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President's Message

It's been a great summer!

Looks like the heat wave finally broke! This summer has been a hot one for the record books – hopefully your garden and lawn survived the blazing sun (and lack of rain) day after day.

Please note: our September 13 general meeting with Mayor Mike Duggan will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier (at Harper) due to St Clair's annual Book Sale.

In the month of August we had plenty of outstanding events going on... our annual garage sale was blessed with great weather and a solid showing of village treasures and finds. Special thanks to Kathy Roddie and her team of volunteers who made the weekend a success. The annual EEV Landscape Contest was held with many new properties being recognized this year. As always, we have so many beautiful properties in EEV – thanks to our residents who work so diligently making their homes a showplace. If you would like to help with next year's event, please contact residential@eastenglishvillage.org. Thanks to David Teeter and our Garden Club members who served as judges this year.

MECCA held their annual summer fair at Balduck Park the same day as the garage sale, bringing East English Village, Cornerstone and Morningside residents together

GENERAL MEETING - LOCATION CHANGE

September general meeting and pot luck will move to to ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, 6021 Whittier (at Harper) this month only. Mayor Duggan will speak.

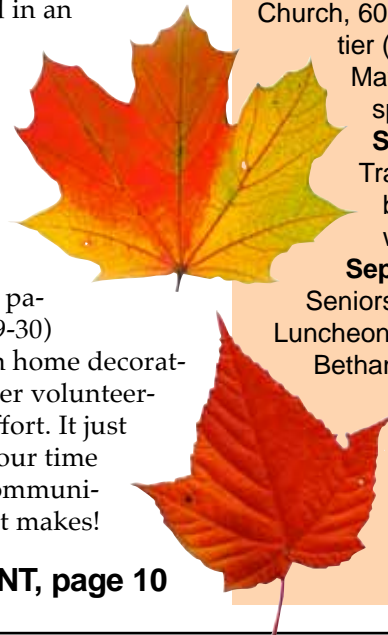
with the business community for a day filled with activities, food, communication and fun. On Aug. 19-20, a team of volunteers participated in an EEV fundraising event out at Selfridge Air Force Base. Thanks to resident Ethan S. Boyd, who brought this great opportunity to EEV.

Save the dates! Halloween is just around the corner! Angel's Night patrol is next month (Oct. 29-30) along with the Halloween home decorating contest. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile effort. It just takes an hour or two of your time to drive and patrol our community and what a difference it makes!

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Calendar of events

- Sept. 4:** Happy Labor Day!
- Sept. 6:** 5th Precinct Police-Community Relations Council, 6:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner
- Sept. 8:** Trash only pickup (Friday pickup due to holiday)
- Sept. 13:** EEV General Meeting, 7 p.m. Note new location this month only at St. Matthew Church, 6021 Whittier (at Harper) Mayor Duggan, speaker
- Sept. 14:** Trash/recycle/bulk/yard waste pickup
- Sept. 20:** Seniors' Day Out Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Bethany Christian Church, Cadieux/Linville
- Sept. 21:** Trash only pickup



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Seniors Day Out

(Co-sponsored by EEV and Bethany Christian Church)

Wednesday, September 20,
12:30 p.m.

You are invited to lunch and a program on September 20 at 12:30 p.m. at Bethany Christian Church located at 5901 Cadieux at the corner of Linville. Seniors of all ages are welcome. Our speaker will be a professional from the Senior Reach at the Northeast Guidance Center who will talk about their program designed to identify and meet the needs of home bound, sometimes reclusive, seniors who are referred by trained community partners, friends and family members. We all probably know individuals who might be helped by this program.

As always we will have a good lunch provided this month by Kevin Council before we hear the speaker. Please RSVP by Saturday, Sept. 16 at 313-885-0909. The meal is free; donations are accepted. We want to thank the many people from EEV and Bethany Christian Church who helped make the August lunch a success!

What's up at The Alger?

Yes, those are storefront windows and doors you spied on East Warren. We are happy to be advancing along with our construction. The new commercial spaces have caught the attention of some local business owners. We will keep you posted.

What does it mean for the community? Overheard at the August theater tour: "Yes I purchased my home in EEV after learning that small business owners were eyeing that space."

Save the Date: Saturday, September 9, Alger in the Alley Coffee Pop-Up from 9:30-noon. Coffee is free and local baked goods available too! An opportunity to meet neighbors and perhaps make new friends. It's a great chance to hear and share memories of the past and our vision for the future. Monthly Theater Tour at noon.

