



# EHCO Voice

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## Dream Weavers license renewal DENIED!

In a unanimous decision on November 5, the Alcohol & Beverage Board of Marion County voted to deny the liquor license renewal of Leonard Birk, the owner of Dream Weavers lounge at 10th Street and Emerson Avenue. This decision can be appealed to the State level by Birk. Until the appeal is heard, the lounge can continue to operate. Appeal hearings are typically scheduled within six to twelve months of the original hearing.

The decision for denial was based on a remonstrance led by EH resident Kurt Wiegand and Little Flower resident Vickie Butler. Wiegand and Butler presented evidence of the number of police runs to the lounge, written testimony from residents and business owners describing the negative impact the lounge has on them and the neighborhood, and pages of petitions against license renewal signed by residents of EH, Little Flower, Irvington, and the neighborhood north of Irvington. Brian Flaherty, owner of Ball Park Pizza, testified of the troubles he and his business has suffered recently due to some patrons of the lounge. Sue Solmos, local realtor, testified how the lounge has become nuisance over the last several years.

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## Holiday Party is December 20th

Join your neighbors as they celebrate the holidays at the annual EHCO Holiday Party. The party will be held on Thursday, December 20th, in the basement of the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church. The only neighborhood business slated for the evening is the annual EHCO Officer election. The election will be held at the beginning of the evening, with winners announced at the end of the evening.

Once again this year, Toni Locke and Judy Wilson-Bailey are in charge of transforming the basement into a festive holiday area. These women have done a fantastic job in the past and this year should be no different.

While it is not a requirement for attendance, residents are asked to bring a their favorite dessert or other dish. In years past, we have had a delicious assortment of pumpkin breads and pies, meat and cheese trays, fruit trays, brownies, cookies, and candies.

EHCO invites all residents, renters and owners, young and old, to the December 20th Holiday Party. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your neighbors. As in years past, there will be door prizes and a visit from Santa Claus.

Come join us for food, fun and friendship!

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## Dream Weavers license

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There were more than thirty-five (35) residents, business owners, neighborhood representatives, and city representatives present at the hearing. Wiegand and Butler also had the support of NESCO, 10 East Civic Association, and The John H. Boner Center.

It is **extremely** important that residents continue to document any problems they may have with patrons or employees of the lounge or incidents they may witness in the vicinity of the lounge. If you call the police regarding an incident at the lounge, it is important that you specifically mention Dream Weavers or their address, 5064 East 10th Street. There were a number of police runs to the lounge's location that were not used at the initial hearing because the incident reports failed to mention the lounge by name or it's specific address.

Residents are asked to notify Kurt Wiegand, [webmaster@emersonheights.org](mailto:webmaster@emersonheights.org) or 375-0239, of any incidents involving the lounge or it's patrons. When calling, please give the date and time of the incident and whether police were involved.



### The Year in Review

We are getting near the end of another successful year in Emerson Heights and we thought that we would take a moment to review some of the events of this year, 2007.

We have taken on some big events including the concert in May which featured Luke Austin Daugherty and Christopher Ames. The concert was well attended and we heard some great music. We also organized a Health and Safety Fair in October. It is a tribute to our members that we were able to present these two projects with very short timing and be successful with them.

We also had two neighborhood cleanups which really helped to send the message that we care about our neighborhood. We had many people, who can't make it to our meetings but either came to the clean ups or took care of their own front and alley. Emerson Heights looks much better today compared with the first clean up I attended. We managed to have the neighborhood yard sale and we expect to have more time to organize it this next year.

We have supported responsible businesses and worked, along with Little Flower to reform or eliminate those that bring problems to our neighborhood. Thanks to the Indianapolis School Board, we were able to have our children start to attend the local schools this last September.

The whole neighborhood has donated the funds to erect a "Welcome to Emerson Heights" marker on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Emerson Avenue. We hope to be able to dedicate this marker in the spring. Also a group of our members have been instrumental in obtaining funding for the Emerson Avenue Gateway Project.

