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President's Message

Summer Greetings!

It's a pleasure to report that with summer upon us, residents are well underway redoing driveways, replacing garages and porches and painting along with landscaping and planting flowers in time for the upcoming landscape contest in August. We would also like to thank the caring and responsible residents who have helped each other cutting grass at Emma House properties this past month. Please remember our association has lawn equipment that can be used at no charge – contact us at code@eastenglishvillage.org to reserve.

Big thanks to the dedicated EEV Garden Club – the marker sign flower beds are beautiful, once again, for the summer season. Great effort and much appreciated!

On July 23 at 10 a.m., we will dedicate the Fitness Park at Cadieux and Cornwall in

SAVE THESE EEV DATES!

August 6-7: Annual EEV Garage Sale (\$5/day)

August 13: Annual EEV Landscaping Contest

the name of lifelong resident and longtime Treasurer Ed Schulte. Please join us for this special occasion. We will have an exciting announcement regarding another empty lot renovation in EEV.

On August 3 the country will be pulling together to celebrate National Night Out for Law Enforcement – check out the information on our web site and at the July General Meeting for details. Keeping your porch light on is a start!

Phil Zang, Service Manager w/Bob Maxey Lincoln, will be at this meeting to officially kick off the "\$5,000 Fund-

raiser for EEVA" campaign and distribute business cards enabling residents (and family and friends) to participate in this offer. For every \$29.95 oil and filter change, a \$25 donation will be made to the EEV General Fund. This very generous commitment from the dealership is a great opportunity for EEV. Also, Terry Brook with Elmwood Cemetery and Foundation and Brandon Faber from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will speak. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Our annual EEVA Garage Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a great incentive to clean out and start anew with decorating or just making room in the garage and basement for all the things you want to keep

See **PRESIDENT**, page 13

Calendar

July 4: Happy Independence Day!

July 6: 5th Precinct Police-Community Relations Council, 7 p.m., Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner

July 8: Trash/recycle/bulk/yard waste pickup (Friday pickup due to holiday)

July 9: Alger Theater tour, noon–2 p.m.

July 13: EEV General Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Clare Montefalco, 1401 Whittier (at Mack)

July 14: Trash only pickup

July 20: Seniors Day Out Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Bethany Christian Church, 5901 Cadieux (see Page 2)

July 21: Trash/recycle/bulk/yard waste pickup

July 23: Dedication of Ed Schulte Fitness Park, 10 a.m., Cadieux and Cornwall

July 24: EEV Garden Tour (see Page 12)

July 28: Trash only pickup

Aug. 3: National Night Out for Law Enforcement

Aug. 6-7: EEV Annual Garage Sale

Aug. 6: Arise Detroit – Neighborhoods Day in the City

Aug. 13: EEV Annual Landscaping Contest

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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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Seniors Day Out luncheon

July 20, 2016, 12:30 Pm

(Co-Sponsored by EEV and Bethany Christian Church)

You are invited to an old-fashioned picnic on the lawn of Bethany Christian Church on July 20 at 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy the tasty picnic fare along with music, games and sunshine – we hope! Please RSVP by calling Bethany Christian Church at 313-885- 0909 and leaving a message. Seniors

of all ages are welcome to attend. The picnic is free and donations are appreciated.

In June, the Seniors, along with six children, enjoyed a tour of Comerica Park. We want to thank State Representative Brian Banks for furnishing delicious box lunches and transportation for the outing.



Seniors enjoy a tour of Comerica Park in June.

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Pet Corner

Be kind to dogs when celebrating Fourth of July

We have much to be thankful to our forefathers, so along with the festivities, breathe a "thank you" for the blessings we have inherited.

Along with your celebrations, please be thoughtful of your neighbors. Fireworks, while a traditional part of celebrating, have been overextended when they start the week before, continue for days after, and go on till all hours of the morning the night of the 4th. You may be enjoying them, but they may not be so pleasant for someone (like me) who has a dog that is terrified of the noise.

