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President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope the holidays of 2010 treated you and your family well. December always seems to fly by.

East English Village held its annual Holiday party on December 19 at St Clare of Montefalco.

We had 170 neighbors and friends drop by for dinner, caroling and a visit from Santa. I would like to thank Bob Drury, Becky Theimer and Mike Kosmalski for heading up the kitchen again this year with an Italian menu. Our beautiful table and hall decorations were inspired and supplied by Latisha Johnson. This year we had our own music company of sorts — Fred Vitale pulled together several neighbors to sing Christmas carols and play



At the holiday party

instruments. Of course the holiday party would not be complete without our own Santa Claus — Ray Kaiser. Santa was in rare form again with a new

suit and a bigger smile this year. Ray had a small stroke

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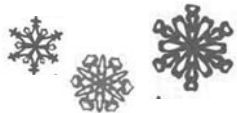
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Calendar

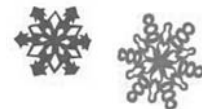
Wednesday,
January 12: January
Community Meeting.
Speaker will be Paul
Max, EEV resident
and Chairperson for
St. Clare School
Commission and Sr.
Kathy Avery.

Save the Date

Wednesday,
February 9:
February
Community meeting,
security speaker
**Wednesday, March
9:** March
Community meeting
and EEV Potluck



Baby it's cold outside!



Just a few winter reminders:

1. Please keep your pets indoors or, at least, in a shelter to protect them from severe winter weather.

2. Check on your senior neighbors. The snow may make it difficult to do simple errands and maintenance.
3. Remove the snow from your

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President

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this past fall and thankfully has recovered and is in full swing! Thanks to all the servers, decorating and set up teams and the cleanup crew — and to all the neighbors who brought desserts and appetizers. Special thanks to all the families who donated prizes: the O'Connors, Clevelands and Scotts. We also named the 5 winners of the holiday home decorating contest. The holiday rugs were delivered by neighboring residents.

At the party we also welcomed three new couples to EEV, from the suburbs and the city. Thank you for choosing EEV as your new home.

We have many hot topics and positive issues we need to address this year to keep our neighborhood one of choice. The foreclosure issues are still present but we are working hard as ever to keep the homes on track. I have created a



Talented EEV residents stepped up to provide the music for the holiday party.

vacant home property keeper position to help navigate property care to maintain the beauty of a home until someone special calls it home again. We are reworking some programs to better fit our needs and our 2011 calendar has been set. We begin with hopes for a better year for all of us — the last two have been tough

not just here but globally. We have learned to strengthen our resolve to make EEV and everywhere we go a better place.

We continue to drive the neighborhood for security and safety but to also survey what needs to be addressed. We have so many great and positive neighbors. For the few who just don't get what

a good neighbor is, we will be ramping up our efforts with Next Detroit and city departments to improve communication and act to correct property and neighborhood situations affect our quality of life. Living in the D is as cool as you make it. Many of us know this and we are proud to call the city home.

House and market prices have been selectively positive — better than last year in Michigan — and many neighbors who had been out of work have found jobs. Our general meetings have been very successful and we continue core programs such as private security and seasonal maintenance. Please consider sending some dollars in for your neighborhood today via mail or PayPal. I would like to thank so many contributors to the neighborhood funds. All of us on some scale, big or small, make a difference each day here in EEV.

Happy New Year,

*Bill Barlage
President*

Dressing up the Holiday Party

Latisha Johnson, Yorkshire resident, has started her own event planning company. She generously donated decorations for the EEV Holiday Party including dressy table linens, creative centerpieces and luster plate chargers and the room looked beautiful!

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EEV talent calendar

At a party the other day, I sat listening to one of our neighbors swinging through a rendition of "Benny & the Jets" off the top of his head. The lyrics were quickly brought up on an I-Phone without missing a beat and I caught myself amazed at the talent of this musician.

