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President's Message

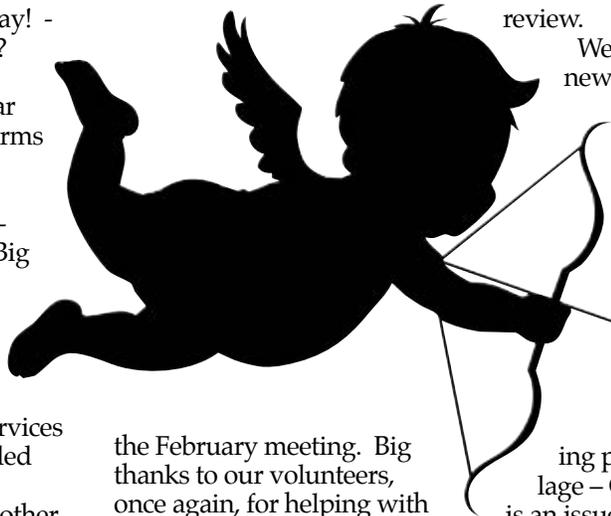
Happy February!

Happy Valentine's Day! - How will you celebrate?

We have been very lucky this winter thus far with regard to snow storms - missing the big snow and ice storms that the east coast has been dealing with the last week. Big thanks to the residents that have paid into the volunteer Snow Removal and Security Programs. We cannot provide these services without the much-needed contributions.

We are hopeful for another Detroit Land Bank Home Tour this Spring. We will have an overview of the current Land Bank's plans at the February meeting.

At the end of January we hosted another Tax Foreclosure Prevention Workshop to help educate homeowners that have tax issues with the County - we would like to thank St Matthew's Church for letting us use the campus to host EEV, Morningside and Cornerstone residents. We will review the outcome at



review.

We will discuss the new Rental Task Force at the February meeting with special guest speakers from various City departments heading up the cause with the

Mayor. The City has been hard at

work reviewing properties in the Village - Code enforcement is an issue with all of us - it's not the ticket that counts; it's the matter of getting these issues addressed and fixed.

We have asked the Police Department with help regarding abandoned cars and trucks on the street - no commercial trucks, trailers, and truck cabs are to be left or parked on residential streets at any given time unless there is a business reason for it. If

the February meeting. Big thanks to our volunteers, once again, for helping with the housing crisis that still exists in America.

We continue to struggle with trash days and when to actually put items out. If it's not picked up, please remove the items or trash can after the day - they will not be back till the next official trash day. Many residents are upset with the fact people are not paying attention. Please do your part! Tickets are being issued 2016 Rizzo Calendar is included as an insert in this month's newsletter. Please

See **PRESIDENT**, page 8

Event calendar

Feb. 3: 5th Precinct Police-Community Relations Council 7 p.m. at Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner

Feb. 4: Bulk trash, recycling, trash pickup

Feb. 10: EEV General Meeting 7 p.m., St. Clare Montefalco 1406 Whittier (at Mack)

Feb. 11: Trash pickup only

Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb. 18: Bulk trash, recycling, trash pickup

Feb. 26: Trash pickup only

March 2: 5th Precinct Police-Community Relations Council 7 p.m., Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner

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Note: If you have questions or wish to volunteer for one of the committees, please use the appropriate email address listed here or call the EEV message line, 313-216-1729.

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EEV sponsors Tax Foreclosure Prevention Workshop

On Saturday, January 30, a Tax Foreclosure Prevention Workshop was held at St. Matthew Church. EEV residents Steve Babson and Nancy Brigham spearheaded and organized the event. Staff members from United Community Housing Coalition & Michigan Legal Services, as well as trained representatives from the EEV, Morningside and Cornerstone neighborhoods, were on hand to assist in the intricate process. Fifty-nine homeowners received individual counseling services and advice toward structuring a plan to save their home from tax foreclosure. A sincere thank you to Father Duane Novelly, Pastor, for providing generous space at St. Matthew Church and to the many EEV volunteers who assisted with mailings, logistical set-up, security, registration, intake and various tasks during the Workshop. We are hopeful and confident that many of the at-risk homes identified within the three communities will be saved



Volunteers helped 59 homeowners wanting to stay in their homes.

resulting in a positive outcome for all three communities. Comments from participants leaving the Workshop, which concluded at 4:30 PM, were very

positive. Many expressed appreciation at having this opportunity offered right in their own neighborhood!

