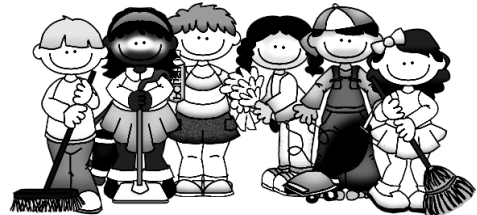
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NESCO Representative: Susanne McNeely
Zoning Representative: Kevin Sweetland
Beautification Committee: Open
Welcome Committee: Dick Kramer
Newsletter Editor: Mariam Alam

Annual Spring Cleanup & Community Get Together

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 till Noon
Meet at the corner of Walnut and Dequincy



We will meet at 8:30 am to fellowship together with Long's donuts and coffee and pick up supplies. EHCO provides garbage bags and gloves. This year we are also giving each participant a trash grabber and a 5-gallon bucket to keep.



After the cleanup, we're going to celebrate with a Community Picnic from Noon till 2:00 in the park at Michigan and Wallace. You don't have to attend the cleanup to come to the picnic, but we hope that you do.

***EHCO will provide hot dogs and drinks.
There'll be arts and activities for kids.***

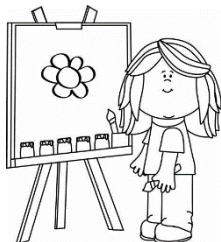
Signal Box Design Competition

The winning artist will receive a \$200 Award!

Emerson Heights Community Organization is continuing its efforts to increase neighborhood awareness, pride and resident participation. EHCO is partnering with the Arts Council of Indianapolis to paint the traffic signal box at the corner of Linwood and Michigan Streets. The **Traffic Signal Box Art** project is part of a series of events and projects EHCO has hosted over the last year, including Festival in the Park and increased signage for community events. This project will beautify the neighborhood corner not only by providing art but also by discouraging graffiti. It will increase neighborhood participation by neighborhood artists and will provide the rest of the community the opportunity to engage in the selection process.

Theme:

The art must represent or invoke the Historic Emerson Heights neighborhood. Examples may include images of trees, architecture, architectural detail, streetscapes, historic images, historic designs, or anything related to the neighborhood. Words are not allowed.



Competition Schedule:

- Applications and art due April 15
- Voting on Facebook until April 28.
- In person voting and awards at the Community Picnic, April 29.

Read the full Call Out for Artists [here](#)
or go to www.emersonheights.org



A word from the President:

Many of the entrances to our neighborhood are marked by historic monuments. These are brick pillars that bear the name "Emerson Heights" at the top. The monument at the corner of Riley and Michigan was badly damaged in an automobile accident in March. The executive committee is currently seeking estimates for work to repair the monument. We expect this will be a significant expense, so the committee is also exploring ways to raise funds to pay for this repair work.

EHCO always accepts donations. You can donate easily on PayPal to treasurer@emersonheights.com. If you want your gift to directly to the repairs, write Monument Fund in the memo. You can also give your gift to any EHCO officer. If you would like to help, the community organization and your neighbors would greatly appreciate whatever you choose to donate.

Joe Tucker, EHCO President

Join us on Thursday, April 20, as we welcome
Paul Sammons from Recycle Force.

6:30 – 8:00, Living Faith Church
Corner of Wallace and Michigan



Paul will be presenting information about their employment programs, their new location at Sherman Park, and information about the recyclables they accept from the public.

Plan on attending the May 18 meeting. Darcie Kurtz from FIDO (Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside) will speak about their program coordinating services and support to provide a more human level of care.

If you wish to add an item to a meeting agenda, or if you have ideas for a topic, please e-mail president@emersonheights.org.

Cleaning out the garage?

Sell it! EHCO is organizing a neighborhood wide yard sale. Information will be posted on the EHCO website www.EmersonHeights.org as it becomes available.

Recycle it. There are many resources available for recycling. Here are just a few:

- www.indy.gov/activity/recycling-101
- www.in.gov/idem/recycle/where-to-recycle/
- www.recycleforce.org/home/materials-we-recycle/

When all else fails, dispose of it right.

- For information about your household trash or heavy trash pickup, go to www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup
- You can dispose of extra household trash, heavy trash, and bags of leaves at the Marion County Citizens' Transfer Station for a small fee. For more information go to www.indy.gov/activity/citizens-transfer-station
- You can dispose of hazardous household materials, such as paint or cleaning solvents, as well as electronics, at ToxDrop locations. For the schedule and the excepted items go to www.indy.gov/activity/hazardous-waste-dropoff-sites

Planning on fixing up the house? Residents in Emerson Heights are eligible for the Indiana Residential Historic Rehabilitation Credit

Because it maintains so many of the originally designed structures, the Emerson Heights neighborhood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010, recognizing it as a prime example of a streetcar suburb. A tax credit is available to encourage the maintenance of the historic nature of the community. This credit is for Indiana state income taxpayers who undertake certified rehabilitations of historic buildings that are principally used and occupied by the taxpayer as the primary residence. The credit allows for up to 20% of total qualified rehabilitation or preservation cost. The minimum expenditures are \$10,000.

The project may be broken into phases not to exceed a 5-year period. Any unused portion of the tax credit that results from limited annual tax liability may be carried forward for up to 15 years. There is no fee to apply for this credit. You must live in the home at least 5 years after claiming the credit to avoid a repayment requirement.

Find information and guidance on the tax credit www.emersonheights.org/emerson-heights-historic-tax-credits/

Or go directly to the state:

www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/help-for-owners/financial-assistance/rehabilitation-credit/

(This information is provided as a resource to assist those interested in this credit. The DNR will have final say and should be consulted for questions and before beginning any work.)

Neighborhood Communications: How we're getting the word out.

EHCO is striving to stay in touch with the resident 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 your 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



Emerson Heights house signs are available for sale at just \$10. Show your community spirit and order one today. Email: treasurer@emersonheights.org. You can also support your community by getting involved. There are many opportunities join EHCO committees. Participate on the Welcoming Committee, Beautification Committee and Newsletter Committee. Or help with the organization's activities and special projects like the community picnics. To join, e-mail info@emersonheights.org.