Detroit Free Press Film Festival and The Friends of the Alger present "12th and Clairmount," the Free Press' documentary about the turbulent summer of 1967, screened at Balduck Park. Free of charge. Panel discussion and film at 7:30 pm. Watch the Alger's Facebook page for details.

Stay up to date on the latest at www.facebook.com/algertheater/

~ Melissa Bunker



Construction is coming along!

Pet Corner

Tips to make your four-legged buddy happier

What a beautiful summer we've experienced. Cool nights, beautiful sunny, warm days, couldn't ask for anything more (well, maybe just a bit more rain). Summer - each year this season seems to pass so soon though time does fly when you're having fun.

Let's take a few minutes to consider the possibility that you could make the life of "the love of your life" (your dog) a little sweeter.

First of all, spend time with them. It's sure not much of a life if you are chained outside craving love & attention from your family.

Second, dogs need exercise so walk them daily, or at least play with them so their physical needs are met.

Third, have a special place for them, with bedding, that is their own.

Fourth, don't force friendships on them, either other dogs or humans. They just might not like each other.

Fifth, if dogs are fighting, douse them with water or throw a piece of clothing over their heads.

And last but certainly not least, if your dog has behavioral issues, Bark Busters @ 1-877-500-2275, will advise you on the phone, or come to the house and train both of you!


Happy September! Till next time

~ Karlene Trump



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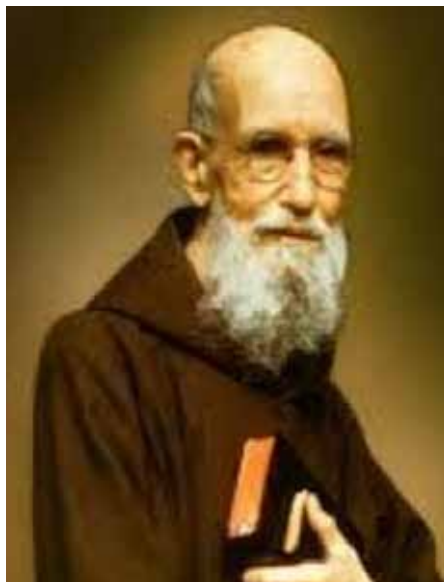
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On Saturday, September 23, St. Clare of Montefalco Church has a tour scheduled to visit the tomb of this holy man. We will be leaving the St. Clare parking lot at 9:30 AM for a guided

tour from 10-11:30. Donation is \$5. You are welcome to join us. For further information, please call Sr. Kathy at 313-647-5110.

Fr. Solanus will be Beatified in the Catholic Church on Saturday, November 18, in a special Mass and ceremony at 4:00 PM at Ford Field. This beatification is a great honor for all of us metro Detroiters. A ticket is required to attend this event. If you are interested, please call Sr. Kathy at 313-647-5110.

~ Sister Kathy Avery

EJ SOUP #9 winner at Hope Church Detroit

East Jefferson SOUP had another terrific turnout on August 23 at Hope Church. Presenters included Amanda Wisniewski with AWBS Integrated Care Clinic offering free clinic services to adult clients with the goal of adding pediatric services; Ossie Johnson w/ Green Hill Garden ~ a community garden and training center with the goal of purchasing an adjacent lot and expanding services; and Linsey Higgins with Intertwined Detroit ~ a family center offering postpartum and parenting

support groups and other services to new parents. AWBS (Adult Well Being Services) received the top votes and \$440.00. As a bonus, EEV resident, Aaron Wynn, shared a positive story about growing up in the area and the impact the eastside community had on his life. Next SOUP event is tentatively scheduled for October 19.

Submit funding proposals for ideas to <https://detroit soup.com/submit-to-east-jefferson-soup/> You just might be selected to pitch at an upcoming SOUP!

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On August 18, 19 & 20, Metro Detroit celebrated the 100th anniversary of Selfridge Air Force Base. More than 210,000 individuals visited the base and participated in the 100 year anniversary festivities.

Ethan S. Boyd, Group Superintendent, 127MSG/CCC (and Harvard Block Captain), invited EEVA to participate in a volunteer fundraising tent featuring food and drink at the event. From dawn to dusk each day, EEV residents were on hand to work the concession booth. The long days were filled with fun, food, hard work and getting the word out about EEV to visitors. The result was a significant donation to the EEV General Fund.

