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## President's Message

# Happy New Year!

Post-holiday greetings to you and your family! I hope the holidays were safe and happy ones. The new year always brings high hopes for so many things, personally, professionally and spiritually to change for the better or to resolve what has not been finished for yet another year. Perhaps that's why it's called a New Year's celebration — let's hope for the best in 2014 and make each day count a little more than the last one.

I want to thank all of our volunteers on the board and all of our residents for helping the neighborhood continue to grow. I know some days are more of a challenge than others, but as we work with all of us together we continue to grow as a village within the city structure.

We have had our share of issues this past year – some good advancement and some setbacks, but we always rally as volunteers.



The neighborhood signs look great decorated for the season. Thanks to our volunteers!

Once again as neighbors we ask you to come together and support our general services (security and snow removal) for 2014. If you are new, welcome; if you're an established resident of EEV and live between the borders of East Outer Drive/Whittier and Cadioux, Mack Avenue to

Harper Avenue, we need you as fellow residents to help do your part. In December, right before Christmas, we saw our first major snowfall – as you know, we did not plow. The city plowed a path for us per our request along with other

See **PRESIDENT**, next page

## WELCOME TO 2014!

### Calendar

**General meeting:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, St. Clare Montefalco church, Outer Drive at Mack.

**Security meeting:** Please join us for our resident safety workshop from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, January 18 at St. Clare church (lower level). Please RSVP by Jan. 15 to [code@eastenglishvillage.org](mailto:code@eastenglishvillage.org)

It will be a constructive workshop helping us and the police enhance our safety within the village. **North American International Auto Show:** Jan. 18-26, Cobo Center, downtown Detroit. Charity preview Jan. 17. See [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com) for details. **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, Jan. 20.

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## Committees

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## President

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better neighborhoods such as Grandmont/Rosedale and Boston Edison, and we are grateful for the help. Plowing can cost a minimum of \$3,500 per plow for the entire village area. Plowing is determined by what we have collected each year and how the weather is playing out for the next few days. The collection process goes from November to April; money not spent on seasonal maintenance roll over to the next year.

The last two years have been very low in collection in part because the weather has been kind – not so this year! Please remember to shovel for the postman and your neighbors.

Our security team is continuing and is deterring crime opportunities the best way possible. Please call Gwen Wee (Security Chairperson) to sign up to volunteer drive — a couple of hours a month goes a long way when we have the

whole team out there. We continue to work with the Eastern Police District and the staff changeover. The private patrol is entering into the 11th year. The patrol is there as a visual deterrent. Security contributions are \$100 per address, with discounts for seniors. If someone told you that the well-known services are free, they are wrong. It takes all of us to help keep the services we depend on moving forward each year. Please send in your donation by mail or PayPal — we have payment programs and we take credit cards. Please help in some way! If dollars are tight, then please try to help in other ways — turn on porch lights, put your car in your garage or behind the fence to help deter possible crimes. So many of you watch out for your neighbor... it's a big thing and it's appreciated.

East English Village again held its incredible annual Holiday Party on December 15, complete with a visit from

Santa and Father Andrew (the new Pastor at St. Clare). We had close to 150 EEV neighbors drop in for dinner. This year's dinner event was another great feast cooked by so many. The annual event was chaired by Yorkshire street rep Kim Taylor and First VP Latisha Davis. Many of our neighbors joined in to help serve the dinner while Santa passed out candy and had pictures taken with the children. Thanks go out to so many volunteers who helped with the gifts, decorations, cooking, shopping, serving and cleanup. This year our music was arranged by Fred Vitale and several neighborhood children. Thanks to Ray Kaiser for working with Santa. We are very grateful for all the donations and gifts once again. And finally thanks to all the neighbors who brought desserts and appetizers. It truly was another great example of how we get together as a village.

This past year we had several unique opportunities

to celebrate. EEVA celebrated our hundredth anniversary as a neighborhood area. We had great time in July with our cocktail party and the pop-up party held at the Cadieux Sound Stage. July we held our landscape contest and August we held our annual garage sale, all a great success. In November we saw all of our board members return for this coming year. Thanks to all who participated in so many events, including village cleanups, registered volunteer drivers and event volunteers.

We have many hot topics and positive issues we need to address this year to keep our neighborhood one of choice. The foreclosure issues are still present, but we are working hard as ever to keep the homes on track. We will be reviewing our options on upkeep and EEV events for 2014 at the February meeting including our long awaited Home Tour — one of the best in the area.

Happy New Year,

*Bill Barlage  
President*

# Pet corner

Well, the festivities are now over and I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year.



We have been fortunate with a mild winter up to now but the snow is coming followed by cold, and once again our thoughts turn to our faithful four-legged friends. Remember that they need EXTRA CALORIES to combat the cold. And be sure they have FRESH WATER--NO ICE.

