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President's Message

Summer in the Village

Greetings!
I hope the summer of 2018 continues to be a good one and that you are able to stay cool – it's been a hot one and continues to be a challenging one. Please continue to check on neighbors and pets when outdoors etc. There is plenty of evidence that our EEV residents are committed to large and small improvement projects – driveways have been repaved, windows and roofs replaced, garages and porches reconstructed as well as plenty of painting, landscaping and plantings in anticipation of our EEV Landscape Contest. Our Emma House properties continue to be well maintained thanks to our dedicated residents who have physically cut the grass or contributed financially to this effort. The city continued to clean our streets again this past month. Note: Tickets can be issued for cars that have not moved for the cleaning – several



The EEV August General Meeting Agenda will include representative(s) from Arts & Scraps to provide an overview of the creative materials and exciting services offered at their Harper location. We will also learn more about the Block Party event scheduled in September.

cars were parked on Bishop and Yorkshire despite visible signs advising "not to park."

Our July meeting covered candidates running for State

Senate, State Representative and Governor. We had a recap of DPD informa-

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Calendar of Events

Aug. 1 - 5th Precinct Police-Community Relations Council, 6:30PM, Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner

Aug. 2 – Trash/recycling/bulk trash/yard waste

Aug. 6 - Restorin' E Warren Community & Business Meeting, 6 PM, Jefferson Branch Library, 12350 E. Outer Drive

Aug. 7 – Primary Election - Remember to Vote!

Aug. 8 - EEV General Meeting 7PM, St. Clare Montefalco, 1401 Whittier (at Mack)

Aug. 9 - Trash only pickup

Aug. 11-12 – EEV Garage Sale

Aug. 16 - Trash/recycling/bulk trash/yard waste

Aug. 18 - Tour of Alger Theatre, Noon - 1 p.m.

Aug. 23 - Trash only pickup

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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.

Committees

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Keyboardist needed

Bethany Christian Church is still looking for a keyboardist to play for Sunday morning worship. It would be a bonus if the person also plays the organ.

Please call Pastor Nora Shumake at 313-885-0909 if you are interested.

The church is located at 5901 Cadieux on the corner of Linville.

Seniors Day Out

SENIORS DAY OUT will resume in September. Enjoy the summer!

President

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tion on National Night Out. While it's always a good idea to keep your porch lights on, please make a special effort to do so on August 7. We also had the pleasure of meeting Detroit's Ombudsman, Bruce Simpson, who spoke on a very current topic – dog ownership in the city. We have received many complaints from caring EEV neighbors of suspected pet neglect resulting in Animal Care from the City of Detroit and Michigan Humane Society being contacted to resolve the issues. PLEASE, take care of your pets. Our EEV community is more vigilant than most and neighbors take the time to report when pets are tied up or chained as well as not having the basic necessities – a dog house, clean water and food as well as protection from the elements.

City of Detroit ordinances address these pet-related issues. We are fortunate to have so many great and loving pet people in EEV.

Our annual EEV Garage Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Out with the old ~ in with the new!" This is an excellent opportunity to start fresh, get organized and give new life to some of those gems we no longer have the space to store. Please contact Kathy Roddie (residential@eastenglishvillage.org) if you can lend a hand for the garage sale this year. All participating homes must be registered and a small advertising fee (\$5/day) paid for by Friday, August 10 at 5 p.m. to be included in the sale.

At our August meeting we will host speakers covering many ongoing topics from the City's Building, Safety, Engineering & Environment Department (BSEED),

DPD, DFD and information regarding the Special Assessment District.

Remember to vote in our Primary Election on Tuesday, August 7. Be sure to mail your absentee ballots on time or confirm the location of your voting precinct. We thank all candidates that have come to present their platform these past several months for the upcoming elections.

On a final note for this month, I and the rest of the EEV team want to thank our Newsletter Editor, Maureen Dritsan, for years of dedicated service, partnership and loyal participation on the EEV Board and for her incredible direction, hard creative work and devotion to our monthly newsletter and the Village. Maureen will be helping with other EEV projects, and we appreciate her friendship and wisdom. Thank you, Maureen!