Many thanks to our very dedicated EEV resident volunteers: Alexis Adams-Wynn (Team Lead Saturday and also volunteered Sunday), Marie DeBerry, Marcia Davis, Stacey Davis, Aaron Wynn, Bill Barlage, Judith Roth, David Teeter, Jacquelyn Downs, Marcie Aydelotte, Sue Bourgeois, Barbara Hamilton-Pitts, Don Ricker, Latisha Johnson (Team Lead Sunday), Germaine Cortes, Germaine Budzinski, Darnell Adams, Gwen Wee and Bettina Boyd. Non-EEV residents who helped in this event included: Kiersten Rezanka, James Pawlowski, Daniel, William & Sharri



McGary, Kiersten Rezanka, James Pawlowski and Steven & Wendy Potorek.

And last, but certainly not least, heartfelt thanks to Ethan S. Boyd for providing this fund-raising opportunity to EEV!





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Above, children attending "Bible Heroes of the Old Testament Summer Camp"; below, Pastor Father Andrew also participating at the camp.



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Judging EEV 2017 Landscaping Contest not exactly a walk in the park

Congratulations to all East English Villagers who planted some flowers, trimmed their shrubs and trees, mowed and manicured their lawns. It is truly impressive to see the pride people show for their homes and the unique personality reflected in how your homes have been landscaped and "decorated." There were ninety homes designated with Landscape Award signs with three chosen as our 2017 finalists: First Place Winner Keavon Hunter at 12671 Outer Drive, to Second Place Winners at 4449/4451 Kensington* and Third Place Winner Thomas Kwabena at 5530 Harvard. So how were the awardees chosen?

Thanks and appreciation to members of the Garden Club and Block Captains who provided recommendations. Your suggestions made the task less overwhelming.

Winning landscapes reflect the passion of the people living there. Winners love their homes and use landscaping to show off their homes and they enjoy the results of their hard work. The most impressive landscapes are those that have developed and evolved over a number of years, that look natural and complement the home.

The first impression is important - a color or combination of colors that stand out, variation in heights and slopes in how shrubs and trees are trimmed and complement or direct your eye to architectural features. Or the creation of a completely different environment such as a shade garden or naturalized yard.

Following the first impression, the amount of work in creating and caring for the gardens and lawn may merit award. Awards are also lost due to negative details such as: obvious weeds, lack of lawn care, a dead bush



1st place



2nd place



3rd place

that should be removed, the condition of the home - if there is peeling paint, or a fence that has fallen apart, it detracts from the landscaping. Home features may also determine a winner; a new driveway or the driveway gate of the First Place winner made that home a standout.

Selection of landscape awards is completely subjective and based on the personal biases of the judges. In this case I will tell you I am a sucker for flowers. A front yard without flowers will be difficult to grab my attention. An edged and manicured lawn is impressive, but is not something I will notice first, sorry. Some perennial blooms that were beautiful in June are

gone by early August, leaving bare stems that are not so impressive. Some of the most beautiful landscaping in EEV is in back of the house, and not considered in landscape judging at all.

Finally, if your home was selected as one of the top 3 awards in the recent past, it was decided not to consider your home this year. We try to highlight different homes each year. There is also an effort to distribute the awards for landscaping throughout EEV. Thank you to all of you, whether you got a sign or not, for continuing to make this neighborhood a beautiful place to live.

(*at time of press we were unable to identify the names of the Kensington residents)

~ David Teeter

Garden Club meets at Sierra Station

On July 23, the EEV Garden Club met in the garden patio of the Sierra Station restaurant on Mack Avenue with Jeff Lee, owner. Lee then gave a tour of the magnificent flowers that fill his whole yard on St. Paul Street. After picking up many tips and lots of inspiration, the EEV group returned to Sierra Station for an early dinner surrounded by flowers in the patio.

~ David Teeter



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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

President

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There's an added bonus of sharing a pot luck dish and an evening of camaraderie with neighbors. To sign up, go to angelsnight@eastenglishvillage.org OR sign up at the general meeting.

We invite all to join your neighbors for another great meeting. Again, for

this month only, we will meet at St. Matthew's Church on September 13 at 7 p.m. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet with Mayor Mike Duggan and hear the latest on many issues that we are working on as well as some very special important announcements. Believe me, you'll want to hear this first-hand! Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

Best regards,

- William Barlage, President



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