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# EAST ENGLISH VILLAGE

## A COMMUNITY OF CHOICE

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We have started the year off with a few successful events and want to keep the good momentum moving. We hosted our first social event in January with over 60 people attending. Everyone asked "Why don't we do this more often?" It was a great way to see some familiar faces and get to know some new neighbors. We will be having an EEV Social every LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. The next one is March 30th at Bogart'z. Purchase your ticket our **FFV** website on www.eastenglishvillage.org

We also hosted a breakfast for the special assessment district to answer residents questions and collect signatures for those who were prepared to sign. We had plenty of great questions and a few new ideas. In an effort to make sure everyone has a chance to ask questions we will be hosting an information meeting on April 15th specifically for S.A.D. At this meeting residents will be able to ask Alvin Horhn. Detroits Assessor what ever questions they may have.

We will also have potential and security snow plow vendors presenting their company answering and We will be taking questions. time to ensure all residents get they information they need and want and the time to consider it.

We have had a great deal of support for the assessment and also people who do not support it. So, we will be conducting a survey of EEV residents asking whether they support a special assessment for security and snow plowing for EEV. There will also be an opportunity to note vour questions, concerns or support. We will publish the survey at the end of the month.

I have been getting more calls and emails this past month regarding trash cans and bulk being put out too early or on the wrong week. Please use Improve Detroit App to report all trash and bulk issues. The city is really trying to perfect that system and has asked us to support that. I have intern requested that periodically come out with inspectors at random every three or four months to fine those violating city code.

You can sign up for the city text reminders they send out every Wednesday evening. You can sign up by texting your address to 313-800-7905.

A special congratulations this month to our resident Brad Dick who has been appointed Detroit's new Chief Operating Officer by Mayor Duggan.



#### EEV April 12th General Meeting

IN PERSON on April 12th
7:00 to 8:00 PM
the lower level of
Sweeney Center
at St. Clare of Montefalco

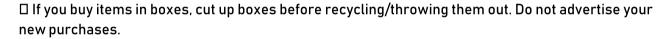
## "DUSK TO DAWN - PORCH LIGHTS ON!

As we continue to roll-out the Special Assessment District Petition Drive Campaign, here are

some additional tips to keep your home, garage and person safe:

$\hfill\square$ Keep garage doors closed and locked. Do not $\hfill$	give predators easy viewing
of garage contents.	

□ Record serial numbers and/or peculiar markings of electronics or other valuables. In case of theft, you will be able to identify/prove property ownership.



☐ Lights/bulbs on outdoor fixtures need to be high enough so they will not be removed, damaged or simply, unscrewed by thieves.

☐ When using cameras be sure to overlap views in order to capture the broadest recordings of activity (of any predators). Particularly, if they disable one (or more) of your cameras.

☐ There has been an uptick in stolen delivered (UPS, Fedex, USPS) packages. If you order items for delivery, consider having them sent to an attended location or request that the item be placed in an inconspicuous location.

☐ Help brighten the area around your home and street by using lights on as soon as it starts to get dark outside. Use of motion sensor lights have become very popular, but consider using them in areas other than your front porch such as your driveway, garage area and back yard. Both are good deterrents for criminal activity

 $\Box$  As the holiday season progresses, remind yourself to be ever aware of your surroundings. It is too easy to be in a rush, between 3-4 different errands and lose your personal safety perspective. Be smart – be personally alert.



☐ A special request to residents: In reporting incidents to DPD – either by calling 911 or the 5 th Precinct (313) 596-5501, please provide any and all details observed.

Be as specific as possible with day, date, time, activity observed, vehicle. If you see something, say something. – Gwen Wee

## Tell us your opinion on the Special Assessment District!!!

As you may know, we have been working hard to establish a special assessment district (SAD) in East English Village. Our goal is to secure the funding to hire 24/7 private security patrol for the neighborhood, as well as private snow maintenance services.

We appreciate the questions raised by residents regarding the SAD initiative and want to ensure that everyone has the information they need to make an informed decision. Thus, our SAD petition drive will be extended through the spring to allow more time to properly answer resident questions and address any concerns.

In addition, please note that the City Assessor's office will be mailing you a letter in the coming days with a **link to a poll where you can express your support or opposition** to the SAD. We encourage you to participate in this poll as it will help us gauge community sentiment and make informed decisions moving forward. A previous poll was taken in September 2022 (via the East English Village Facebook group) indicating overwhelming support for this program.



# Fill out the survey here: <a href="https://forms.gle/FBRhvsCMaYiNKQfx6">https://forms.gle/FBRhvsCMaYiNKQfx6</a>





We also invite you to a town hall meeting on April 15th at 10am St Clare Montefalco in Mr B's room (where we have the general meeting) where we will provide detailed information about the SAD and answer any questions you may have. We expect to have representatives from both security companies and the City of Detroit Assessor's Office on-hand.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making East English Village a great place to live.

Questions? Want to help? Let us know! Alex Manwell EEV Special Assessment Coordinator SAD@EASTENGLISHVILLAGE.ORG 312.662.0728





## Get great compost from kitchen waste

Midtown service offers special deal to EEV residents

Do you like to garden, but don't want the hassle of trying to turn your waste into nutritious mulch? Does it bother you that we dump so much garbage into the landfills that are mushrooming across Michigan? Here's news about a service that tackles both problems - and now offers a free month of service for EEV residents.