Dogs with short coats are not able to tolerate the cold so be sure they are able to come into the house or have another source of shelter. Blankets get wet and freeze, so be sure a dog house with fresh straw (You can get free straw from the Humane Society) and a flap over the entrance is available to them.

Till next month.

—Karlene Trump

## Featured EEV pet

We are introducing a new feature called EEV Pets. Send along a photo of your pet walking around the neighborhood, or in your home and share a little about him or her. Email a photo and a brief description to [newsletter@eastenglishvillage.org](mailto:newsletter@eastenglishvillage.org) or mail to East English Village, attn: newsletter, P.O. Box 241009, Detroit, MI 48224.



### EEV PET REGISTRATION FORM

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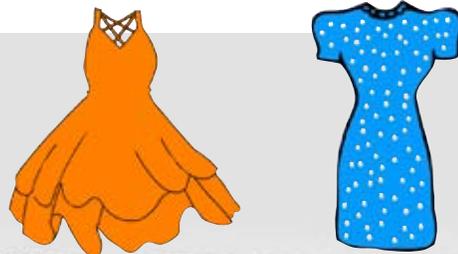
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**General Fund** Donations to the general fund support free community events like light supper before meetings, Bunny Bash, Home Tour and Garage Sale. Any amount contribution is welcomed!



*Security contributions can be made in quarterly installments!*

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## EEV BIKE PATROL

How would you like to help our neighborhood security and get exercise too? Join the Bike Patrol! We are starting up again after a long winter. Bike as much or as little as you like. Call Fred Vitale at 313-580-4905.



# Security update

East English Village Volunteer Patrol drivers are the mobile eyes and ears of our neighborhood. We share in our communal desire for personal and neighborly safety by making careful observations of homes and traffic in our area.

As a 23+ year resident of EEV, I personally take pleasure in seeing how so many folks take good care of their homes. Of course, we have some that need help, but those are in the minority.

While at our 2013 Holiday Event on December 15, 2013, I saw a number of familiar faces, newer faces and guests of residents who thoroughly enjoyed a holiday meal and activities together. It is this basic shared experience of (mutual) enjoyment and experience that enriches EEV.

Please help keep this spirit alive in EEV. Take care of your family and pets, your home, your neighborhood.

Join the EEV Volunteer Patrol.

*Gwen Wee*

*EEV Security and EEV Volunteer Patrol  
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# New life for the Alger Theater

Built in 1935 on the corner of East Outer Drive and Warren Avenues, the Alger Theater was designed and opened as a neighborhood cinema. Many have driven by the building, curious about its status and progress (or lack thereof). The Friends of the Alger Theater, the non-profit organization that purchased the building in the early 1980s, are planning an ambitious 2014 and are excited to share with our East English Village neighbors.

Our current goal is to raise \$50,000 by mid-year in order to complete immediate safety repairs required for a temporary certificate of occupancy. With these repairs completed we can open the theater for members-



The Alger, 1950

only movie nights this summer and for fundraising activities geared toward complete renovation.

This immediate and ambitious strategy will be achieved through various tactics: an active membership campaign, individual donor requests, an online crowd funding campaign and monthly mini-fundraisers.

Our board of directors has worked to develop a stronger team over the past year and we recently welcomed two new members who have already brought new energy and direction to the group. The board consists of Helen Broughton, Lauren Chapman, Dennis Costello, Brianna Fritz, Mike

Gentile, Bonnie Fahoome, Brenda Redding, Barney Theisen, Marc Tirikian and Karlene Trump – which includes five East English Village residents and two Morningside residents.

Of greater importance for our future and for the success of our 2014 goals are our five committees: Membership, Marketing, Fundraising, Facilities and Programming. These groups will be meeting monthly and we are actively recruiting committee members and encourage your participation. Please contact us at friends@algertheater.org if you would like to join a committee.

In January we will launch an online fundraising campaign through

Indiegogo to raise money for repairs. The tagline created for the campaign is "New Roof. New Life." This sums up our renewed momentum and sense that this is a pivotal time for the theater.

In February we will host a guest bartender night at Lily's Seafood Grill & Brewery in Royal Oak. Alger board members will tend bar and Lily's will provide a portion of the evening's tab to the Friends. Join us from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19. There is no cover charge – so invite your suburban friends to meet you for a drink! Lily's is located at 410 South Washington Avenue.

The theater can be a regional destination and we seek the support of the entire metropolitan community to make our theater come alive. The Alger is a testimonial of community tenacity and can be an icon of hope for our community. Please consider becoming a member of the Friends, making a donation to our fundraisers or joining a working committee.

Kind regards,

—Helen Broughton,  
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# 2013 EEV Holiday Party



Some 150 neighbors gathered on the evening of Dec. 15 for dinner, music and a visit from Santa.



Gwen Wee, left, and other volunteers serve up the dinner.



Fred Vitale and young singers lead the crowd in caroling.