To help us celebrate a very successful year, we would like you to attend our annual holiday part on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm at Wallace Street Presbyterian Church. We will also be voting for Officers on the Executive Committee.

The party is lots of fun with food and prizes and we have a chance to visit with new friends and neighbors. All are welcome and we want everyone to feel a part of Emerson Heights and have a sense of belonging to our neighborhood.

If you want to bring a dish, that's fine. We love to meet you so please come to the party. The only thing we ask is that you enjoy yourself.

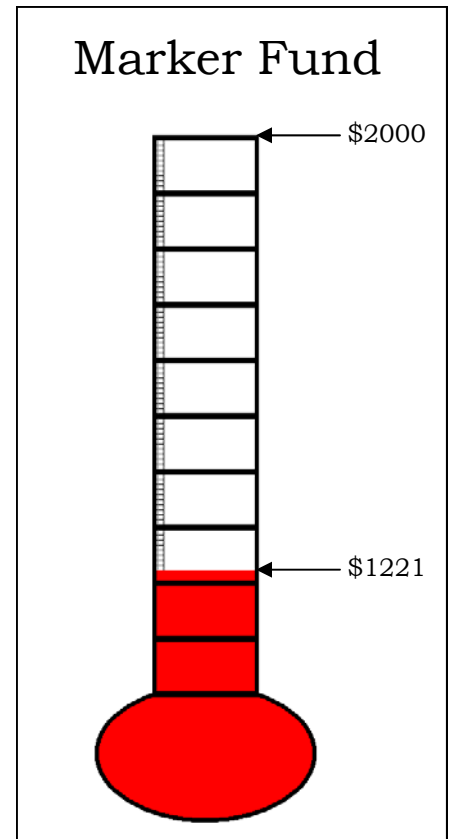
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## Marker Fund donations

EHCO would like to thank the following people for their donation to the Marker Fund. Want to see your name here? Donate today by completing the form in this issue and either mail it to EHCO or give it to an EHCO officer.

\$100.00 \*

Don Bailey - \$20.00  
Patricia Heberden - \$25.00  
Pauline, Jim & Ralph Schrum - \$100.00  
Ann Sombun & Frederic Withrow - \$10.00  
Grace Taddeo - \$20.00  
Heather Nieman - \$25.00  
Jackie McGovern - \$5.00  
Joe Wade - \$100.00  
Anonymous Donation from Wallace Street - \$20.00  
Randy Deane - \$20.00  
Gary & Janet Spencer - \$25.00  
John & Carolyn Kanouse - \$26.00  
W.E. Freitag - \$25.00  
Jodi Lepper & Donna Moore - \$25.00  
Ball Park Pizza - \$20.00  
David & Stephanie Mink - \$25.00  
Roland & Marjorie Hiles - \$25.00  
John & Ann Rouse - \$25.00  
Martin & Eva Schrum (Millersville MD) - \$150.00  
Ian & Erin Colgan - \$30.00  
Tommy Tabor - \$25.00  
Richard & Shirley Aichele - \$25.00  
Maribeth Dowell - \$25.00  
Bob & Janie Gough - \$25.00  
Jim & Jodi Erlenbaugh - \$25.00  
Crystal Allison - \$25.00  
Anonymous Donation from 700 block of Wallace Street- \$50.00  
Ellen Yoder - \$20.00  
Buzz Schaefer - \$10.00  
Brent & Robyn Porter - \$20.00  
Dance Arts - \$20.00  
Susan Sandlin - \$5.00  
James Glass - \$50.00  
Margaret Ann Riley - \$25.00  
Polly Willhite - \$50.00



\* Awarded to EHCO after Don Bailey's completion of an INRC leadership course and designated to this fund by the residents in attendance at the January 2007 meeting.

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## Don't forget a non-perishable food item when you come!

