

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 origination, education, empowerment, and action.

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June 2024

## Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale This Weekend! June 7, 8, and 9th

The annual Emerson Heights Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held from June 7 to 9. The advertised hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day, but you are welcome to participate at any time during these three days. This is your chance to join your neighbors in hosting a yard sale and showcasing your unique treasures to the community. **To be included in our official event map showing the homes that will be participating, sign up at [emersonheights.org/yard-sale](http://emersonheights.org/yard-sale) or scan the QR code.** (You don't have to register to participate in the Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale.)

The Neighborhood Yard Sale a great way to declutter your home, make some extra cash, and bring the neighborhood together.

- **Register:** Fill out the online form to reserve your spot on the map.
- **Set up:** Start early. Don't forget to get cash before the sale.
- **Share the event:** Spread the word to your friends and family. The more participants, the more successful our yard sale will be. Let's make this year's yard sale the best yet!



**Donations:**

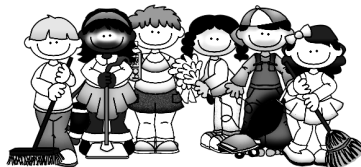
Do you have items you would like to donate? Emerson Heights will raise money for the community organization through donations. If you have anything you would like to donate, you can drop it off at 817 N. Dequincy Street anytime during the sale.

**Join us in this community event and get ready for a day of fun and shopping.**

**Upcoming Emerson Heights Community Events:**

**Summer Clean up  
 July 20 from 9-12**

The spring clean up was successful. Over 20 people attended and we shared coffee and donuts. Then we filled the dumpster. Due to the popularity of access to the heavy dumpster, another has been scheduled mid-Summer. Meet at the regular place, corner of Walnut and Dequincy.



**Emerson Heights Day Celebration  
 August 3**

Plans are being made for this year's event. Neighborhood musicians and a professional face painter for the kids have been lined up. We would like to line up more kids activities and we still need a menu. If you can help with the planning please email [info@emersonheights.org](mailto:info@emersonheights.org).

**\*\*Mark your calendars for the Fall Clean Up, October 5th.\*\***

**A Word from the President**

You may have noticed the historic monuments, the brick pillars, around the edge of the neighborhood have been rebuilt or repaired. This is all thanks to the several wonderful residents of our community! Everyone on the executive committee contributed to this accomplishment, extra notable are Mariam's efforts helping with the grant, communication and logistics while also preparing this very newsletter, the e-newsletter and juggling all the spinning plates associated with some of the still upcoming neighborhood improvements! I also want to single out our communication specialists that include Heather, Tracey and our new vice president Jaden for handling the Facebook communication channels and website!

Perhaps most importantly I want to thank several residents volunteers: Thanks to Ryan Wilson and Rick McNutt for finding an excellent and affordable contractor, managing the logistics and seeing the project through to completion. Thanks also to Terry Crowder and Gary Keen for their generous donation of salvaged historic bricks. Modern bricks are noticeably smaller than those from over 100 years ago and would have really reduced the quality of the work.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who donated to EHCO to support the rebuilding of these monuments. With your help and with the help of a hard won federal grant, we truly did this together. It is a real joy and my honor to be part of such a wonderful and connected community!

Joe Tucker, EHCO President

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## Summer Events

**Stuff the Truck  
 June 29th,  
 9am to 11am:  
 Donate household items to StVdP  
 6:30pm:  
 Watch *The Goonies!*  
 Free Popcorn, Candy and Drinks!**

### #LFRocks

There's a Rock Invasion coming to Little Flower! If you spot one, post a picture with the hashtag #LFRocks to be entered to win a gift card.



**National Night Out  
 August 6th 2024  
 5:30pm to 7pm  
 Little Flower Parking Lot  
 Food Trucks, School Supplies, Free Dinner, IFD, IMPD, Games, Music!**

# Neighborhood meeting Thursday

June 20, 6:30-8:00

at the Living Faith Church, Corner of Wallace and Michigan

The General Membership Meetings are an opportunity to meet some neighbors who share your love for Emerson Heights. It's a good way to bring up a problem for us to try to resolve together. Continuing the Speaker Series, every meeting we try to have guest speakers to give us information relevant to Emerson Heights. Upcoming speakers:

- **June 20:** Mike Moorehead from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will speak on disaster preparedness for hazards that may occur in our community.
- **July 18:** Dawn Benefiel from Indy Neighborhood Cats will speak about the on feral cats in our neighborhoods.
- **EHCO General Membership Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday from March through December.**

EHCO member meetings often include representatives from Marion County Health and Hospital, IMPD, 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](http://www.EmersonHeights.org)

If you wish to add an item to a meeting agenda or have ideas for a topic or guest, please email [president@emersonheights.org](mailto:president@emersonheights.org).