I found out about Midtown Composting from a friend in Grosse Pointe. The service takes a bucket of kitchen waste off your front porch each week, replacing it with an empty bucket for you to refill. In the Spring you get 15 gallons of nutrient-dense compost. I thought that sounded great, and signed up. The service is easy, well organized and reliable.

Then I discovered that the company is actually headquartered just a few blocks away, in Morningside. Eager to find out more, I gave a call to Michael Edwards, who runs the business along with his wife Kristina, the owner.

You can subscribe online for \$19.55 a month, plus \$5 for a new bucket and compostable bag. You're given a designated day to leave out your bucket, and that night you'll get a new empty bucket and a new bag.

He agreed that if EEV residents use the code "eastenglishvillage" when you sign up, you'll get one free month of service, and they will waive the \$5 signup fee. You can quit at any time.

Their midtowncomposting.com website lists the range of food etc. they will compost. Once a year subscribers get 15 gallons of finished compost (3 buckets) for free, with an option to buy more. Although they have a little farm on four lots in Morningside, most of our waste goes to a larger farm near Flint for composting.

To Mike, this is a mission to "make the world a better place," not just a service. "Getting food waste out of landfills is important," he says, adding that the methane gas that landfills generate doesn't last as long as CO2, but it "might be as much as 29 times more potent as a greenhouse gas."

Midtown Composting is now so popular that they've hired their first employees – and committed to pay a living wage of at least \$22 an hour. The company is now starting to get contracts from suburban cities by convincing them that recycling is cheaper than using landfills.



## Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)

Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) is a lifestyle change program for people who are at risk or have pre-diabetes. The diabetes prevention program is a year-long program, which focuses on lasting lifestyle changes like regular physical activity, healthy eating, weight loss, and stress management. The program meets for 16 weekly sessions and then 6 monthly follow-up sessions. This program helps you make lifestyle changes to reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes. You must have risk factors or a diagnosis of prediabetes to meet the class requirements. Pre-diabetes can be diagnosed by your physician or you can take the self-screening test at:

https://doihaveprediabetes.org/take-the-risk-test/#/

Dates: Tuesdays, March 14, 2023,

1:00 pm - March 12, 2024, 2:00pm

Location: Ford Resource and Engagement Center (FREC)

15491 Maddelein Street Detroit, MI 48205

Call us at 248-849-5752 for more information and to register.

If you have a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, this class is not for you but we do offer classes for those with a diagnosis of diabetes. Call us for more information.



## **Block Captain Meeting**

IN-PERSON and April 12th

6:15 to 7:00 PM the lower level of

Sweeney Center at St. Clare of Montefalco

contact:
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if you would like to volunteer



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Thank You, East English Village for making me your number 1 agent in EEV for two years in a row!



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## **Neighbor of the Month**



#### **Bonnie Barrett of E Outer Drive**

Hello, we are the Barretts! Mark, Donnie, and myself - Bonnie. We have lived in East English Village for over 15 years - 14 years on Kensington, and just this last year moving over to Outer Drive. My sons Mark and Donnie are both highly functional mentally challenged adults, and they are the loves of my life.

When we first moved he we felt truly blessed, as our leased home was beautiful and we're welcomed with open arms. Upon our first day moving in, people actually waved from their vehicles and said welcome to EEV. Bill Barlage, neighborhood president at the time, even came over to personally welcome us to the neighborhood.

I'm a retired Detroit Public Schools special education aide of 22 years, working in the Early On preschool program for mentally/physically challenged and non mobile students.

Our family has a long history with Detroit Special Olympics and wore many different hats in regards to the program. Since my retirement in 2014, our family has been involved in dog rescue in the area, having returned over the years 4 dogs to their owners. One we saved right off Kensington some years ago, and ended up adding him to our family. We named him Smokey and he became my son Mark's best buddy, until sadly we had to say goodbye to him last June after a cancer diagnosis. We continue to advocate passionately for rescue efforts and for the proper care and treatment of all animals.

Please remember to foster and rescue - the four legged life you save, will fill you with joy and unconditional love of a lifetime.

After 14 years of renting on Kensington, this year we became the proud owners of our very own home here in EEV, just one street over on Outer Drive. I never thought that at my age I would qualify for home ownership...but we kept the faith and our realtor and neighborhood president Ron Otto came through for our little family and made this dream happen. (The picture above is from the day we closed on our forever home!) We miss our old neighbors on Kensington, we were all so close on that street and still keep in contact. But we've been happy making new friends here on Outer Drive, which proves that no matter where you live in the village you are in one of the best communities in Detroit.

As I like to say...EEV IS THE PLACE TO BE... and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else!

If you have a recommendation for a great neighbor to feature in the newsletter, send your suggestion to carole.hoste@gmail.com

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## **Business of the Month**

First Place Lounge is the "Cheers" of the east side – a small gem of a bar where you're only a stranger but once. They feature happy hour daily from 4–7, taco Tuesdays, open music jam Thursdays, pool and darts, an outdoor back patio, and karaoke nights. Their yearly Christmas party is not to be missed. Rotating food specials are available for dine in or carry out – you'll especially want to try the Jamaican dishes cooked by the owner Delroy himself, who has the owned the bar since 2011. Follow them on Facebook for the most up to date specials and events!

First Place Lounge 16921 Harper Facebook: First Place Lounge (313) 885-0109



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