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President's Message

Hot summer greetings to all!

I hope the summer of 2016 continues to be a good one and that you are able to stay cool and hydrated and healthy!

It's been an extremely hot July with little rain and this continues to be a challenging issue. Please continue to check on neighbors and pets when outdoors or just driving the area.

In anticipation of the Landscape Contest, as well as a sense of "pride of place," residents are well underway upgrading driveways, replacing garages and porches and painting along with planting flowers and landscaping. A big thank you to the caring and committed residents who have helped our community by cutting grass at Emma's House properties this past month. The city continues to replace sidewalks that have

SAVE THESE EEV DATES!
August 6-7: Annual EEV Garage Sale (\$5/day)
August 13: Annual EEV Landscaping Contest

been damaged by old tree issues, and I believe we can all agree - What a difference this has made to improving our neighborhood!

Our annual EEVA Garage Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's a great way to clean out and start anew with regard to decorating or making room in the garage and basement for all the things you want to keep but have little space for anymore. Or if you have the space and are seeking that special "treasure" or

Advertising editor needed
EEV is seeking an individual to coordinate the advertising for our monthly newsletter. If you have an interest in volunteering for this important role, please contact Maureen Dritsan at advertising@eastenglishvillage.org or (586) 864-5055 for more details for a description of the position.

"deal," please come out and support the sale and visit with your neighbors! Contact Kathy Roddie (residential@eastenglishvillage.org) if you can lend a hand

See PRESIDENT, page 11

Calendar

- Aug. 2:** Primary Election – don't forget to vote!
- Aug. 2:** National Night Out for Law Enforcement, Chandler Park Aquatic Center
- Aug. 4:** Trash/recycling/bulk/yard waste pickup
- Aug. 6-7:** EEV Annual Garage Sale
- Aug. 6:** COPA Soccer Tournament, Historic Fort Wayne, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Aug. 6:** Arise Detroit's "Neighborhoods Day in the City"
- Aug. 10:** EEV General Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Clare Montefalco, 1401 Whittier (at Mack)
- Aug. 11:** Trash only pickup
- Aug. 13:** EEV Annual Beautification Contest
- Aug. 13:** Alger Theater Sidewalk Sale & Pop-Up Shop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Aug. 17:** Seniors Day Out Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Bethany Christian Church, 5901 Cadioux
- Aug. 18:** Trash/recycling/bulk/yard waste pickup
- Aug. 20:** MECCA Development Corporation's Community Activation Street Fair, Morning-side, EEV and Cornerstone Neighborhoods, Outer Drive median and street between East Warren and Chandler Park Drive
- Aug. 25:** Trash Only Pickup

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Soccer update

The East English Village soccer team members are enjoying a very spirited season this summer with the team roster reaching over 30 players. Due to the 7-3 record in 2015, the team was promoted to a higher division where the competition has been tough. The team hosted the post game party at their sponsor, Atwater Brewery, on July 12, bringing over 200 DCFL

players to the brewery for food, drink and music. The season ending tournament, COPA Detroit, is on Aug. 6 at Historic Fort Wayne. Games begin at 10 a.m. and continue to the finals at 5 p.m. This is a very fun all-day-long event for everyone - players and spectators! EEV Fans - come out and root for your neighborhood soccer team!

~ Marc Tirikian





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Pet Corner

Are you keeping your furry buddy cool?

AUGUST!!! Where does the summer go? I was just reveling in the fact that the days were getting longer and now they are getting shorter again. Winter seems to go much slower... just doesn't seem fair.

July & August = HEAT! July was exceptionally hot this year. So many animals suffer with inadequate water, shade or just being kept outside with no relief from the oppressive heat. What are you doing to keep your furry family members comfortable? If you will not allow them in the house, maybe you could provide a kiddie pool for them or spray them lightly with the hose throughout those scorching days. Initially, they may not appear to



like it, especially if they have never experienced it before, but they will love and appreciate the relief it gives them.

Also, I am grateful for the restraint in fireworks near me this year. It was much appreciated by me and especially by my furry family members.

Will have more on Shadow in the future. Till next month...

— Karlene Trump



EEV PET REGISTRATION FORM
Please register your pet with the EEV Association! If lost pets are found in the neighborhood, registration will help us to identify the animal and contact the owner.

Resident Information

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone#: _____
 Email: _____

Pet Information

Type/Breed: _____
 Size/Name: _____
 Age/Sex/Color: _____
 Veterinarian's Name: _____
 Vet Telephone#: _____

Mail form to Pet Registration, PO Box 21009, Detroit MI 48224
 or email this information to pets@eastenglishvillage.org
 If you find a stray animal or lose your pet,
 call the EEV Lost Pets contact Karlene Trump 313-882-2579.

