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A New Year, A New Look

Emerson Heights Community Organization (EHCO) is proud to unveil the new look of the EHCO Voice. The new size was made possible through the efforts of three individuals: residents Janie Gough and Rebecca Seifert and Community Hospital East representative Karen Shirey.

Gough informed EHCO in November 2006 that Community Hospital East (CHE) printed the Little Flower Neighborhood Association (LFNA) newsletter. Seifert contacted Shirey and found out that CHE prints several eastside neighborhood's newsletters and arranged for the printing of our newsletter. Shirey requested and received approval for the printing through Community Health Network's Health Promotion Services.

In addition to printing our newsletter at no cost to EHCO, CHE is also giving EHCO the option to have our newsletters mailed to residents, also at no cost. EHCO will utilize that option in the coming months.

EHCO is excited that CHE cares enough about the eastside to help neighborhood organizations and we look forward to a long relationship with CHE. EHCO thanks Gough, Seifert and Shirey for their involvement. We hope everyone enjoys this new look.

Food, Fun and Friends at the Holiday Party

The annual EHCO Holiday Party was held December 21st in the basement of the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church. Many residents were in attendance. Party organizers Toni Locke and Judy Wilson-Bailey did an outstanding job decorating the room and setting up the food and beverage area. Residents brought an assortment of appetizers, candies, cookies, fruit, and pies.

While music played in the background, Wilson-Bailey asked Christmas trivia questions and gave a prize to the first attendee to answer each question correctly. Santa Claus made an appearance and passed out goodies to those who did not receive a prize. Prizes were purchased with monetary donations made by some residents. MCL Cafeteria, 6010 East 10th Street, donated coupons good for up to \$8.00 off of a meal.

EHCO would like to thank the following people and businesses:

- Wallace Street Presbyterian Church - for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings and annual party in their basement
- MCL Cafeteria - for the coupon donations
- Dean Walters - for opening the church early for decorating
- Toni Locke and Judy Wilson-Bailey for their hard work organizing and decorating
- Jim Schrum - for the use of his CD player
- Everyone who contributed money towards the party
- Everyone who helped clean-up afterwards

The party was a wonderful opportunity to see our neighbors, both former and current, to meet some new people and to just have some fun. EHCO hopes to see all residents at the 2007 Holiday Party.

Katy Brett wins Community Service Award

As part of the annual holiday party, the EHCO Executive Committee presented their **Ralph Waldo Emerson Award for Community Service** to Katy Brett. The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding service to the community of Emerson Heights. Last year's award was presented to life-time resident Jim Schrum.

Brett is the Center East & Southside Neighborhood Liaison for the Mayor's Office. Brett does an exceptional job for Emerson Heights with fast and accurate response to neighborhood questions and issues. She consistently attends meetings affecting our neighborhood until late in the evening. The Executive Committee feels that Brett goes above and beyond her job duties to assist Emerson Heights.

"We had a difficult decision to make this year," stated EHCO President Don Bailey. "We have many people who work hard for our organization and deserve the recognition, but we felt that Katy has done so much to support Emerson Heights that she truly deserved this award."



Get involved in your neighborhood

Emerson Heights has finished another year with some 50 to 60 people attending our wonderful holiday party. I hope that everyone had as much fun as I did, although I did miss Santa Claus' appearance during the celebrations!

We have been very lucky to have people come to our meetings each month and we see the results of their participation. We now have a beautiful brochure promoting Emerson Heights. The marketing committee has also been able to get articles on the front page of the East Side Herald and we will have our children able to attend local schools starting in this next school year.

As a result of a scholarship from the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, we have \$100.00 seed money to start the fund for a sign on the corner of 10th Street and Emerson Avenue which will read "Welcome to Emerson Heights" (we will need some \$500.00- \$1,000 to complete this project).

All of these achievements help to strengthen Emerson Heights and make it a better place to live. These achievements are in keeping with our mission statement (which we also developed this year):

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.