Best regards,
 William Barlage, President

Alger Theatre welcomes new board members

We are happy to announce the addition to our board of new members, Jackie Grant and Eric Peeples. They join recent new member Clinton Griffin. Each individual brings a unique background of talents and a commitment to the reactivation of The Alger. The Friends of The Alger is governed by an all-volunteer board but rely on the support of many supporters, volunteers, contributors and partners. One partner is Alexis Adams-Winn

who is co-producing with us, Comedy Commons, an annual comedy show filled with jokes and roasts about the human experience of being neighbors across Detroit's MorningSide, East English Village, and Cornerstone Village communities. Comedy Commons is funded through 8 80 Cities and John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Look for Comedy Common's first production of a film screening in Balduck Park in September. Stay tuned for details.

Next Community Theater Tour is August 11 at noon. Volunteers continue to be needed for a host of things from building maintenance to identifying funders and tour guides. If you would like to be part of this dynamic, dedicated group, please contact Friends of the Alger Theater by phone at (313) 343-9087 or email friends@algertheatre.org or visit www.algertheater.org. ~ Melissa Bunker

4,272 Detroit Land Bank houses occupied by squatters ~ none in EEV

Thanks to the committed and joint efforts of our EEV residents, our partnerships with the Detroit Land Bank, the Mayor's office, DPD, BSEED and others, we are happy to report that EEV does not have any Land Bank properties currently occupied by squatters according to the latest Land Bank report. We continue to look out for each other and our property investments to ensure quality standards are maintained. The completely clear space on the adjacent map represents EEV. Great and encouraging news! At the same time, we hope that all Detroiters have a safe and solid place to call home each day. There are programs available through the Land Bank to assist those needing a place to live.



Soccer in the City



The East English Village soccer team is competing in their 8th season with the Detroit City Futbol League. The league has expanded to a record 36 neighborhoods. The team has a new logo this year featuring the Belgian Lion and colors reflecting the neighborhood's Belgian roots; and Cadieux Cafe continues to help sponsor the team. The team accomplished their league community points by doing a clean-up of the Alger Theater and surrounds early in July. The season-ending tournament, COPA IX, will take place on Saturday, August 4 at Historic Fort Wayne from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Come out and cheer on your neighborhood team! ~ Marc Tirikian

Get ready for the EEV Garage Sale!

Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Please mail this form and your \$5 per day registration fee to East English Village, P.O. Box 241009, Detroit, MI 48224; bring to the EEV General Meeting; or contact residential@eastenglishvillage.org to be included in the list of garage sales. Make checks payable to East English Village.

Servite Mass Mob

Sunday, September 16, there will be a Servite Mass Mob at St. Clare of Montefalco at 11 a.m. We are looking for all who know a Servite Sister or Associate, or those connected with St. John Berchman's or St. Juliana Parish/School and Servite High School. All are welcome.

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DPL - Jefferson Branch calendar of events

Preschool story time: Tuesdays, 8/7 & 8/21, 11-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, finger plays and more during this interactive story time. (Tots and Preschoolers)

Intergenerational Book Club: Monday, 8/27, 5-6 p.m. This adult/teen discussion group is open to anyone who enjoys reading a good book. For August 2018, we will discuss "Grand River & Joy" by Susan Messer. (Adults and Teens)

One-On-One Computer Sessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. By appointment only - call (313) 481-1761

Color by Number Wednesdays: Wednesdays, 8/1, 8/8 & 8/15, 1-2 p.m. Create "Color by Number" art worthy of displaying using crayons, colored pencils, markers and watercolor. (Children, Tweens, Teens, Parent/Child)

Jewelry Making for Beginners: Mondays, 8/6, 8/13 & 8/20, 5-6 p.m. Create one-of-a-kind jewelry. All supplies



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~ JoAnne Mannino

St. Clare of Montefalco Bible Camp

A reminder that children ages 4-10 years old are invited to participate in St. Clare of Montefalco's Summer Bible Camp, August 13-17. This year our main focus will be on selected wonder

women of the Old Testament. We will discover Queen Esther, Sara, Miriam, Ruth and Naomi through learning lessons, music and crafts as well as outside physical activities. Snacks will be provided.

Where? St. Clare Social Hall, 1401 Whittier Rd
When? August 13-17, 9:30 a.m. - noon.
Cost? \$25 per child (financial assistance is available).
Please contact our Reli-

gious Education Department 313-547-5056 or skavery@st-clarem.org for any questions or concerns. Registration forms are available online: www.stclarem.org or at the parish office or church.