- Maureen Dritsan

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Pet corner

Resuscitation for dog emergencies

Greetings all!
 Hope you are managing this 2015-16 winter weather well. We have been extremely blessed and thankful to have had such a mild winter and to have escaped the blizzard that recently hit the Atlantic Coast. Even so, we have experienced frigid weather than can be fatal to dogs if left outside without adequate protection. Remember, your four-legged friends need food, water, protection, attention, exercise and LOVE! They, too, are family.

Now, in the unfortunate event your dog has stopped breathing, let's talk about Dog First Aid. The quickest and simplest way to see if your dog has

stopped breathing, hold a mirror in front of his mouth. If the mirror fogs up, he is breathing. You can also lay him on his side and place your hand on his chest to see if it is moving up and down. IF NOT, check his mouth and throat for foreign objects. If still not breathing:

1. Place your mouth over the entire snout and slowly exhale till you see his chest rise.
2. Give 4 or 5 quick breaths – then check to see if he has started breathing on his own. Continue process.
3. If still not breathing, check with your Veterinarian on how to do chest compressions. You can also give the dog's chest



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.**

a "thump." This has been known to start a stopped heart.
 Here's hoping we NEVER have to use this information. Good health to all until next month.
 — Karlene Trump

**Travel with EEV
 Newsletter
 & Pet of the Month
 - share yours!**

If you are traveling, plan to take along your EEV Newsletter and have a photo (or selfie) showing you with your newsletter at a scenic spot. It could be published in a future newsletter. Also, we know that there are lots of beloved pets that make up our EEV community. Would you like to introduce yours to the neighborhood? Please submit a photo and brief description or comment about your furry family member. Submit via newsletter@eastenglishvillage.org



Neglected pet next door?

If you have any legitimate neighboring pet issues or concerns please send them via email to code@eastenglishvillage.org. Winter pet care and good neighboring go hand in hand. This will be handled in a very confidential manner. We can't ignore the neighbor's dog if left behind a garage forgotten about and left to fend for itself, barking for hours asking to be cared for. The



city has a new director at Animal Control.
 All outside pets must have a safe and sound shelter as well as water, etc. Barking and danger-

ous pets are a concern. We have forwarded the complaints we have received to the department and DPD but we need to update.
 We have a great number of responsible pet owners in EEV but we need to remind those that aren't or have a lack of understanding that they live in a peaceful neighborhood where we need their partnership and respect.



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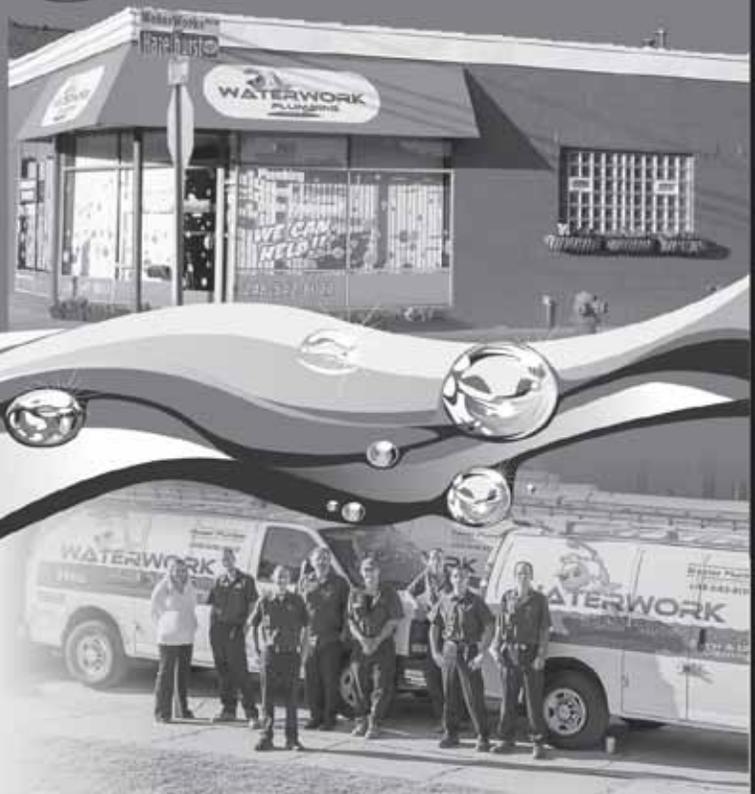
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AOD Chorus performs for Pope Francis

On January 8, 2016, locals and pilgrims of Rome gathered for the Archdiocesan Chorus of Detroit's Concert at St. Mary of the Angels and Martyrs Basilica. The chorus, under the direction of dedicated EEV resident Joe Balistreri, sang with the Sistine Chapel Choir at the Epiphany Mass at St. Peter's Basilica with Pope Francis.

