



# EHCO Voice

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## Emerson Heights Receives a Marion County Historic Preservation Fund Grant

Emerson Heights Community Organization has received a \$ 2,000.00 grant from the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund. Mark Dollase, Vice President of Preservation Services Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, will do a check presentation at the March 19th ECHO meeting. A brief update of where we are in the National Register Process will be given by Rebecca Seifert. At a later meeting, our consultant Connie Ziegler will report to the neighborhood.



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This grant in combination with the one received from the Indianapolis Foundation will be used to pay Connie Ziegler, our consultant, to survey the neighborhood, write and defend Emerson Heights National Register Nomination.

At this writing, it appears that all of Emerson Heights will have enough contributing houses and garages so that the entire neighborhood will be included in the National Register nomination

It is anticipated that Emerson Heights' nomination will be ready for review by the Indiana Department of Historic Preservation and Archeology (IDHPA) in April 2009. The IDHPA will probably ask for some revisions and/or clarifications, which will mean the earliest it is likely to be heard by IDHPA, would be July 2009.

## A GOOD NEIGHBOR PASSES ON

Richard Aichele has been a great supporter of Emerson Heights. Richard and his wife moved into Emerson Heights in 1955 and are among the longest standing residents of our neighborhood.

Richard and Shirley attended our neighborhood meetings and contributed to the well being of the neighborhood. We are thinking of his wife we want her to know that she can rely on her neighbors for support in this time of need.

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Please visit our website to keep up to date on volunteer activities and other happenings in the neighborhood.  
[www.emersonheights.org](http://www.emersonheights.org)

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## INVEST IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY—SAVE \$\$\$

This year the federal tax credits for energy conservation have changed. For many investments, the tax credit is now 30% of the installed cost up to a maximum of \$1,500.

What this means is that a homeowner installing the items that qualify will receive almost a third of the cost back as a tax credit.

Items include:

- High efficiency gas furnaces
- High efficiency Air Conditioning
- Tankless water heaters
- Insulation
- Storm Doors and Windows

Many of the homes in Emerson Heights still have older gas furnaces that are only 65% efficient rather than the 92-95% efficient that are common today. Most of our homes only have a few inches of attic insulation as well. Blowing in cellulose attic insulation is potentially even a DIY job.

If your utility bills are excessive, you may want to consider taking advantage of these tax credits—particularly if you need a new furnace, water heater, or air conditioning anyway.

Be sure to review the specific efficiency requirements as well as talking to your tax advisor so that you understand what is covered by this credit. Details are available on our website [Emersonheights.org](http://Emersonheights.org)

### Oval Office

Words from Don Bailey  
EHCO President

## DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CRIME, TURN YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON

We recently received a message from our neighborhood police patrol officers telling us that when they drive around Emerson Heights late at night, they are struck by the darkness on our streets.

Some areas are very dark and the Police only see an occasional light in a window. Other areas have every porch light on and they can see the porch, steps, walkway and the sidewalk. These homes discourage crime and make it more difficult for would be criminals to move about without being seen.

We calculate that it costs approximately 12¢ a week to keep a 60 watt florescent bulb burning for 12 hours a day (It actually uses 13 watts) when you have it on a daylight sensor.

Criminals love the dark and it costs a lot less to leave a porch light on than to have to replace a stolen car radio, battery or anything else they can get!

**HELP THE POLICE PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY AGAINST CRIME—  
TURN YOUR PORCH LIGHTS ON.**

Thank you

Don Bailey

## EHCO MARKER FUND DONATIONS

**EHCO would like to thank the following people for their donation to the Marker Fund.**

Don Bailey, Patricia Heberden, Pauline, Jim & Ralph Schrum, Ann Sombun & Frederic Withrow, Grace Taddeo, Heather Nieman, Jackie McGovern, Joe Wade, Anonymous Donation from Wallace Street, Randy Deane, Gary & Janet Spencer, John & Carolyn Kanouse, W.E. Freitag, Jodi Lepper & Donna Moore, Ball Park Pizza, David & Stephanie Mink, Roland & Marjorie Hiles, John & Ann Rouse, Martin & Eva Schrum (Millersville MD), Ian & Erin Colgan, Tommy Tabor, Richard & Shirley Aichele, Maribeth Dowell, Bob & Janie Gough, Jim & Jodi Erlenbaugh, Crystal Allison, Anonymous Donation from 700 block of Wallace Street, Ellen Yoder, Buzz Schaefer, Brent & Robyn Porter, Dance Arts, Susan Sandlin, James Glass, Margaret Ann Riley, Polly Willhite, Juan Reyna, Katherine Leonard, April Nalley, Steve Leffler, Janie Monday, Toni Locke, and Linda Commons.



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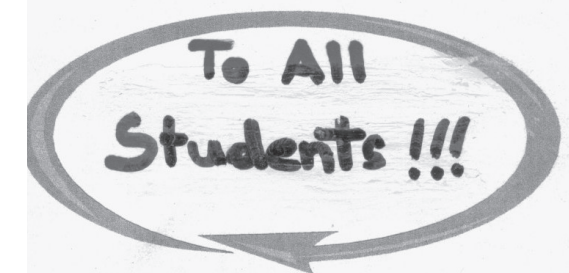
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**\*\*STUDENT SPECIALS\*\***



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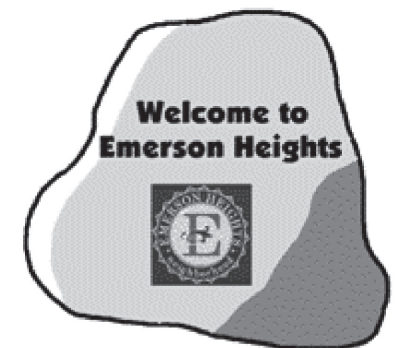
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Mail form and donation to:  
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# EHCO

*Serving the Emerson Heights  
Community*

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.  
on the third Thursday of each  
month and are held in the  
basement of the Wallace Street  
Presbyterian Church (on the  
southeast corner of Wallace  
Street and 10th Street).

Meetings are open to all hom-  
eowners, tenants, landlords,  
and business owners in the  
Emerson Heights neighbor-  
hood and surrounding area.

Please come!



## **EHCO Voice**

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*The mission of the Emerson Heights Community Organization  
Is to preserve and protect the historic, cultural  
And economic value of our community  
Through organization, education,  
Empowerment and action.*

### **Dates to remember**

#### **EHCO Meeting Schedule**

March 19, 2009  
April 16, 2009  
May 21, 2009  
June 18, 2009

#### **Heavy Trash Pick-up**

March 13, 2009  
April 10, 2009  
May 8, 2009  
June 12, 2009

### **Numbers to remember**

Police/Fire Emergency - 911  
Police Non-Emergency - 327-3811  
Mayor's Action Center - 327-4MAC (4622)

**The deadline for newsletter article submis-  
sions is 11:00 p.m. on the evening of our  
monthly meeting. You can submit an article  
or an idea for an article by e-mail to [news@emersonheights.org](mailto:news@emersonheights.org). EHCO reserves the  
right to decline to print any article submit-  
ted and to edit article as necessary.**

### **Next Meeting...**

The agenda for the March 19th meeting is:

- Call to order and introductions
- Neighborhood Marker Update
- Crime Update
- Reports from the City Neighborhood Liaison\*, the Prosecutor's Office\*, and the Indianapolis Police Department\*

\*Provided when information is available

**Don't forget to change the batteries in your  
smoke detector when you set your clocks for  
daylight saving time.**