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**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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March 2024

## The Spring Cleaning Edition

**Annual Spring Cleanup & Community Get Together**

**Saturday, April 13, 8:30 till Noon**

**Meet at the corner of Walnut and Dequincy**

Join your neighbors as we work as a team to keep our neighborhood the wonderful place it is. We will meet at 8:30 am to sign in, have coffee with our neighbors, and pick up supplies. **Keep Indianapolis Beautiful** is providing a dumpster, bags, and gloves. If you can't join us, please take the time to do a clean up around your home on your own. The dumpster is available for neighborhood residents (but please do not leave trash outside the dumpster).



**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.**

**EHCO's 2024 Event Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8						
15						
22						
29						

**Save the Dates!**

- ✓ April 13: Spring Cleanup
- ✓ June 7-9: Neighborhood Yard Sale
- ✓ July 20: Summer Cleanup
- ✓ August 3: EMERSON HEIGHTS DAY!
- ✓ October 5: Fall Clean up

### Cleaning out the garage?

**Sell it!**

The neighborhood wide yard sale is June 7-9. Information will be posted on the EHCO website [www.EmersonHeights.org](http://www.EmersonHeights.org).

**Recycle it.**

There are many resources available for recycling. Here are just a few:  
[www.indy.gov/activity/recycling-101](http://www.indy.gov/activity/recycling-101)  
[www.in.gov/idem/recycle/where-to-recycle/](http://www.in.gov/idem/recycle/where-to-recycle/)  
[www.recycleforce.org/home/materials-we-recycle/](http://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](http://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](http://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 expected items go to [www.indy.gov/activity/hazardous-waste-dropoff-sites](http://www.indy.gov/activity/hazardous-waste-dropoff-sites)



**A word from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful: Adopt-a-Block**

Are you the sort of person who picks up stray scraps of paper when you're on a walk? Are you the person who would pick up trash if you had a litter grabber? Do you lead by example and get your friends and neighbors to help too? If so, you're one of us. And you should be an Adopt-a-Block Captain.

The Adopt-A-Block program empowers you to bring beautification and neighborhood revitalization down to the city's smallest unit, the block. KIB provides free tools and resources, and you keep your block clean of litter on an ongoing basis. Plus, you get the awesome title "Block Captain" for leading your block's beautification.

The Adopt-A-Block program helps build communities by encouraging neighbors to participate in community activities. Street by street, neighbors inspire each other by setting an example of environmental and community stewardship, dramatically improving their quality of life. Some Adopt-A-Block volunteers also form neighborhood watch groups and improve their safety. You can become an Adopt-A-Block captain at home, at school, or where you work.

Get more information at [www.kibi.org/program/adopt-a-block/](http://www.kibi.org/program/adopt-a-block/)

**A Word from the President**

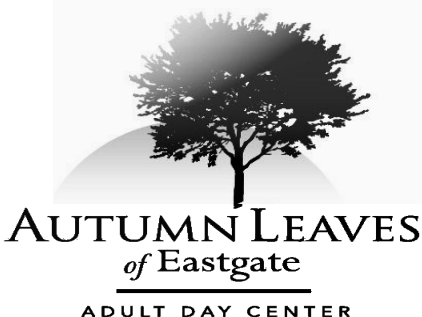
Even before the flowers are up and your Executive Committee has already been planning and preparing several events for this year! We've begun scheduling speakers for our speaker series at our monthly meetings. We've planned three neighborhood clean-ups for this year with the coffee and donuts followed by a family picnic. We hope the Neighborhood Yard Sale will be even more successful than last year's. And the Emerson Heights Day Celebration has got big plans this year with family friendly activities. All of this is in the works plus more!

I continue to be amazed at how much community volunteers accomplish. Stay plugged in via our Facebook page and website, which are two more amazing things the Executive Committee produces for you our residents. We hope to see you at our meetings, events and festivities!