I think there is a lot of that "creative class" here in EEV, which is one of the things that makes this an interesting and rich place. Our newsletter is a great place to tell our own stories and, because I would like to encourage myself and my neighbors to shop local when seeking entertainment, I've decided to include a talent calendar of events in the news. Included will be listings of artists, musicians and other creative folks who have scheduled performances or exhibitions that we could

include in our social calendars.

The list for this month is limited, but I am certain that there are other dates that could be submitted for the future. I encourage those talented individuals or others who support them to send info to eeveditor@gmail.com.

Cheryl English, Black Cat Pottery

• Studio classes starting Jan. 6. The teaching schedule is finally up as well. I'll be teaching in the studio Tuesdays (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) and Thursdays (6-9 p.m.). www.blackcatpottery.com

Diana McNary, Big Will and the 360 Degrees Band

• Saturday, Jan. 22 at Motor City Casino 10 p.m.-2 a.m.
• Saturday, Jan. 29 at Ferndale Blues Fest at

Dino's, 9:30 p.m.

www.bigwillonline.com

John Rutherford, Motor City Brass Quintet

• Saturday, Jan. 22 — Musicians of DSO at Our Lady Star of the Sea, GPW at 8:30 p.m.

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Joe Balistreri, pianist/organist

• Sundays at St. Matthew's Church, 10 a.m.

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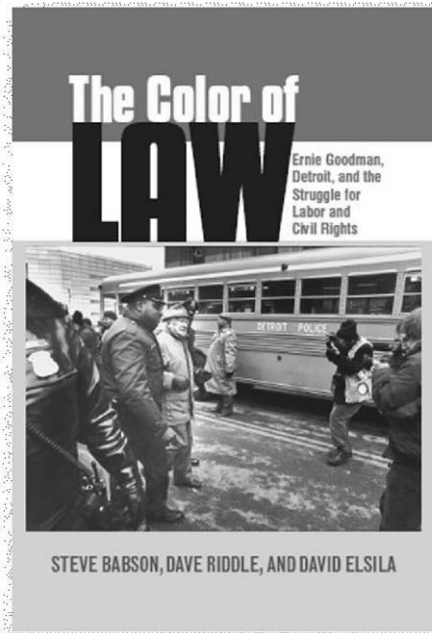
Labor author publishes book

In October of last year, Wayne State University Press published a new book remembering labor rights lawyer Ernie Goodman as part of their Great Lakes Book Series. The lead writer of the three-author team of *The Color of Law: Ernie Goodman, Detroit, and the Struggle for Labor and Civil Rights* is Yorkshire resident Steve Babson.

Steve Babson, a labor educator and union activist, has lived in Detroit for the last 32 years with his wife, Nancy Brigham. He received his doctorate in U.S. History in 1989 from Wayne State University, where he also worked as an instructor in the Labor Studies Center from 1985 to 2006. Steve has published six books, including *Working Detroit: The Making of a Union Town* and *Lean Work: Empowerment and Exploitation in the Global Auto Industry*. He is currently newsletter editor for Local 6075, AAUP/AFT, representing faculty and academic staff at Wayne State.

In a working life that spanned half a century, Ernie Goodman was one of the nation's preeminent defense attorneys for workers and the militant poor. His remarkable career put him at the center of the struggle for social justice in the twentieth century, from the sit-down strikes of the 1930s to the Red Scare of the 1950s to the freedom struggles, anti-war demonstrations, and ghetto rebellions of the 1960s and 1970s. *The Color of Law* traces Goodman's journey through these tumultuous events and highlights the many moments when changing perceptions of social justice clashed with legal precedent.

Authors Steve Babson, Dave Riddle, and David Elsila tell Goodman's life story, beginning with his formative years as the son of immigrant parents in Detroit's Jewish ghetto, to his early ambitions as a corporate lawyer, and his conversion to socialism and labor law during the Great Depression. From Detroit to



Mississippi, Goodman saw police and other officials giving the color of law to actions that stifled freedom of speech and nullified the rights of workers and minorities. The authors highlight Goodman's landmark cases

in defense of labor and civil rights and examine the complex relationships he developed along the way with individuals like Supreme Court Justice and former Michigan governor Frank Murphy, UAW president Walter Reuther, Detroit mayor Coleman Young, and congressman George Crockett. Drawing from a rich collection of letters, oral histories, court records, and press accounts, the authors re-create the compelling story of Goodman's life.

