

# HISTORIC EMERSON HEIGHTS

Provided by the Emerson Heights Community Organization

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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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## 2024 Emerson Heights Day Was a Hit!

Our Emerson Heights Day celebration this year was a tremendous success, with about 65 people participating throughout the day. The event offered a range of fun and engaging activities for all ages, including free face painting, hot dogs, a coloring table, lively music, and even a visit from the local fire department, which brought a fire truck for everyone to explore.

Hogsett, who both took time out of their busy schedules to join the festivities. Another exciting feature of the event was the debut of the brand-new Emerson Heights t-shirts, and house signs showcasing the updated neighborhood logo, available for sale to help support future community activities.

The day was made even more memorable by the attendance of our city's leaders, including City Councilor Jesse Brown and Mayor Joe

Given the high temperatures we faced this year, we are planning to move next year's celebration to early fall, hoping for cooler weather and an even bigger turnout.

### Get Ready for the Fall Clean Up

October 5, from 9-12

Meet at the corner of Walnut and Dequincy.

The Summer clean up was successful. Over 25 people attended. We tried to focus on overgrown alleys but spent a lot of time cleaning up brush from the recent storms. This is the last neighborhood clean up for the year. We'll have coffee and donuts, then gather our supplies and head out.

tiful as part of their Great Indy Cleanup , an anti-litter, community empowering program in partnership with the City of Indianapolis.

EHCO gets support for neighborhood cleanups from Keep Indianapolis Beau-

**As incentives, the first 5 households that sign in will receive a free house sign AND an Emerson Heights t-shirt will be raffled to those in attendance.**



### Halloween and Fall House Decorating Contest

We had a lot of fun last year so we're going to make it a tradition! Get ready to showcase your creativity and neighborhood pride in our Halloween & Fall House Decorating Contest! Whether you love spooky Halloween vibes or the cozy colors of fall, this is your chance to decorate your home and bring festive spirit to Emerson Heights.

- Themes: Halloween or Fall
- Exciting prizes donated by EHCO and local businesses
- The last day to enter is October 25
- Homes will be judged based on creativity, effort, and overall theme execution
- Categories: You can go all out for Halloween, embrace the beauty of Fall, or do a combination of both!



Find the registration form here or use the QR code.  
<https://forms.gle/Uzc21zZcAzHHkDEt9>

### A Word from the President

I am pleased to say that the Emerson Heights sign that stood at 10th and Dequincy stands again!

Many of you may have already seen the announcement on Facebook. And good number of residents came out for an impromptu community photo with the sign, which was wonderful. I would like to thank Rick McNutt and Ryan Wilson (along with Ryan's family) for their efforts and hard work at getting the sign ordered, negotiating a great price, transporting it (it's quite heavy), digging out the old and setting the new, post and all. It is the participation of wonderful residents like them that make our community thrive. I would also like to thank Mariam Alam for managing the grant and Tess Mangine, our Treasurer, for managing the grant funds that made replacing the sign possible. Thank you also to all of the members of our wonderful executive committee for all the work they did taking this from a wish to reality. The sign looks great and if you haven't seen it then I recommend you keep an eye out at the intersection of 10th and Dequincy on your way in or out of the neighborhood.

Joe Tucker, EHCO President

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## Neighborhood meeting Thursday

September 19, 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:

- **September 19: Leslie Schulte from Community Heights Neighborhood Organization on Traffic Calming Results and resources available for communities.**

"When vehicles traveling at 20 mph collide with pedestrians, fewer than 10 percent of those struck are killed ... at 40 mph, more than 80 percent of the pedestrians are killed and all are severely injured." <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities>

- **October 17:** Daniel Rosenberg or Cassidy Spencer on Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana, an anonymous crime tip program that provides community members a way to safely and effectively get information to law enforcement .
- **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).

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Indy Neighborhood Cats seeks to build a lasting and thriving TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program that recruits and guides the citizens of our city to work together and manage the cat population, much like the well-known Neighborhood Watch program. Along with their TNR Program, Indy Neighborhood Cats is in the field providing ongoing colony care support such as warm winter shelters, food, Spay/Neuter resources and medical care to cats living outdoors in Indianapolis.



Indy Neighborhood Cats is looking to partner with Emerson Heights volunteers in an effort to trap-neuter-return free roaming cats in the neighborhood. They are also looking for caretakers who can feed colony cats. INC will provide training. If you are interested in volunteering with some neighbors, send a message to Tess Mangine at [info@EmersonHeights.com](mailto:info@EmersonHeights.com).

## We got the signs. Now we have to put them up.

Emerson Heights has its brand-new logo on brand-new signs and now we need people to make the project a reality. We're looking for volunteers to help replace the old signs with the new ones. We are at the organizing stage of the project, assigning who to do what. Joe Tucker is spearheading this effort and drawing up the spreadsheet right now!

Jobs will include ladder climbing, ladder holding, traffic safety, and some standing around talking about the Colts. We're going to need tools, hardware, ladders, and probably some WD40. If you're interested in participating in this exciting project, please contact Joe at [info@emersonheights.org](mailto:info@emersonheights.org).



## Fundraising Efforts

Emerson Heights Community Organization received a grant from the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center as part of a leadership training program last Fall. The Indianapolis Community Building Institute program is designed to give residents the tools to become leaders in their neighborhoods. The \$1,500 grant offered with that training allowed for students to put into action the skills they learned. The five students that attended the training made plans to use the

grant to kick start a fund raising program which will provide for the organization's operations, newsletters and community events.

The first things invested in were house signs with the new neighborhood logo and neighborhood t-shirts. Already the money raised by these sales has allowed EHCO to pay for activities at the recent Emerson Heights Day Celebration and invest in more t-shirts to sell.

## The House Signs are Here!

The long anticipated and much desired new Historic Emerson Heights house signs are now available. Over nearly a year of planning and designing, house signs with the new logo are here.

The new signs cost \$20.

Emerson Heights t-shirts are also available for \$25. Adult sizes M-3XL

The easiest way to buy a sign or shirt is to use PayPal to: [treasurer@emersonheights.org](mailto:treasurer@emersonheights.org) and donate the amount required. Make a note in the memo what it's for. Then email [info@emersonheights.org](mailto:info@emersonheights.org) with information about how we can deliver the items to you.

Or, mail a check and a note to PO Box 11602, Indianapolis, 46201.



## 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)