Joe's personal comments: "What a day! The experience was overwhelmingly warm, fun and prayerful. We were



seated about 30 feet from the altar, just behind the brass and next to the Sistine. From these seats, it was beautiful to participate in the liturgy and see the liturgical maneuvering behind the scenes. It felt like home away from

home. What a mountaintop experience! I am so proud of my choir, so grateful for this opportunity."

Congratulations, Joe! EEV is so proud of you and this well-earned, deserving achievement. (Note: The

Archdiocese of Detroit has posted some highlights of the performance and photos on its Facebook website: <https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Detroit> - Jan. 5 & 6 postings.)

- Maureen Dritsan

Garden Club

Our sincere apologies to David Teeter (not David Trott) for thanking the wrong "David" in last month's newsletter. The Editor's brain must have been overloaded with so much recent campaign and political news. Congressman Trott was definitely not responsible for the beautiful Christmas decorations on our EEV signs! Thanks to David Teeter, our dedicated EEV resident, and the members of the Garden Club for all their beautification efforts – at holidays and throughout the year!

- Maureen Dritsan

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GM Renaissance Center tours – Free to public

Monday-Friday; noon and 2 p.m.

Location: Pure Detroit Shop, Tower 400, Level 1

The free one-hour tour takes visitors through the landmark GM Renaissance Center and outlines the rich history that General Motors shares with the Riverfront and the City of Detroit. The complimentary public tours are offered twice daily, Monday-Friday (except holidays) at noon and 2 p.m. on a first-come basis. For more information (including blackout dates), visit the GM Ren Cen website.

They're back! EEV soccer team scores big!

The East English Village Soccer Team is playing their Winter Indoor Season right in their own backyard. The Detroit City Futbol League started its 2016 Winter Season at the new sports complex called the MAC at the corner of Mack Avenue and Marseilles. The season will go for 9 weeks with all games being played on Friday nights at 6PM through 11PM. The EEV team won their first game on January 22, beating Hubbard Farms 4-1. A full season's schedule will be posted on the EEV website soon. If you are interested in playing in this adult, co-ed league, please contact Marc Tirikian at 313-460-1975.

~ Marc Tirikian

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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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City of Detroit Website

Lots of great and helpful information can be found on the City of Detroit's new and improved website. Whether it's locating information pertaining to an appeals or licensing process, community services or youth programs; government contacts and info; general news or a calendar of events – just go to: <http://www.detroitmi.gov/> OR for more specific information, go directly to the source:

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Opportunity to join Citizens Radio Patrol

We are looking for more EEV residents to become volunteer patrollers. If enough join, EEV can participate in the City of Detroit Citizens Radio Patrol, a volunteer assistance program that coordinates with the Detroit Police Department. We are working with AmeriCorps and the DPD in obtaining details, rules, guidelines, etc.

Please, contact Gwen Wee or Tracy Peters for details. (Gwen 310-7110 or Tracy 693-5155)

DUSK TO DAWN, PORCH LIGHTS ON! ~ Gwen Wee

Gwen Wee, Security and EEV Volunteer Patrol
security@eastenglishvillage.org
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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



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President

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you live in the Village and drive a major truck or trailer, please find suitable parking elsewhere. Many residents are concerned and, frankly, angry! Let's be honest, who wants to look out and see a semi parked in front of their home day after day?

We will have a few surprise speakers for February – come join the fun!

We have started up the EEV Walking Club earlier than planned. Come join us on Saturday mornings. See details on the EEV Facebook page.

February is Black History Month – During this month, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History is also open on Monday 9-5 in addition to its regular schedule of Tues – Sat from 9-5 and Sundays from 1-5. The museum is located at 315 East Warren at Brush. There is a fee structure for Children, Adults and Seniors. Children under 3 are free. This is the nation's largest museum of African-American History and Detroiters are fortunate to have this beautiful treasure in the heart of Midtown's Cultural Center.

Hope to see many at our General Meeting on February 10th.

- Bill Barlage, President