*Joe Tucker, EHCO President*

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# Neighborhood meeting Thursday

March 21, 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:

- **March 21** - Jacob Barnes from The Mayor's Office on the Michigan Street 2-way Conversion
- **April 18** - Samantha Spergel from IHEDA on Placemaking
- **May 16** - Unconfirmed
- **June 20** - Dawn Benefeil from Indy Neighborhood Cats on Cats in Your Neighborhood
- **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, 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](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).

## Some ways you can support your neighborhood

1. **Participate:** Join your neighbors in the many different activities and events planned each year. The cleanups, and the picnics planned after, are great ways to get the family out and meet your neighbors. And the Emerson Heights Celebration promises to be filled with family entertainment. Come to a meeting, get to know some of your neighbors, and learn about important topics.
2. **Get involved:** There are many opportunities to join EHCO committees and planning activities. Keep up with development around Emerson Heights by joining the Zoning Committee. Help organize activities and special projects like the community picnics. Participate on the Welcoming Committee, Beautification Committee and Newsletter Committee. To volunteer, e-mail [info@emersonheights.org](mailto:info@emersonheights.org).
3. **Enjoy our community:** Take a nice walk along shade lined streets and smile at your neighbors. Get to know the folks next door and keep an eye out for each other and help a neighbor when you can.
4. **Show your pride!** We love Emerson Heights and are happy to tell everyone about it. EHCO is using a grant to get some neighborhood bling to help you show off how much you do too. Keep an eye out at neighborhood events to get some. And as soon as the new logo is ready, new house signs will be printed! (Remember to vote on the logo.)
5. **Donate:** So much of what EHCO does doesn't require money — but many things do. While it takes many volunteers to get the newsletters handed out, it costs to have them printed. Right now members of the Executive Committee buy things as simple as hot dogs for our picnics. Because EHCO doesn't charge dues, we rely on donations. You can donate easily on PayPal to [treasurer@emersonheights.org](mailto:treasurer@emersonheights.org). You can mail a donation to EHCO, PO Box 11686, Indianapolis, 46201. Or you can hand a donation to any EHCO officer. Or contact: [treasurer@emersonheights.org](mailto:treasurer@emersonheights.org).



### More Tips from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

Did you know over 30% of what Americans put in the recycling bin is not recyclable? How can we improve our recycling rates through what we decide to put in the bin? Learn more below!

#### Know what to throw.

Clean cardboard, paper, metal cans, and hard plastics such as plastic bottles and jugs can be recycled. **Tip:** If it is smaller than a credit card, throw it out.

#### Empty. Clean. Dry.

Keep recyclables free from food and liquid by rinsing your recyclables and throwing out soiled boxes/paper. A bottle with food residue can contaminate a whole truck of recyclables! Dirty paper and cardboard cannot be recycled. **Tip** for messy pizza boxes: Tear off the clean portions for recycling!

#### Don't bag it.

Soft Plastics, such as plastic grocery and sandwich bags get tangled in the recycling sorting machines. While KIB recommends bagging your regular trash to prevent litter, mixed recyclables should be dumped directly into your outdoor bin rather than containing them in a bag. **Tip:** Take your soft plastic grocery bags back to the grocery store and place them in the bag recycling bin.

**Not sure if it's recyclable? When in doubt, throw it out.**

### Historic Column Repair Update

Last Fall, EHCO leadership won a grant from the City of Indianapolis which will allow us to rebuild and repair the historic columns around the neighborhood, including 2 on Michigan that were destroyed in car accidents in 2023.

The grant will also replace the historic marker which describes our listing on the National Registry of Historic Places. This marker sat at 10th and Dequincy but was run over last summer.

Both of these projects are underway and being well managed by past EHCO presidents Ryan Wilson and Rick McNutt.

***As the historic columns crumbled over the years the yellow bricks have found themselves throughout the community. If you know of any, their recovery would be greatly appreciated.***

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## Planning Home Improvement Projects?

### 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.

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 by sending your request to [news@emersonheights.org](mailto:news@emersonheights.org)
- 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)