



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.

2025 Officers:

President: Joseph Tucker
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Treasurer: Tess Mangine
At Large: Mariam Alam

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NESCO Representative: Tess Mangine
Zoning Representative: Kevin Sweetland
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Newsletter Editor: Mariam Alam
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Thank you to Kevin Sweetland who has stepped up to take over Secretary duties for 2025.

Attention: Big Meeting Change!!
General Membership Meeting Moved to FIRST Thursdays

After much consideration, the General Membership Meetings of EHCO will be moved to the first Thursday of the month. This change was made after discussion with regular attendees and guests of the meetings currently. The Executive Committee has been discussing how EHCO can be more involved with the communities around us. Moving the meeting date will allow us to get information that we are otherwise getting too late to participate.

Special Executive Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 6:30-8:00

To make up for the loss of the March community meeting, the Executive Committee will hold their meeting on Thursday, March 20, and invite residents to join. The Executive committee meets online on Google Meets. The community is invited to observe or participate. The link to attend the meeting remotely will be available on Facebook @Emerson Heights Discussion Group, and the website [Emerson-Heights.org](https://www.emersonheights.org). In addition, you can receive the link by requesting it from info@emersonheights.org.

Executive Committee Meetings are always open to the community, however only Officers may vote. The agenda generally consists of the following:

- Financial report
- Confirm 2025 Calendar
- Guest speaker ideas for future meetings
- Update on grants and projects
- Committee reports
- New Business

If you have an issue you want to bring to EHCO leadership, this may be a good opportunity.

Neighborhood meeting: FIRST Thursday
April 3, 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:

- April 3 - Dawn Benefiel from Indy Neighborhood Cats will speak about un-homed cats in the neighborhood.
- May 1 - Friends of Ellenberger Park about park projects and cleanups.
- EHCO General Membership Meetings will be held the FIRST 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

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

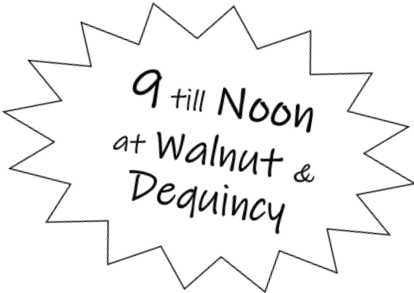
Annual Community Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 13, 9 till Noon

Emerson Heights is a great community because residents like you keep it that way. Join your neighbors as we work as a team to keep our community the wonderful place it is. Come early to sign in, have coffee with our neighbors, and pick up bags and gloves. Feel free to bring your own tools and supplies if you want.



Keep Indianapolis Beautiful is providing a dumpster and supplies. If you can't join us, please take the time to clean up around your block on your own. The dumpster is available for neighborhood residents (but please do not leave trash outside the dumpster).



A Word from the President

Spring is almost here! This year the executive committee has again planned three neighborhood cleanups, one in spring, one in summer and one in the fall. They have also planned another neighborhood yard sale and an Emerson Heights day celebration for different weekends this summer! We hope you will join us for all of these fun events! We will also have our usual speaker series at our neighborhood meetings, but this year we are moving the day of the meetings to the first Thursday of the month. Please take note and attend if you are able! Meeting earlier in the month will allow us to give the community an update from NESCO, our umbrella organization, that is much more timely. NESCO meets during the last week of every month so in the past our NESCO update info has been almost an entire month out of date. Now it will be fresh as can be! We have a couple more projects in the works this year too around signage, more on that once we have the signs ordered. I am looking forward to seeing everyone emerge from this rather rough winter and enjoy the spring weather!

Joe Tucker, EHCO President

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A full year of events and activities are planned for 2025. Get them on your calendar now.

