



EHCO Voice

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Bylaws and incorporation to be discussed

As you may know, Emerson Heights Community Organization has been discussing adopting bylaws. Last year, the EHCO Board proposed a set of bylaws to replace an outdated constitution. While there was some discussion about changing the officer structure of the Board, many residents in attendance at the meeting agreed that the structure should remain as it currently is with four officers.

The bylaws were submitted to Sheila Jenkins with the Community Organization Legal Assistance Project (COLAP) for her review and recommendations. Jenkins has been on staff with the Community Development Law Center (CDLC) since 1998 and has been its Executive Director since 2003. She has worked in the non-profit field for 25 years. Jenkins has reviewed our bylaws and has recommended that EHCO incorporate as a non-profit organization. She is willing to assist us with that task.

Jenkins will be attending the February meeting to discuss her recommendations as well as to answer questions regarding the bylaws and incorporation. In order to facilitate the meeting, we are asking residents to submit their questions to us so that we may pass them on to Jenkins. As always, questions will be accepted during the meeting. E-mail your questions to EmersonHeights@aol.com. Please put "Bylaws" in the subject line.

What comes out of this meeting will affect how EHCO operates in the future. We hope that each resident will attend to give their input.

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Time change comes earlier this year

The date to set your clocks forward is fast approaching. On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November. The Secretary of Energy will report the impact of this change to Congress. Congress retains the right to resume the 2005 Daylight Saving Time schedule once the Department of Energy study is complete.

This year, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am, Sunday, March 11. In the U.S., 2:00 a.m. was originally chosen as the changeover time because it was practical and minimized disruption. Most people were at home and this was the time when the fewest trains were running. It is late enough to minimally affect bars and restaurants, and it prevents the day from switching to yesterday, which would be confusing. It is early enough that the entire continental U.S. switches by daybreak, and the changeover occurs before most early shift workers and early churchgoers (particularly on Easter) are affected.

As a safety reminder, the Indianapolis Fire Department encourages residents to change the battery in their smoke detectors. More than 90 percent of homes in the U.S. have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

Source: <http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b.html>

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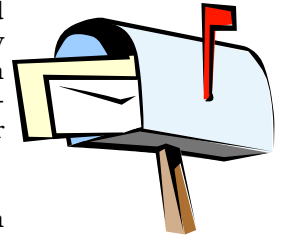
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EHCO acquires a post office box

In a move to promote a stable environment for incoming mail, Emerson Heights Community Organization recently acquired a post office box. Up to now, the address used for EHCO correspondence was the address of the current President. With that, EHCO's address changed every time a new president was elected and various agencies (i.e. bank, city offices, etc.) had to be notified of the address change. By having a post office box for EHCO, our address can remain the same despite any change in the presidency. This post office box was also needed to fulfill the U.S. Postal Service regulations dealing with the bulk mailing of our newsletter. The cost for the box is \$80 per year.




While all mail must be addressed to Emerson Heights Community Organization, mail can be directed to an officer by using their name as well. This address will also be used on all outgoing mail, brochures, business cards, and newsletters.

Our new address is Emerson Heights Community Organization, PO Box 11686, Indianapolis IN 46201.

Emerson Heights neighborhood signs

Emerson Heights neighborhood signs are still available for purchase. The cost is \$10 and the sign measures 9" x 9". You can mount them on your house or display them in a window.

Show your Emerson Heights pride by purchasing a sign at the next meeting.

	<p>We know that you, as residents, are proud of Emerson Heights and enjoy living here. We are planning a sign at the entrance to our neighborhood which will say</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“WELCOME TO EMERSON HEIGHTS”</p>
<p>We have started a fund to come up with the money for this sign. We will need between \$500 and \$1,000 for the sign in front of Family Video. We plan to use a rock similar to the ones they have around their property, but it will have a flat side and engraved with the above inscription. As residents of Emerson Heights, we know that you are proud of our neighborhood. We are here to serve you and we try not to ask more of you than we are prepared to give. We hope that you will consider a monetary gift, no matter what size, towards our sign. You can mail a check or money order to:</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Emerson Heights Community Organization PO Box 11686 Indianapolis IN 46201</p>	
<p>Local business people: We would appreciate donations from you and we will publish your business name in this newsletter (unless you ask us not to) as a thank you and encourage our residents to use your business when they can.</p>	
<p>Emerson Heights Community Organization wants all residents who care about our neighborhood to feel welcome and to attend our meetings. The stronger our association is, the better we can all make the neighborhood. If you live or own property or a business in Emerson Heights you are most welcome to come to our meeting on Thursday 21st February, 6:30pm at Wallace Street Presbyterian Church. So, if you care about your neighborhood, would like to get to know your neighbors and help make a difference, please come on down to Wallace Street Presbyterian Church.</p>	
<p>We would like to see ALL residents of Emerson Heights at our meeting. We make a special effort to make you feel welcome and to feel a needed part of Emerson Heights. We look forward to seeing YOU!</p>	

You can help with the Emerson Heights marker fund

Donations are being accepted for the purchase of an Emerson Heights neighborhood marker to be placed at the corner of 10th Street and Emerson Avenue. Current estimation of cost is \$750 - \$1000 (see Oval Office, page 2, for more details). You can help with this project by completing the form below and either mail or give the form and your donation to an EHCO officer.