Through the month of December, EHCO is asking all attendees to the monthly meeting to bring a donation of a non-perishable, unexpired food item to the meeting for donation to the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church (WSPC). The donation will go into their food pantry.

WSPC has allowed EHCO to hold our monthly meetings in their basement without every asking for money or a donation. This is our way of thanking them for the use of their basement.

A container will be placed at the top of the stairs for those who wish to donate an item. Please, bring an item and help someone less fortunate than you.

## Officer nominations

At the November meeting, nominations were taken for the EHCO officer positions. It was announced that current office holders Crystal Allison (Treasurer), Donna Moore (Secretary) and Tommy Tabor (Vice-President) would be stepping down at the end of their term. Then nominations taken were: Don Bailey (President), Kurt Wiegand (vice-President), Joe Wade (Treasurer), and Heather Nieman (Secretary).

Nominations will be accepted by e-mail (send to emersonheights@aol.com) and at the start of the December meeting. To be eligible for a position, you must be an EH resident, home owner and/or business owner. The term is one year and you do not need previous experience. You do need a desire to help make a difference in our neighborhood.

Please plan to vote at the December meeting. We don't require a picture identification, we don't use fancy voting machines and we feed you when you're done. What could be better?



I want to help! Here's my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help with the marker fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to:  
Emerson Heights Community Organization

Mail form and donation to:  
Emerson Heights Community Organization  
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## First Phase of Emerson Avenue Project Funded

Funding for the first phase of the Emerson Avenue Corridor Gateway project was announced Tuesday, November 13. Major funding came from a \$1 million Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant, which is administered by INDOT.

The entire Emerson Avenue Project goes from Emerson at I70 to S. of Washington Street – a total of about 2.4 miles. The first section of the project is from I70- 21<sup>st</sup> street. Concept plans for the project were created with the input of the neighborhoods along the project path during a series of public meetings earlier this year.

The grant application, completed in April, calls for aesthetic improvements to the bridge at I70 to create a gateway to the eastside, trail access to the Pougues Run Art and Nature Park and various landscaping and intersection improvements at 21<sup>st</sup> street. The concept plans may be viewed at [www.emersongateway.org](http://www.emersongateway.org)

This project will be very important to the neighborhoods along the project path, including Emerson Heights, and to the eastside in general. It complements several other projects such as the Irvington Streetscape, the planned bicycle paths along New York and Michigan streets, the Pleasant Run Trail and the planned Pennsy Trail. It also dovetails with other projects such as the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative (GINI) the Eastside HOTIF, and redevelopment area.

There was a great deal of support from the eastside including:

- Anita J. Harden, President of Community Hospital East
- Community Health Network
- Indy Parks
- Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC)
- Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC)
- Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIBI)
- The Indiana National Road Association (INRA)
- The National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.
- Near East Side Community Organization (NESCO)
- Near Eastside Collaborative Taskforce
- The Eastside Community Organization
- Little Flower Neighborhood Association
- E. 10th Street Civic Association
- Emerson Heights Community Organization
- The Historic Irvington Community Council
- Irvington Development Organization
- The Irvington Garden Club

Emerson Heights can be very proud of its role in helping to bring this project to our community.

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# EHCO

*Serving the Emerson Heights  
Community*

Meetings begin at 6:30pm 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 homeowners, tenants, landlords, and business owners in the Emerson Heights neighborhood and surrounding area.



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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 in 2007

#### EHCO Meeting Schedule

November 15  
December 20

#### Heavy Trash Pick-up

December 14

### Next Meeting...

The agenda for the November 15th meeting is:

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

\*Provided when information is available

### Numbers to remember

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

**The deadline for newsletter article submissions is 11:00pm on the evening of our monthly meeting. You can submit an article or an idea for an article by e-mail to [dmoore1220@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmoore1220@sbcglobal.net). EHCO reserves the right to decline to print any article submitted and to edit article as necessary.**