Did you know that there are more dogs lost over the 4th than any other time of the year? If you have

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

a dog that is frightened, bring them inside. They may still be frightened, but they won't get out and get lost.

Now that hot weather is here, be sure your animals have enough water and shade to keep them cool. As a matter of fact, why not bring them inside to



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.

enjoy the fan or air conditioning with you? Just a thought. REMEMBER, shade moves as the sun moves. AND please, please, please - never confine your dog with a chain. A proven statistic: more people are bitten by dogs that are chained up than by any other dogs, regardless of the breed. If you are aware of ANY

animal abuse, please step up and report it to the Humane Society or an equivalent organization. Speak up and be the voice for those who have no voice.

Till next month, continue to love those furry friends! ~ Karlene

— Karlene Trump

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Yard waste reminder

PICKUP: JULY 8, JULY 21

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.

Security and snow

Thanks to all the neighbors who 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

**EEV Community Services
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Security Patrol Private security patrol puts a security driver and flashing light on EEV streets to deter and report crime. More contributors = more patrol hours. The charge is **\$100 per household (\$75 for seniors 62 and older) each year.** New Renewal 

Snow Plowing Snow removal of EEV is not a free service and is not done by the City of Detroit. Everyone who uses the roads in EEV is needed to help keep them clear during heavy snow fall. The charge is **\$35 per address per year.** 

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

Security contributions can be made in quarterly installments!

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Coming up at the Alger Theater

Alger Theater Tour: Saturday, July 9, noon – 2 p.m. Tour begins at 12:30 p.m. This tour is free and open to the public.

DIA Inside/Out 2016 Project: The Alger Theater is looking forward to sharing all the details about the DIA Inside/Out Project coming to our community in August 2016. Inside/Out has been in more than 100 communities over the past six years. East English Village joins eight other communities hosting their first ever Inside/Out Project during the 2016 season. More than 80 artwork reproductions will be on display in nine communities from August to October 2016. Each community will have from seven to twelve images clustered within walking or bike-riding distance.

ALGER THEATER "FILM ON THE HILL"

Hope everyone enjoyed our June 18 Film on the Hill

event at Balduck Park. It was a perfect summer night for family and friends. Final feature of this 2016 season was the unforgettable "Remember the Titans." Fun-Flicks of Michigan donated

their film projection services and in doing so helped continue the Alger's tradition of bringing moonlit outdoor movies to Detroit's eastside. Thanks also go to our wonderful volunteers.

It takes many individuals and many hours to sponsor this event. Special thanks to Ballet Renaissance for their participation.

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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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Editor's note: Dear neighbors, we are providing this list of code enforcements as a courtesy and a reminder to keep your properties in good repair.



Clean Neighborhoods

CODE VIOLATION REMINDER

Address _____

Dear Resident, Property Owner or Renter:

Occupants of a dwelling unit are responsible for keeping the dwelling unit or premises which they occupy in a clean, habitable, sanitary and safe condition following city code. Allowing for a reasonable amount of time for repair and/or correction, please attend to the following matter in order to avoid a ticket. Thank you for your partnership in keeping this a neighborhood of choice.

Property Maintenance & Residential Guidelines

- ___ Lawn and shrubs need maintenance
- ___ Leaves, dead shrubbery or tree debris should be cleared
- ___ Remove snow from sidewalk
- ___ House or garage needs paint and or structural maintenance
- ___ Clear debris from street drains at all times
- ___ Broken/missing garage door, gutters, privacy fence section
- ___ Broken window/missing shutters
- ___ Sidewalk requires repair
- ___ Porch/steps need maintenance
- ___ Alley must be cleared and maintained
- ___ Yard waste must be in biodegradable bags
- ___ Trash cans must be placed on street after 6PM on the day before pick up
- ___ Trash cans must be removed from street by 9PM on the day of pick up
- ___ Bulk trash must not exceed one cubic yard, must be contained
- ___ Renovation/building debris must be in a metal dumpster
- ___ Accumulated debris will attract rodents
- ___ Unlicensed or inoperable vehicle on property
- ___ Pet waste must be removed
- ___ Habitually barking dog
- ___ Alarm sounding over one hour – house or auto
- ___ Basketball hoop in street
- ___ Rental property must be city certified and registered
- ___ Vacant property must be secured and registered