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
PO Box 11686
Indianapolis IN 46201



NESCO Public Safety Forum

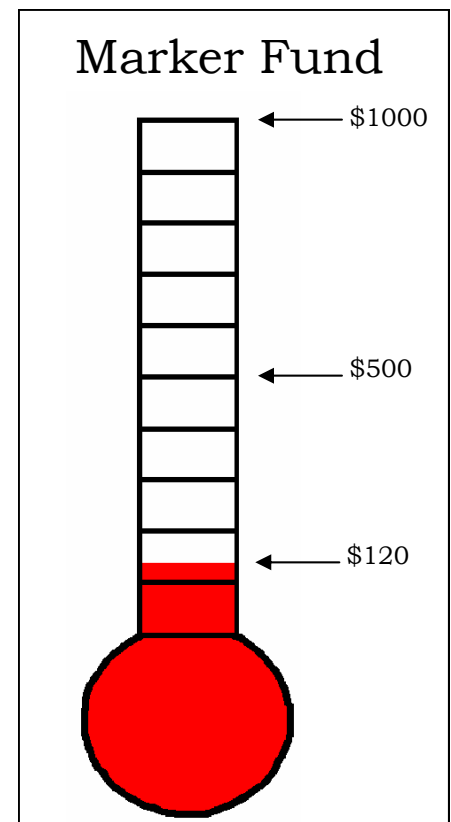
On Saturday, March 10, NESCO will host a Public Safety Forum for residents living in the community. This will be held at Englewood Christian Church 57 North Rural Street from 9am until noon. Members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Indianapolis' Division of Zoning, and others in the law enforcement community will be there to provide solutions to crime as well as answer questions from everyone. Also, businesses that cater to security systems, doors, electronics, and more will be setting up so that you can see the new and affordable methods of securing your home and property. A light breakfast will be served & reservations are not needed. For more information call the NESCO Office at 633-7300.



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File your federal income tax return online for free

The Free File program is a free federal tax preparation and electronic filing program for eligible taxpayers developed through a partnership between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Free File Alliance LLC, a group of private sector tax software companies. Since Free File's debut in 2003, more than 15.4 million returns have been prepared and e-filed through the program. Free File allows taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$52,000 or less in 2006 to e-file their federal tax returns for free. That means 70 percent of all taxpayers – 95 million taxpayers – can take advantage of the Free File program.

How do I get started?

Click on the “**Start Now**” button on the Free File home page to review the list of tax software companies and select one that best suits your needs. Once you select a company link from the list, you will be notified you are leaving the IRS.gov Web site and you will be taken directly to that company's Web site to begin preparation of your federal income tax return.



You may qualify for Free File if you have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$52,000 or less.

If you used Free File in past filing seasons, you might not qualify for the free services for your tax year 2006 income tax return. Participation in the Free File program is limited to taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$52,000 or less.

Free File preparation and e-filing services are provided by commercial tax software companies not the IRS.

Members of the tax software industry (i.e., Free File Alliance, LLC) provide these free tax preparation and electronic filing services - not the IRS. Once you choose a particular company, you will be sent directly to the company's commercial website. Any questions about a particular service or company should be directed to the company providing the free service and not the IRS. Please contact the company to resolve your particular income tax issue. To find out how to contact the company, please refer to the company's website for more information about their customer service options. Companies associated with the Free File Program are affiliated with the Free File Alliance, LLC, a not for profit organization. IRS does not promote or endorse any specific programs or products associated with this program.

For more information, visit the Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.gov

File your Indiana income tax return online for free

File your 2006 Indiana individual income taxes electronically using I-File, Indiana's fast, friendly, free online tax service. I-File offers many user-friendly features making it easy to file your taxes including:

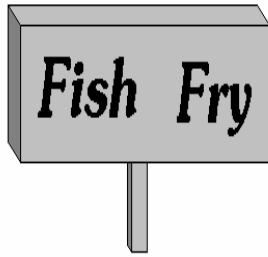
- **Question-and-answer format** chooses the correct tax form and walks through each step of your return.
- **Pre-filled information** (i.e. name, address, employer, etc.) to save you time when filing.
- **Resume function** allows you to save your work so you can finish at another time.
- **Reprint function** allows you to print your completed tax return at a later date.
- **Interactive form** to review your return as you progress through your filing.
- **Help links** reference information booklet instructions and worksheets.
- **Refund** received, on average, in 7 to 14 days.