Pet of the month

Would you like to introduce your pet(s) to the neighborhood? Please submit a photo and brief description or comment about your furry family member. Submit via newsletter@eastenglishvillage.org

Seniors Day Out luncheon

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
 (Co-sponsored by EEV and Bethany Christian Church)

The August luncheon will have a speaker on pet care and protection. Come and learn information about pet care that may be useful whether the pet is yours or your neighbor's. Lunch will be served at 12:30PM at Bethany Christian Church, 5901 Cadieux, on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

We often are asked if we limit our lunches to Seniors and the answer is "no." All are welcome if you wish to attend. We do gear our speakers and activities to the interests of Seniors.

We wish to thank Connie Peecher of EEV who organized our summer programs and Bea and Delaney who helped set up the tables in July and led the Pictionary game we played at our picnic. We also appreciate all the good food donated by Connie and her helpers.

Please RSVP to (313) 885-0909 by Saturday, Aug. 13, if you plan to attend so we can prepare an adequate amount of food. Lunch is free. Donations are accepted.

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"Dedicated Woman" recognizes EEV resident

Sponsored by the Neighborhood Exchange, "The Power of One Dedicated Woman" award recognizes and honors well deserving women who inspire others to be part of community work and build stronger neighborhoods in the process. This award is given to women who are changing Detroit neighborhoods – who consistently go above and beyond the call whenever needed. These efforts relate to one or more of the Neighborhood Exchange Focus Areas: Strengthen Neighborhood Economy, Increase Safety, Create Green & Community Spaces,



Strengthen Neighborhood Housing and Environment, Engage Your Community and Build Strong Associa-

tions. Karlene Trump, EEV resident and active community volunteer, was one of the thirty-one outstanding Detroit women nominated for this award. Karlene was nominated by the Board of the Alger Theater, led by Helen Broughton. Anyone who lives within the EEV Community knows about Karlene's dedication to the Alger as well as to the "furry" residents of EEV. She has been responsible for "Lost Pets" and has been successful at rescuing animals, coordinating care and - most importantly of all – returning these be-

loved pets to their families. Karlene writes "Pet Corner" each month in our newsletter and is always a familiar face and active volunteer at EEV Community Events. She is a treasured member of the community, and we applaud this well-deserved recognition. On June 21st, Karlene was honored at a breakfast held at the Stroh River Place Atrium. Karlene's friend, Betty King, accompanied her to the event. Congratulations, Karlene, and thank you for all of your dedication in making EEV a better place to live, work and play!

~ Maureen Dritsan

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New Michigan Fun Farm Directory & Website

Is your family looking for some fun and healthy places to visit as the end of summer is winding down? This new site, www.michiganfamilyfun.com, makes it easy to conduct a search to locate farms, u-picks and other agritourism activities throughout our beautiful state. From apples to bison to beer and beyond, this directory shows you the way. Some of these facilities are open well into the Fall. Search by city, region, topic, product or theme.

You can also download a PDF of the directory thru the website OR call 616 952-1151 for help in locating a copy. The directory and website were created by the Michigan Agritourism Association. This is a non-profit association that promotes Michigan's agritourism industry. Their goal is to keep Michigan family farms sustainable, support

local economic growth and provide rich and unique experiences for visitors to make lasting memories.

You have to see this directory to believe it!

Yard waste reminder

Yard waste must be placed at the curb at least six feet from your Courville container in biodegradable paper bags or a personal garbage can. It must be at the curb by 7 a.m. DO NOT put yard waste out more than 24 hours before collection day. Residents can place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs in biodegradable paper bags or personal containers on trash day (Thursday). DPW will not collect yard waste in plastic bags. Branches, up to 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter, should be bundled.

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Come and visit with your Commissioner at his monthly Chats

2nd Monday – 9-10:00 a.m. – Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center – in the jury room around back. 20025 Mack

3rd Monday – 9-10:00 a.m. – Grosse Pointe Park City Hall – 2nd level – 15115 Jefferson at Maryland

3rd Monday – 6-7:00 p.m. – Tim Horton's – 19353 Vernier across from Eastland

Last Monday – Noon -1:00 p.m. - Montclair Library – 14100 Kercheval at Eastlawn

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Don't kick yourself - be careful

HOT weather, school's out and not everyone has a regular job. The temperature makes me sluggish, grumpy and unwilling to take the extra step, but being a homeowner reminds me that a good neighbor takes the extra moment of being aware of my surroundings. Not only for my sake, also for my community. (OH look out, she's pulling out her soapbox . . .)