Other _____

Your neighborhood association contact _____

Clean Neighborhoods CODE VIOLATION REMINDER

This information is presented for educational purposes. All violation fines listed are first offense amounts. Fines increase with repeat offenses. Some fines are determined in court. Avoid tickets by following city ordinances. This information is presented as part of NDNI neighborhood stabilization initiative. Go to www.next-detroit.org for a listing of property maintenance resources. Go to www.municode.com for Detroit Code of Ordinances.

Maintenance

- Structure or yard not maintained **FINE: \$250**
- Emergency conditions: sewage, no heat or electric, falling porches etc..... **FINE: \$500**
- Grass and weeds over 8" height **FINE: \$50**
- Ice, snow or filth on sidewalks or right-of-way **FINE: \$100**

Waste

- Yard waste not in paper bags **FINE: \$200**
- Boxes, crates outside refuse container..... **FINE: \$200**
- Brush, shrubbery or bulk trash exceeds approved size, or weight, more than four tires on bulk trash pickup **FINE: \$200**
- Trash container out early or late..... **FINE: \$100**
- Animal waste on property **FINE: \$200**

Hazardous Waste

- Pet waste not bagged **FINE: \$1500**
- Burning solid waste **FINE: \$1500**

Dumping & Littering

- Failing to secure solid waste collection containers..... **FINE: \$200**
- Unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicle..... **FINE: \$100**
- Littering **FINE: \$200**
- Dumping on private or public property **FINE: \$200**
- Debris, garbage possible habitat for rodents..... **FINE: \$100**

Noise

- Operating or maintaining a radio or other noise making or amplifying device, which disturbs the peace and good order of the neighborhood **FINE: COURT**
- Sound device audible greater than 10 feet from motor vehicle **FINE: COURT**
- Disturbing the peace in public or private area **FINE: COURT**
- Three (3) false alarms within any three (3) month period **FINE: COURT**
- Allowing burglary alarm to emit for more than one (1) hour **FINE: COURT**
- Habitually barking dog(s)..... **FINE: COURT**

Animal Control

- Failure to vaccinate dogs against rabies
- More than four (4) dogs or cats over the age of four (4) months at residence
- Failure to obtain license for a dog over the age of four (4) months
- Failure to have a collar or harness with license tag attached on dog or cat

Violations of the animal control ordinances subject to a \$500 fine and/or 90-day imprisonment

Property Registration

- Vacant Property Annual Registration **FEE: \$0**
- Rental Property Annual Inspection, single-family structure **FEE: \$150**
- Rental Property Annual Inspection, two-family structure..... **FEE: \$230**
- Failure to obtain certificate of compliance **FINE: \$250**

Summer safety tips

DPD Police Commissioner Ricardo R. Moore has some terrific tips to make this a particularly safe summer for our community. Please share these with family and friends.