I-File has no income restriction and accepts part-year resident and nonresident filing. Note: *Form SC-40*, Unified Tax Credit for the Elderly, cannot be filed using I-File.

For more information or to take advantage of this free service, visit the Indiana Department of Revenue website at www.ifile.in.gov

Little Flower Parish fish fry

Little Flower Parish, 1401 North Bosart Avenue, will sponsor a weekly Fish Fry every Friday from February 23 through March 30. Serving times will be from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. A choice of fried or baked fish will be available with a wide variety of side items. Prices for complete dinners are \$6.50 for adults, \$5.75 for seniors and \$3.25 for children under 10. Shrimp dinners will also be available at a slightly higher price. There will also be an Ala Carte menu, including cheese pizza. Carry Out Service will also be available. Please call 357-8352 for more information.



Editor's note: I went last year and ordered from the Ala Carte menu. What I had was delicious. I did not have fish or shrimp but was told it was delicious also. I went around 6:30pm and found that several dishes were sold out, so if you attend this year, you might want to go early.

Get rid of the winter blues

Looking for something fun to do to beat the winter blues? Then check out these places.

- Ice skate at the public ice rink at Ellenberger Park, 5301 East Saint Clair Street, 327-7176. The rink is open Fridays from 3:30pm-5:30pm and 7pm-9:30pm, Saturdays from 5pm-9:30pm, and Sundays from 2:30pm-5pm. Admission for children (3-17) is \$2.50 and for adults (18+) \$3.00. Skate rental is \$1.50.
- Visit one of the world's best and most progressive children's museum at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 North Meridian Street, 334-3332. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10am-5pm. Admission for children (2-17) is \$7.50, for adults (18-59) \$12.50 and for seniors (60+) \$11.50.
- Explore the state's past, present, and future at the Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street, 232-1637. The museum is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9am-5pm and Sundays from 11am-5pm. Standard admission for children (3-12) is \$4.00, for adults (13-59) \$7.00 and for seniors (60+) \$5.50. A combination admission (museum/IMAX Theater) for children is \$8.00, for adults \$12.00 and for seniors \$11.00.
- Watch a 2D or 3D movie on an 8-story screen at the IMAX Theater, 650 West Washington Street, 233-IMAX (4629). Call or check the Indianapolis Star for movies and times. The standard engagement ticket price for children (12-under) is \$6.00, for adults (13-59) \$9.00 and for seniors (60+) \$7.50. A special engagement (movies over 60 minutes in length) ticket price for children is \$10.00, for adults \$12.00 and seniors \$11.00.
- Go west at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, 500 West Washington Street, 636-WEST (9378). The museum is open Tuesdays from 10am-8pm, Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10am-5pm and Sundays from noon-5pm. Admission for children (5-17) is \$5.00, adults (18-64) \$8.00 and seniors (65+) \$7.00. Children under 5 are free.
- Visit one of the United States' oldest and largest general art museum at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road, 923-1331. The museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am-5pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 11am-9pm and Sundays from noon-5pm. General admission, including the Lilly House, is free. Admission may be charged for selected special exhibits.
- Visit Indiana's largest aquarium at the Indianapolis Zoo, 1200 West Washington Street, 630-2001. The zoo is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9am-4pm. Admission for children (2-12) is \$6.50, adults (13-61) \$8.50 and seniors (62+) \$6.50. Children under 2 are free. Parking is \$5.00 per vehicle.
- See tributes to college student-athletes and college champions at the NCAA Hall of Champions, 700 West Washington Street, 916-HALL (4255). The Hall of Champions is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am-5pm and Sundays from noon-5pm. Admission for students is \$2.00, adults and seniors \$3.00. Children under 5 are free.
- Test your bowling skills with duckpin bowling at Action Duckpin Bowl & Atomic Bowl Duckpin, 1105 Prospect Street, Fountain Square Theater Building, 686-6006 (Action) & 685-1955 (Atomic). Call for hours and prices.
- Try your hand at go-cart racing at Post Road Recreation Center, 4700 North Post Road, 897-7908. Open Thursdays (Tournaments) from 5pm-9pm, Fridays from 5pm-11pm, Saturdays from 11am-11pm and Sundays from 11am-9pm. Ride tickets are \$4.00 (cart rides run approximately 5 minutes). Unlimited 2-hour stamps (you can get back in line unlimited times for 2 hours) are available for \$20.00.

Sources: www.indygov.org/parks and www.indy.org

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.

Please come!



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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

February 15
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

Heavy Trash Pick-up

February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

Next Meeting...

The agenda for the February 15th meeting is:

- Call to order and introductions
- Reports from the City Neighborhood Liaison*, the Prosecutor's Office*, and the Indianapolis Police Department*
- Sheila Jenkins, COLAP - Bylaws & incorporation

*Provided when information is available