## Our May Meeting was attended by representatives from DPW and Citizens Energy Group.

### Michigan Street Two-Way Conversion Project Update

Planners working on the Department of Public Works (DPW) attended the meeting and presented information on the project's progress and answered questions. The project is still planned to be finished before the end of the year (weather permitting). This \$20 million initiative, spanning from College Avenue to Ellenberger Park, aims to reduce traffic speeds, enhance safety, and improve visibility for local businesses, creating a more neighborly and accessible environment.

The project includes comprehensive improvements such as sidewalk enhancements, curb and ADA ramp upgrades, crosswalk improvements, street resurfacing, protected bike lanes, and enhanced bus platforms.

### Lead Line Replacement Program

In collaboration with the two way conversion project, Citizens Energy Group is taking the opportunity to replacing lead service lines to improve water quality and health. This work is being conducted first to streamline the overall construction process and reduce disruptions. The city owns the main infrastructure, while customers own the service lines. To replace the lines with without the need for extensive digging, lines are being pulled through existing pipes. New meters will be installed in some cases. Additional funding to replace more lines in the future is being sought. Residents will receive notifications via email, text, and door-to-door communication if work is planned near their properties.

## Neighborhood Pride and Placemaking Projects

### The new logo has been selected!

After two rounds of public input, and many hours of volunteer time, a new logo has finally been selected. Funny thing: after presentation of many logo options, the resulting logo looks very much like the current one. The vote results were very tight. Maybe some of the other designs can be used as artwork on swag?

A big thank you to the Logo Committee volunteers, Rebecca Seifert, Jaden Drury, Mariam Alam and Lucy Williamson. Also, thank you to all the residents who gave us feedback and participated in the surveys and voting.

### New House Signs are on Order!



Announcements will be made when they are available. Signs will be \$20.

Signs, shirts, and other community spirit swag will be used as fundraisers for the EHCO to help fund our activities and events. EHCO does not have membership dues so we rely on donations to operate. To make

a donation, email: [treasurer@emersonheights.org](mailto:treasurer@emersonheights.org), or by Pay Pal at [emersonheights.org/donate/](http://emersonheights.org/donate/). Or hand your donation to any officer.

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](mailto:info@emersonheights.org).

### Urgent volunteer needs:

- Party planning for August 3rd Emerson Heights Day Celebration. e-mail [info@emersonheights.org](mailto:info@emersonheights.org).
- Help delivering newsletters, contact [news@emersonheights.org](mailto:news@emersonheights.org).

### Community Identification:

- **Historic Columns:** rebuilding and repair of 9 columns is now complete!
- **Historic Marker** has been fabricated and will be delivered any day now.
- **Light Pole Signs** are on order. They will be hung by volunteers over the summer.

To help hang signs or put up the Marker, email [president@emersonheights.org](mailto:president@emersonheights.org)

## Some Cool Things To Do:

- SUNDAYS, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, 12-3 pm: **Irvington Farmers Market**, Ellenberger Park.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1 PM – 5 PM: **Irvington Garden Tour** starts at the Benton House. Tour private gardens in this historic community.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th, 11am - 2pm: **IMPD East District Community Day** at Brookside Park, Specialty Police Units - Inflatables - Frozen Treats - Free Hot Dogs, Chips, and Water
- SATURDAY, JULY 15, 10 AM – 4 PM: **Raiders of the Lost Antiques** starts at Audrey's Place for antiques, thrift, drinks and adventure. Explore locations and sample Near Eastside drinks and food.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 4pm— 11pm: **Feast of Lanterns** at Spades Park.
- LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6-8 pm, **Community Art Nights**, Arts District: take advantage of a family friendly open studio at 10 East Arts District. Learn more at [10EastArts.org](http://10EastArts.org).



## Planning Home Improvement Projects?

Residents in Emerson Heights are eligible for the Indiana Residential Historic Rehabilitation Credit

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.

Find information and guidance on the tax credit at [www.emersonheights.org/emerson-heights-historic-tax-credits/](http://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/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/help-for-owners/financial-assistance/rehabilitation-credit/)

## 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 [www.emersonheights.org](http://www.emersonheights.org) or scan this QR code.
- Join us on Facebook @Emerson Heights (for business stuff) and @Emerson Heights Discussion Group (for more everyday neighborly stuff).
- We are now on Instagram, follow us at @EmersonHeightsIndy
- A web site is in development at [www.emersonheights.org](http://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](mailto:info@emersonheights.org)