The Color of Law demonstrates that the abuse of power is non-partisan and that individuals who oppose injustice can change the course of events. Anyone interested in legal history and the fight for civil rights in America will appreciate this biography of Ernie Goodman.

A second printing of the book is available for sale online at wsu-press.wayne.edu, or visit erniegoodman.com for the latest information, reviews, photos, and events surrounding *The Color of Law*.

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Biz Buzz

Excellent customer service rewarded

Stepping into the back office of Cellular HQ on Warren at Audubon to speak with owner, Robert Patto, I caught the tail end of phone call. "I'll get you something sweet," he said to the customer on the line. By the end of our conversation, I realized that comment summed up his business approach.

Robert has been working at the phone store at the corner of Warren and Audubon for fifteen years. Starting with selling beepers and cell phones, he later purchased the building and the business. Years later, he exudes a quiet pride in a newly renovated space, the result of an award for excellent customer service from Boost Mobile.

The store was one of five Boost resellers in the country to receive an newly designed and updated store as a reward for outstanding service. The façade was painted and sports new awnings. A curvy, black-edged counter with glass cases beneath stretches the length of the lobby with a wall of phone accessories behind it.

While not a resident, "I've seen all the kids growing up here," he says. "I



Robert Patto

love this neighborhood. It feels like the suburbs to me." He gives back to the community as well, this year donating 200 new coats to a local church for the holiday.

You can get repairs, technical assistance, new phones, pagers, cell phone payments and service from all national carriers including Boost and Tmobile at Cellular HQ. The shop usually opens at 10 a.m. and is open till 8 most days. Or call 886-8288 for some great customer service.

MHS Pet of the Month



Meet Jazz! A three-year-old Australian Shepherd mix, Jazz has been through some tough times. She came to the Michigan Humane Society's Detroit Center for Animal Care underweight and with severe injuries, but after seeing the veterinarian and getting some much-needed TLC, Jazz has healed, gained 25 pounds and is ready to find her forever home. The adoption fee includes sterilization surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations and much more. Please visit or call (313) 872-3400 and provide the pet ID number, 11674438.



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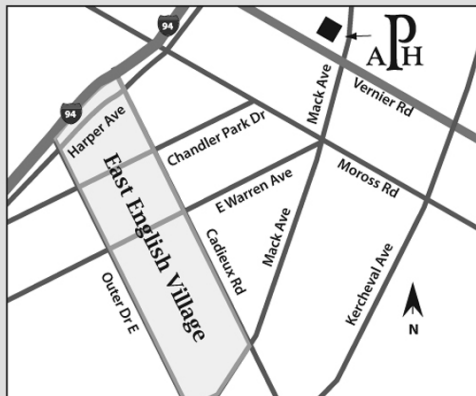
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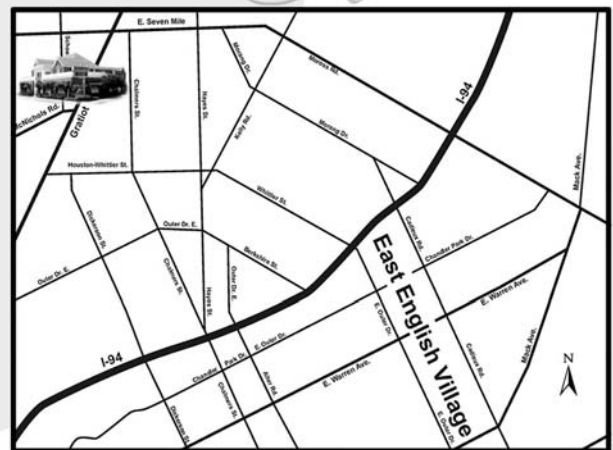
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