On July 8, some of us were unfortunate to have water or sewerage back up into our basements. On my block, it came in and receded so quickly that at least two of my neighbors didn't know about it until they were asked to check the status of their basements. Unfortunately, they found out they had some serious cleaning to do in order not to jeopardize their health. This also led us to check the condition of the city drains nearest our homes. On the flip side, in winter it's good to even know where your closest city drains are located in case you need to chip away ice to allow drainage.

High temperatures ar-

rive and folks are leaving windows open for a needed breeze. Please be careful to lock your windows after you close them. Having items stolen from your home when you've left a window (and sometimes doors) unlocked makes you feel stupid. Or, there are folks who suddenly replace a broken lock on their garage — after their lawn or

yard equipment mysteriously disappears. Want to kick yourself?

Larcenies from vehicles continue to be one of the highest occurring crimes as folks carelessly leave items in clear view in their vehicles only to have them stolen via a break-in or an unlocked door. Again, makes you want to kick yourself.

Oh my, much too much kicking going on!

These simple reminders — as well as joining our EEV Volunteer Patrol — increase your personal safety. Please consider this invitation and contact me for details. (See Page 2 of this Newsletter.) And remember — Dusk 'til Dawn — porch lights on!

— Gwen Wee



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Security and snow

Thanks to all the neighbors that continually support our fabulous services. Please feel free to make your payments at the monthly town meeting. The Treasurer is always at the back table. Please include your email address to receive your receipt. Email any questions to treasurer@eastenglishvillage.org.

— Pat Blount

Alger's August events

Aug. 13: Alger Theater Sidewalk Sale & Pop-Up Shop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Spaces are still available. Rain or Shine. We are outdoors or in — so don't hesitate signing up. We are looking for food trucks, garage sale vendors, music performers and various artists and businesses as well as good old-fashioned flea market sellers.

Fee: \$20/Table REGISTER: Email friends@algertheater.org with subject line: Sidewalk Sale OR complete form under EVENTS on our website <http://www.algertheater.org/>.

Aug. 20: Morningside, East English Village, Cornerstone Community Street Fair on Outer Drive median and street between East Warren and Chandler Park Drive. Bike Tour, Custom Car Show, Back-to-School Giveaways, Arts & Scraps, Craft Café, food vendors and more! Alger Theater Open House & Tour.

East Jefferson SOUP at The Alger

On June 22, East Jefferson SOUP, an offshoot of Detroit SOUP, held its fifth neighborhood fundraising dinner at The Alger Theater. The event gives four community members a platform for pitching their vision for strengthening the Eastside in a creative way. For a \$5 donation, attendees enjoy a delicious potluck and receive a vote to select their favorite community project.

Our first SOUP at The Alger was a BIG success! About 100 residents, friends, and loved ones joined in the evening's festivities. Two of the four proposals were submitted by East English Village residents: The Craft Café Detroit by Candace Meeks and MECCA Development Corporation's Community Activation Street Fair by Latisha Johnson. In a very close race, Latisha's proposal was selected and awarded \$568.33 to fund her event on Aug. 20.

SOUP is a great way to



connect neighbors, engage with local artists, and create synergy throughout our community. We appreciate everyone who took the time to attend and show support for all the ways we serve our community! Special thanks to The Kickstand Band for their performance; Friends of The Alger: Helen Broughton, Greg Griggs, Karlene Trump, Melissa Bunker, Dawn Ford, and Bonnie Fahoome for their project planning; LaShanda West and Lisa Hanson for helping to make the event

run smoothly; food donations from Moishe House, Habitat for Humanity, and all our neighbors and local food entrepreneurs; and Jeff Wegner for taking such awesome pictures of the event!

Save-the-Date for our NEXT East Jefferson SOUP at The Craft Café (14600 Mack Ave.) on Sept. 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a proposal to submit, want to lend a hand, or have a question, email eastjefferson@detroitssoup.com.

~ Alexis Adams-Wynn

Motor City Match event at the Alger

Congrats to all the recipients! On July 21, the Alger Theater hosted the announcement of the second quarter finalists in the Motor City Match. Mayor Duggan spoke about going to the Alger years ago when his family lived in the neighborhood. He said the theater (and its restoration) was really the story of the city.

Welcome Reilly Creamery! Community member Chris Reilly of Reilly Creamery is a Motor City Match award winner. Chris is interested in locating his business in The Alger Theater as part of the

storefront development. He received one of the seven Design Awards for the quarter, which will provide him design for the build-out of the space including signed and sealed architectural drawings for permits. Stay tuned for details.