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Visit and phone elderly people who live alone.
3. While vacationing, have mail/newspaper deliveries stopped.
4. Ladies: Keep a used pair of men's work boots on your porch when you are away.
5. Call your local precinct and have your home placed on special attention.
6. Place an alarm company sign in your front yard.
7. Surveillance cameras on the home are helpful.
8. Cut shrubs, trees and grass on a regular basis.
9. Introduce yourself to neighbors and tell them what you want them to know – i.e. my nephew is a police commissioner!
10. Have your lighting/sprinkler systems placed on a timer.
11. Fireworks are dangerous – be careful!
12. Basketball hoops in street and illegally opened fire hydrants should be reported immediately.
13. Squatting is illegal – call the police.
14. Don't get directly involved in police matters . . . be a good witness instead.
15. When throwing away boxes from expensive purchases, reduce boxes to fit in recycle cans.
16. Get a shredder for old paperwork containing personal information – reduce your risk of identity theft.
17. Change up your travel pattern – times of departure and arrival times.
18. Stop telling people all of your business.
19. Don't volunteer information over the telephone.
20. Don't leave items you care about out in the open for all to see.

IMPORTANT: This is going to be a hot summer – please look after each other!!!
IMPORTANT: Your safety is law enforcement's first priority!!!

Thank you, Commissioner Moore, for

providing these excellent recommendations.

And remember – “Dusk ‘til

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– Gwen Wee

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Greetings from the garden

In May, the East English Village Garden Club enjoyed a DIY project meeting at Bettina Boyd's home, where we put together planters using tin cans and boards, followed by our June meeting at Nancy Brigham's home which focused on creating flower arrangements. Alaina Darget was our special guest and instructor on how to create unique arrangements. The Garden Club also volunteered a few hours (some of them even working in the rain) to plant flowers at the EEV Community signs. If you live near a Community Sign, please take some time to help keep our neighborhood attractive by watering the plants around the signs.

Sunday, July 24, will be the date for the EEV Garden Tour. We have two gardens signed up and are looking for three to four more. Call David



Teeter at 640-7627 or email teeterdavid4@gmail.com to volunteer your garden. More details will be available at the July EEV General Meeting and on Facebook. You can also call or email to be placed on our email list to receive the latest groundbreaking EEV Garden Club News.

For our August meeting,

we are hoping to schedule a speaker on "How to raise your own Earthworms." If you have ideas for gardening topics to discuss, or gardening tours to enjoy, let us know. We are always looking for fresh new ideas.

— Marianne McGuire, mmcguire313@gmail.com

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 hardcover 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).

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but have little room to store. Please contact Kathy Roddie (residential@eastenglishvillage.org) to register and/or if you can help with the garage sale. All sales must be registered, and a small advertising fee (\$5/day) paid for by Friday, Aug. 14, to be included.

Saturday, Aug. 6 is also "Arise Detroit - Neighborhoods Day in the City." More details coming in the August newsletter. Register your email address at events@eastenglishvillage.org for the latest information on all village activities.

We are continuing to collect for the 2016-17 snow removal season, and it's time again to help pay for the private security service - PayPal is available through the website at eastenglishvillage.org. These critical services make EEV "a community of choice." This year we celebrate 40 years as a neighborhood and 25 years under the name "East English Village Association." Lots to celebrate in 2016!

Speaking of basic community standards... once again, we have received comments or complaints on simple but very notable issues in EEV. Your neighborhood needs your help with the following:

Window treatments: Hanging sheets, etc. in the windows of our lovely homes takes the beauty away. Temporary window blinds come in many colors and are a mere few dollars per window at Home Depot or Lowes.

Front lawn parties: Hosting front lawn parties are also becoming an issue on a few blocks. We all have the luxury of having a backyard - your neighbors are asking these be used for parties, BBQs and pool activities.

Pet issues: Pet issues are also on the rise. If you own pets, please be responsible for their care and well-being. The City of Detroit continues to patrol EEV with regard to code enforcement. Be aware that tickets and warnings are a real thing. Please be respectful of where you call home and follow the city codes.

Please have a safe and happy 4th of July holiday! Hope that many of our residents will plan to attend our July 13 General Meeting.

—William Barlage, President

Out and about



SOUP, a networking and dinner event that raises money for Detroit neighborhood causes, visited the Alger Theatre June 22.



A block party was hosted on Harvard by Joe Balistreri, Block Captain, on June 12.



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