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Save the date ~ Arts & Scraps block party



What: Arts & Scraps Block Party

When: Sept 15, 1-5 p.m.

Where: 16135 Harper Avenue, Detroit

What: Music, entertainment, photo booth, block-themed lawn games, Fence Creature Artist Challenge/

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Local activities to keep the munchkins happy

There are so many free and very reasonably-priced family-friendly activities to keep the kids (and their parents) from getting into trouble or becoming bored this summer. A trip to nearby Belle Isle can become a day filled with fun, laughter and even some learning in the process . . . a great spot to create life-time family memories.

Located in the sprawling Belle Isle Park, the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory was designed by renowned architect, Albert Kahn, and opened in 1904. Adults will love the building's domed architecture while kids will have fun exploring the gorgeous 13 acres of plants.

With more than 1,000 fish and 118 species of sea life, the Albert Kahn-designed Belle Isle Aquarium is the oldest aquarium in the United States and a perfect weekend destination (open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

If the weather is nice, head to the Belle Isle Beach to enjoy a half-mile stretch of sand, water and incredible views of the city ~ perfect for photo shots. The Detroit River is also a popular spot for paddle-boarders, kayakers, and boaters. Plenty of nearby picnic areas too!

The Belle Isle Nature Center is another attraction. This free zoo is perfectly sized for young children and allows the kiddos to get up-close and personal with 19 species of Michigan wildlife. It may not be as large as many urban zoos, but charming experiences like the



Deer Encounter allow kids to feed animals and learn about wildlife conservation. There's also an ADA compliant playground outside the animal center.


Nearby, families are

enthusiastic about another Detroit-based gem ~ Mt. Elliott Park. Various species of animal pawprints embedded in cement lead you into the entrance. Located on the East Riverfront, Mt. Elliott Park is fun anytime of the year but in the summer, the schooner-themed waterpark comes alive! Kids can play in water cascades, child-activated water cannons, windchimes and an array of fountains. It's accessible to all and has clean restrooms and a café offering a nice variety of reasonably-priced concession items and plenty of umbrella-covered seating.

A trip to Campus Martius reveals 400,000 pounds of sand converts this space to an urban beach. Located in the heart of Downtown Detroit, Campus Martius

offers year-round fun with a stage, lawn and beautiful fountain. There are food trucks nearby, basketball court and, of course, this giant sandbox in which artists ~ young and old alike ~ can create castles and sculptures. The first-ever winner of the prestigious, international Urban Land Institute "Urban Open Space Award", Campus Martius Park delivers on its promise to be Detroit's Gathering Place in the immediate downtown community and for the entire city and region. Detroit's signature public space presents spectacular skyline views in an extraordinary setting.

~ Maureen Dritsan



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- In the "if you see something, say something" department, please contact the Detroit Police Department 5th Precinct at 313.596.5510 or 224-DOPE with possible drug activity info. Or, if you see individuals dumping/leaving junk in our neighborhood, contact the DPD with as much information as possible that you've observed – vehicle make/model/color/older or newer, description of individuals involved, activities observed. Why? The MEC Radio Patrol has recently observed a shiny black Cadillac MKX (newer model) dumping junk in both EEV and Cornerstone!

Let's see if we can help stop this awful activity!

- There's a City of Detroit Ordinance against keeping/using BBQ grills on front porches. If you or a neighbor takes this risk, please reconsider. Think about how dangerous this could be.

- A large percentage of assaults (simple and aggravated) occur between people who know each other.

Then, when assaults happen, victims often do not follow through with pressing charges. Why? If you know someone in a difficult situation, the DPD-5th has a Domestic Violence Advocate who might be able to help.

- Larceny from a vehicle continues to be a problem in the 5th Precinct, but if folks would take the extra moment to NOT leave items in their

car in plain view when they run into a store, many incidences would not happen.

- Sound. Music. Barking Dogs. Noise. Time of day (or night). Which is it? It's summertime and opinions vary on what constitutes enjoyment or irritation. Being considerate is always a plus.

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~ Gwen Wee

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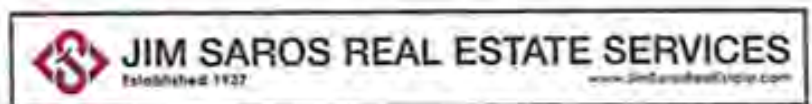
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