To keep our organization growing we need your help. This is your organization and your neighborhood. Whether you rent or own your home, you are part of Emerson Heights and you deserve a voice in your neighborhood. So please come to our meetings, speak up and on issues you are interested in, GET INVOLVED and join a committee. You can make a difference. You can help make Emerson Heights an even better place to live and raise a family.

Officer election results

The EHCO officer election was held during the December meeting with Don Bailey winning the position of President for the second year in a row. The other officers of the 2006 Executive Committee, Tommy Tabor, Crystal Allison and Donna Moore, were elected to Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Jim Schrum was re-elected as NESCO representative. John Yergin was elected as ECHO zoning representative.

Nominations were accepted at the beginning of the meeting. Tina Jones nominated Tabor for President; however, Tabor declined the nomination. Donna Moore was nominated for President by Laura Kremp. Don Bailey nominated John Yergin for EHCO zoning representative.

The final results were:

President: Don Bailey - 23 votes, Donna Moore - 6 votes
Vice-President: Tommy Tabor - 26 votes
Treasurer: Crystal Allison - 26 votes
Secretary: Donna Moore - 25 votes
NESCO representative: Jim Schrum - 28 votes
EHCO zoning representative: John Yergin - 26 votes

Thank you to everyone who voted. The EHCO Officers look forward to serving Emerson Heights in the coming year.

Dan Hodgkins is guest speaker

Dan Hodgkins, Executive Director of Health Promotion Services for Community Health Network (CHN), will be the guest speaker at the January meeting. Hodgkins will discuss CHN's growing involvement in neighborhoods surrounding the Community Hospital East campus.


The hospital opened in 1956 with 300 beds and 111 employees to provide healthcare to Indianapolis' eastside. Surrounding neighborhoods raised money to help build the hospital. As of year-end 2004, the hospital has 1,442 beds and 8,800 employees.

As one of the state's largest health care networks, Community provides over \$60 million in community benefit services each year. Hodgkins will talk about some of these services at the meeting.

Source: <http://www.ecommunity.com>



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Meet with employers who hire youth
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Speak with recruiters from
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programs and apprenticeship programs

Presented by Goodwill Youth Services
For more information, contact the Goodwill Youth Learning Center:
(317) 524-4333 or info@goodwillyouth.org

Free admission • Door prizes • Food and more!

Dangerous Dog Proposal passes Council

Proposal No. 370, 2006 (the Dangerous Dog Proposal) became effective on January 1, 2007. On November 13, 2006, the City County Council passed the proposal which makes changes to the Indianapolis Code as it relates to animals. The proposal was first introduced on July 19, 2006 and passed the full Council by a bipartisan vote of 26-0.

President Gray said, "The intent of the proposal is to protect citizens from dangerous animals, and send a message to irresponsible pet owners that they are and will be held accountable for the actions of their pets." He said, "We didn't single out a specific breed of dog because any breed can attack people and other animals, particularly if they are mistreated or taught to fight by their owner."

The proposal was originally introduced to address the growing number of dangerous dogs in the community, but was amended to update the entire Animal Code.

Some key provisions of the proposal:

- § Increased fines relating to dangerous animals which will range from \$500 to \$1000,
- § Inclusion of crime prevention dog and law enforcement animal in the Code,
- § Inclusion of potentially dangerous dogs in the ordinance to help prevent dog bites,
- § Limits the ownership of dangerous animals to two (2), and:
- § Defines a dangerous animal as one that 1) would constitute a danger to human life or property, or; 2) has caused serious injury to a person without having been provoked by the person; or 3) has chased or approached a person in a menacing fashion, or attacked another domestic animal, or; 4) because of its training or behavior, is capable of inflicting physical harm or death to humans.

President Gray said, "Councillors Sherron Franklin and Rozell Boyd did an outstanding job shepherding the proposal through the Council process and working in a bipartisan fashion to garner support for the proposal. Every effort was made to ensure that citizens had numerous opportunities to provide feedback on the proposal." Councillors Sherron Franklin and Rozelle Boyd were the primary sponsors of the proposal along with Councillor Ron Gibson.

For more information or for a copy of the complete proposal, visit www.indygov.org and search for "Proposal No. 370, 2006".

