



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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Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale

June 20, 21, and 22

The annual Emerson Heights Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held from June 20-22. 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 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.



New this Summer:

Neighborhood Clean Up with a Packer Truck

July 12 from 8-11am

(Come early to sign in, pick up supplies, and share coffee and doughnuts.)



This summer's clean up will include a packer truck—not a dumpster. The plan is to load debris directly into the garbage truck as we go. We will start on the west and move east. Hopefully we'll have even more volunteers so we can clean and cut back brush along all the alleys. We will meet at the regular place - the corner of Walnut and Dequincy - and then move to the alley between Linwood and Drexel.

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



National Night Out: August 5th

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It started as an event to promote community crime watch programs and has now grown to be a part of a nationwide effort intended to send a strong message to would-be criminals that communities are organized and lookout for each other. Since the 1970's, the event has grown from small parties with the opportunity to meet their community police to big events with food a games.

EHCO will participate this year by getting back to some of the original ideas of promoting block level crime watch. Residents are encouraged to have gatherings among neighbors with porch parties and front yard picnics. Traditionally, city leaders and IMPD make their rounds to various gatherings. Keep an eye out for details about activities planned by the community organization.

The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. *National Night Out* triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator
Learn more about National Night Out
<https://natw.org/about/>

A Word from the President

Summer is here! We have several things lined up for this summer including our annual Yard Sale (June 21st - 22nd), a Summer Cleanup (July 12th) with a packer truck, National Night Out (August 5th) and a neighborhood celebration of Emerson Heights Day (September 6th)! That is a community event every month this summer made possible by your amazing executive committee! In addition to that the Michigan street conversion is coming along and is expected to complete this year, likely in time for some great biking weather. We have some residents that have already started using the two-way back path to travel into the city and they report that it is almost entirely free of parked cars. The police have informed us that towing of cars parked in the bike path will be in full force very soon, so if you know someone who still parks there please let them know that the grace period is over! If you would like to volunteer to help out with the organizing of any of our events, help us with the newsletter, or otherwise aid the community then please let me know! We do great work. We have great residents and we always appreciate volunteers!

Joe Tucker, EHCO President

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Neighborhood Meeting: FIRST Thursday

June 5, 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 5th: Mandy Wright-Jarrett on The Gardens at 10th and Ritter: *and*, Keith Richardson of A Better Way Outreach treatment center.**
- **July 3rd: Friends of Ellenberger Park about park projects and cleanups.**
- **August 7th: Kasey Panighetti from the Irvington Library on What the Library Offers**

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.

Michigan 2-Way Conversion Update: The plan is to open for 2 way traffic by the end of June when the signals are working. When the project opens, parking in the bike lanes will no longer be allowed. Vehicles will be towed.



Feast of Lanterns: August 23rd

Held in Spades Park, the *Feast of Lanterns* is a historic festival based on the Near Eastside. Its earliest incarnations in the late 1800s were of small gatherings and decorated front porches in nearby neighborhoods.

In the early 2000s local neighbors renewed the outdoor music festival refocusing on the origins of the event, local neighbors and neighborhoods working together to not only put on a festival but also to build community.

EHCO plans to join other groups with a table to increase awareness of our historic neighborhood and build relationships with other eastside organizations.

Some Things to Do

- **IMPD Listening Session: MONDAY, June 2nd, 6:00—7:30.** Dialogue facilitated by Taylor Advising team. John Boner Community Center. Free, RSVP on Facebook @IMPDeast.
- **IMPD East District Task Force Meetings:** 201 N Shadeland. June 11, August 13, September 10, November 12. 6-7pm.
- **Irvington Farmers Market,** Ellenberger Park. SUNDAYS June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12: 12-3 pm. Ellenberger Park.
- **Irvington Garden Tour SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1 PM – 6 PM:** starts at the Benton House. Tour private gardens in this historic community. www.irvingtongardenclub.com/tour-and-ticket-information
- **A Better Way Community Day.** A community event with food, bounce house, games and live music. Corner of 10th and Emerson. Saturday, June 28, 11am to 3pm. www.abetterwayoutreach.org

Narcan Educational Session

Monday, June 23, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tuxedo Park Baptist Church, 29 N. Grant Ave.

Did you know that the 46201 zip code had the highest daily average of overdoses in the city for 2025 1st quarter? Join Grace Tuxedo & Little Flower for an opportunity to learn about Narcan (naloxone) and how to use it. This free session is open to everyone but space is limited so please register in advance using this link: <https://forms.gle/oyxndeTEu2h2XkZi8>



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



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.

Emerson Heights Day Celebration September 6th

Plans are being made for this year's celebration. The event has moved to September because August is just too darn hot. Even so, last year we had a fire truck visit. And we had Mayor Hogsett, City Councilman Jesse Brown and other city representatives dropped by.

With the move we had a good crowd last year and hope to have even more attend this year when the weather is more mild.

We plan on serving hotdogs again this year. We will have a professional face painter, games and other activities for kids. If you have an activity you'd like to bring or if you can help with the planning please email info@emersonheights.org.

Job Fair

Congressman Andre Carson, Indianapolis Job and Resources Fair is FREE and no pre-registration is required. For more information visit the event page: carson.house.gov/2025jobfair

Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Ivy Tech Culinary and Conference Center

2820 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

Also from Congressman Carson's Office:

- carson.house.gov/know-your-rights-immigrants-rights
- carson.house.gov/help-from-andre/help-federal-agency
- carson.house.gov/7th-district/congressional-app-challenge

Emerson Heights Neighborhood Cats: A group of Emerson Heights residents have partnered with Indy Neighborhood Cats in an effort to trap-neuter-return free roaming cats in the neighborhood. If you



are interested in volunteering with some neighbors, send a message to Tess Mangine at mangine@att.net.



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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