Motor City Match to date has distributed \$2M and leveraged \$13M in development. Entrepreneurs are matched with landlords and funding. Each quarter they distribute \$500,000. Next date to submit is Sept. 1. Go to: www.motorcitymatch.com.

— Melissa Bunker



Mayor Mike Duggan addresses the crowd.

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Announcing the 32nd Annual St. Clare Book Sale

The St. Clare of Montefalco Annual Book Sale will take place Sept. 14-18. Collection runs from June 1 through Aug. 31. We'd like your hard-cover books, paperback books, children's books, CDs and DVDs. (Please no text books over three years old and no magazines or Reader's Digest books.) Deposit books inside carport only of St. Clare Church, 1401 Whittier/Corner of Mack and Outer Drive, any day before 2 p.m. To arrange for pickup contact: 313.640.8546 (sazakolski@aol.com) or 313.779.9282 (tamara@realtortamara.com).

DIA's Inside | Out coming to Eastside



Beginning in early August, ten "Inside | Out" images will be exhibited throughout the east-side neighborhoods of East English Village, Morningside and Cornerstone Village. These paintings will be located on commercial buildings, The Alger Theater, restaurants and in municipal parks.

Inside | Out is a program of the Detroit Institute of Arts wherein the museum brings framed reproductions of its most famous works to the main streets and landmark outdoor spaces of Metro Detroit. Supported by the Knight Foundation and launched in 2010, Inside | Out has been in more than 100 communities over the past six years.

In addition to the exhibit, related activities including walking tours, bike tours, a screening of a Detroit Film Theatre film and DIA Bus Tour will take place from mid August through October and are produced and coordinated by the communities of East English Village, Morningside and Cornerstone Village. A complete list of the locations of the pieces and a downloadable map will be available at www.algertheater.org.

~ Melissa Bunker

EEV 2016 Annual Garden Tour

The 2016 East English Village Garden Tour brought out more than a dozen visitors on a 95 degree day to anxiously view five gardens. Many thanks to Master Gardener Germaine Cortez whose exemplary garden on Grayton never fails to WOW. No matter what time of the year her yard is on display, there are color and size coordinated blooms. Thanks, too, to Tashay Dillon on Bishop, Justin Hewitt and Stephen Thornhill on Yorkshire, Connie and Will Peecher on Harvard and James and Becki Themer on Kensington for welcoming everyone to their yards to tell about the showpiece plantings they've produced for our neighborhood. James and Becki, in particular, exhibited their dedication to EEV by razing the house next door to them to expand their already lovely flower and vegetable garden.

Much appreciation goes to all the hosts for having cold water available at every stop and to David Teeter and Michael Amelot for coordinating the event.

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Annual Landscape/Beautification Awards – Aug. 13

East English Village Association is proud, once again, to promote and honor the "best in village landscape." The 2016 Beautification Contest will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13. Hopefully, there will be at least one general winner on each block where

applicable. There will be three grand prize winners representing the best in show overall. The new landscape recognition signs were a big investment for us last year. We will need to collect these at the end of August. The

grand prize winners will be honored at the September EEV General Meeting. If you would like to nominate a property, please send your nomination to code@eastenglishvillage.org by Aug. 11. Please contact residential@eastenglishvillage.

org for any questions and to volunteer to help with the event. We wish to thank all of our dedicated residents who take the time and effort to care and be proud of our village – a community of choice for 103 years!

President

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for the garage sale this year. All sales must be registered and a small advertising fee (\$5/day) paid for by Friday, Aug. 5, to be included in the sale. Please go to: http://eastenglishvillage.org/flyers/EEV_Garage_Sale_Registration_Form.pdf or to EEV's home website page at: <http://eastenglishvillage.org> to register for the event.

Please seriously consider participating in the \$5,000 Fundraiser sponsored by Bob Maxey. For every \$29.95 oil and filter change (including a free carwash), a \$25 donation will be made to the EEV General Fund. This is a great opportunity for EEV residents to patronize this local business – right in our neighborhood – and help build up our general fund. This is a very generous commitment from the dealership. Please schedule your oil and filter change today. The campaign runs through October.

Remember we are collecting for the 2016-17 snow removal season and it's time again to help pay for the private security. Please use the coupon on Page 7 or visit eastenglishvillage.org to pay via PayPal. These two valuable services help make EEV

a community of choice! At our Aug. 10 General Meeting many ongoing topics of concern will be covered. We will host speakers from The city's Building Safety and Engineering Department, Mayor's Department of Neighborhoods, Detroit City Council, Detroit Police Department and Toson Knight, who will be reviewing his youth mentoring program. We want to thank all candidates who have come to review their platforms for the upcoming elections. Don't forget to vote on August 2!

Best regards,
—William Barlage, President

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