Source: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Council/PR/2006/20061113a.htm>

Pet owners need to be responsible

EHCO has received several complaints regarding pet owners allowing their pets to use other neighbors yards as a bathroom without picking up the waste. According to the law in Indianapolis/Marion County (Sec. 531-203. Dog and cat curbing requirements), "*No person knowingly shall allow a dog or cat which is kept by that person to defecate or urinate on a public street, byway, municipally owned or public land or building, or upon private property, in the city without the prior permission of the owner of such property; however, if an animal defecates on property described in this subsection, the animal's owner or keeper promptly shall remove any feces to a waste container, or otherwise dispose of such material in a manner inoffensive to reasonable public sensibilities.*"

"A person who violates any provision of this section shall be punishable as provided in section 103-3 of this Code; provided, however, a fine imposed for any such violation shall not be less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)."

Please be a considerate neighbor and pick up your pet's waste from other neighbors yards. It only takes a minute and it's the law.

For more information regarding this law contact Indianapolis Animal Care & Control at 327-1397 or visit their website at www.indygov.org/accd. To make a complaint, call 327-1397.

Bylaws to be discussed at the February meeting

At the December meeting, Secretary Donna Moore gave a brief update regarding the status of the bylaws. The bylaws were submitted to Sheila Jenkins with the Community Organization Legal Assistance Project (COLAP) for her review and recommendations. Jenkins has reviewed our bylaws and has recommended that EHCO incorporate as a non-profit organization. Jenkins is willing to assist us with that task.

This recommendation was to be discussed further at the January meeting. However, EHCO feels that residents' concerns are important enough to ask Jenkins attend a meeting to answer any questions regarding the bylaws and the incorporation recommendation. Jenkins has agreed to attend but was unable to make the January meeting. Therefore, we are pushing the discussion to the February meeting.

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 *Emerson-Heights@aol.com*. Please put "Bylaws" in the subject line.

In the meantime, for more information regarding creating a non-profit organization in Indiana, please visit www.in.gov/ofbci/programs/faithbased/NonprofitTips.pdf.

Emerson Heights Boundary Marker fund gets its start

During the December meeting, residents voted to approve an Emerson Heights Boundary Marker fund. The marker is to be placed on the southwest corner of Emerson Avenue and 10th Street. Family Video had agreed to the location of the marker in a grassy area on that corner. The initial design of the marker is a large boulder (much like the boulders on the property) engraved with "Welcome to Emerson Heights."

The first contribution to the fund is a check from Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC) in the amount of \$100. The check was presented to President Don Bailey after he completed the Indianapolis Community Building Institute's Community Leadership Course hosted by INRC.

The estimated cost of this project is \$500-\$1,000. Donations to the fund will be accepted at every meeting.

NESCO Congress

The annual Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO) Congress will be held on Saturday, January 20 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Englewood Christian Church at 57 North Rural. Attendees will receive a free breakfast and lunch.

One of the purposes of the Congress is to describe who NESCO is and what they do. The new president, Eric Scott, will be introduced. Scott is also president of the RMS10 neighborhood association.

In addition, in order to raise money for NESCO, there will be a silent auction. Many of the goods being auctioned were donated by eastside residents.

As a incentive for more participation, the neighborhood association with the most attendees will win \$200. Last year's winner had six attendees. EHCO would like to win that money this year, but we can't do it without you, so please plan to attend.

For more information, contact NESCO at 633-7300.

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!



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	Heavy Trash Pick-up
January 18	January 12
February 15	February 9
March 15	March 9
April 19	April 13
May 17	May 11
June 21	June 8
July 19	July 13
August 16	August 10
September 20	September 14
October 18	October 12
November 15	November 9
December 20	December 14

Next Meeting...

The agenda for the January 18th meeting is:

- Call to order and introductions
- Reports from the City Neighborhood Liaison*, the Prosecutor's Office*, and the Indianapolis Police Department*
- Dog ordinance reminder
- Dreamweavers update
- INRC check presentation by Don Bailey
- Guest speaker Dan Hodgkins, Community Hospital East

*Provided when information is available



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