- **Spring Clean Up: April 12th**, After the winter months there always some extra cleaning that needs to be done.
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale: June 21st-22nd**, This very popular weekend is your chance at getting the garage and basement cleaned out and make a little money in the process.
- **Summer Clean Up: July 12th**, Alleys are starting to overgrow and could use a good trim while we have a dumpster.
- **National Night Out: August 5th**, *National Night Out* is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. EHCO plans on participating this year. Keep an eye out for details.
- **Feast of Lanterns: August 23rd**, The Feast of Lanterns is a historic festival held in Spades Park. EHCO plans to join other neighborhood groups with a table to increase awareness of the organization.
- **Emerson Heights Day Celebration: September 6th**, The event has moved from the beginning of August because it's just too darn hot. With the move to September we are going to have even more community fun.
- **Fall Clean Up: October** (date to be determined as soon as KIB opens registration.)
- **Annual Meeting: December 4th**, Officer elections and annual report of our activities for the year.

Update on Michigan/New York 2-way Conversion:

The New York/Michigan 2-way conversion is mostly complete. The only section still under construction is the railroad crossing near the interstate. After that section is complete and with installation of traffic lights and striping, the project is currently estimated to be complete by late summer.

Update on Blue Line: IndyGo hosted a groundbreaking event February 28. Construction is scheduled to start in the first quarter, 2025. The Irvington area is in Section 4 with construction starting at the airport. Construction is scheduled to end and the route opening in 2028.

Update on Lead Line Replacement Program: Citizens Energy Group has begun a program to eliminate customer-owned lead service lines, both in the public right-of-way and on customer property. The project consists of the full replacement of the lead service line from the water main to the home or business. Water meters will be reinstalled outside within 1 to 3 feet of the right of way line on the customer's property.

<https://info.citizensenergygroup.com/projects/lead-service-line-replacement>

More information on lead exposure to drinking water within a customer-owned lead service line or plumbing is available at www.citizensenergygroup.com/lead.

Opportunities to Get Involved:

Emerson Heights Neighborhood Cats: A group of TNR project residents have partnered with Indy Neighborhood Cats in an effort to trap-neuter-return free roaming cats in the neighborhood. INC provides ongoing colony care support such as warm winter shelters, food, Spay/Neuter resources and medical care to cats living outdoors. If you are interested in volunteering with some neighbors, send a message to Tess Mangine at mangine@att.net.



Keep Indianapolis Beautiful:

Many neighbors participate in the KIB Adopt-A-Block Program. Block captains volunteer to adopt an area they will keep clean, usually the block they live on. KIB provides tools, bags and gloves to Block Captains. For information go to www.kibi.org/program/adopt-a-block/



Big Tax Credits for Home Improvements

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

Every spring EHCO tries to remind residents that Emerson Heights is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Instead of mandatory requirements for design features, 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/

Or go directly to the state: www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/help-for-owners/financial-assistance/rehabilitation-credit/

Some cool things going on at Ellenberger Park:

Special Event: Nerf Blaster Battle, May 28. Ellenberger Park is hosting an indoor All-Ages BYOB (Bring your own Blaster) on the rink! This event will offer obstacles and hide outs set up on the rink-be ready for an epic battle! This event requires you to bring your own blaster and foam darts.

Arts for All, Jan 13, 2025 - May 26, a drop in program where youth can engage in creative, engaging art activities. Participants will be able to take their project home the same day. All materials are provided. There will be a different project each month.



Friends of Ellenberger Park hosts monthly cleanups every second Saturday, April through October. 9am-12pm. Meet at the ice rink building.

Things going on at the Irvington Library:

Did you know the library has a seed exchange? In addition to free seeds, check out resources and attend workshops about growing and using plants from your seeds! Seeds Available: March - September

Get Your EHCO Swag Here!

Historic Emerson Heights house signs are now available and cost \$20.

Emerson Heights t-shirts are also available for \$25. Adult sizes M-2XL

The easiest way to buy a sign or shirt is:

Step 1. Use PayPal to treasurer@emersonheights.org and donate the amount required.

Step 2. Make a note in the memo what it's for.

Step 3. Then email info@emersonheights.org with information about how we can deliver the items to you.

To place an order without PayPal, write info@emersonheights.org and we'll make arrangements.



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 or scan this QR code.
- Join us on Facebook and @Emerson Heights Discussion Group and @Emerson Heights (for business stuff)
- We are now on Instagram, follow us at @EmersonHeightsIndy
- 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



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