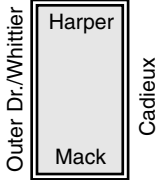


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President's Message

Keep an eye on empty houses

September meeting recap

- We had a full house once again! Our meetings are our basis of mutual support. Please keep coming!
- Keep an eye on empty homes on your block. Note and report unusual activity.
- Squatter issues should be reported to the owner of the property and call the police to report illegal activity.
- Bethany Christian Church offers many neigh-

borhood services, from counseling to daycare opportunities to Seniors Tai Chi classes. See the ad in the newsletter for address and contact information.

- We collected funds for Emma house fall clean ups. Thanks to all the contributors.

For the October Meeting:

- Fall maintenance tips for

See PRESIDENT, next page



Calendar

Wednesday, October 13: October General Meeting at St. Clare Montefalco Social Hall, 1406 Whittier

- 6 p.m. Block Captain and Street Rep meeting
- 7 p.m. Oktoberfest neighborhood potluck — bring your favorite casserole
- 7:30 p.m. meeting — Speakers: Doug Kempton, founding director of Eagle Sports Club; Kimberly Miller, Tax Incentive Specialist with the City of Detroit Assessor's Office; Linda Smith, USNAPBAC regarding foreclosure assistance; and several home improvement speakers

Saturday, October 16: General Meeting Recap, 10-11 a.m. For those not available for Wednesday meeting.

Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29: Angel's Night Neighborhood Watch, volunteers needed

Friday, October 29: Halloween Decorating Contest, 7-10 p.m.

Join the Commercial Committee

Do you have two hours per month to donate to the neighborhood? Our Vice President and Commercial Chair, Terri Shaw, could use your help and invites you to join the EEV Commercial Committee.

Terri has done a tremendous job for EEV, supervising

clean teams from 36th District Court to pick up trash along Warren, and from Educational Data Systems to do vacant property cleanups and beautification on Harper Avenue. She serves on the board of the CEM Business Association and assists the East Warren Avenue Farmer's Market.

The commercial committee works with the businesses in the neighborhood, supports the local business association, and engages businesses in seasonal activities like window decorating, special events and coordinated cleanups. Contact Terri at 313-850-0234 for more information.

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Save the Date

Wednesday, November 10:
 November Community Meeting
Wednesday, November 10: Bulk Trash Pickup, north of Warren
Friday, November 12: Bulk Trash Pickup, south of Warren
Wednesday, November 15:
 Deadline for Snow Removal Contributions
Sunday, December 12: EEV Holiday Party

President

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your home: Please join us as we hear from several professional property repair people along with some of your neighbors giving money-saving repair tips for the long winter season ahead of us. With the bulk trash pickup coming in November, this is great time of year to clean up around the house and also the back of your garage and odd parts of your property to ensure a cleaner spring.

- If you are out of work and would like to network with fellow residents, please bring your resume to the next meeting. I have enlisted a neigh-

bor, Andrew, to pull together residents to review opportunities with each other to help find employment.

- We will hold another recap meeting on Saturday, October 16 at the church from 10-11 p.m. Please join us if you can't make it on Wednesday.

Reinforcing Top Issues

- **Illegal Occupancy:** Everyone needs a place to live, but to be a strong and safe neighborhood we need a solid community of residents paying for their dwelling and their city services. I urge you to call property owners or real estate companies to report "squatters" or unlawful dwellers. Uncaring or unwilling "neighbors" can create a sense of loss and fear to live here. We can address this by being attentive and socially responsible, by reporting property issues and by being forthright in our decision making when it comes to homeownership.

- **Discretionary Foreclosure:** We have made a commitment to buying a home or renting a property in a very nice neighborhood. That commitment is

positive unless you decide to let your property go for personal gain. In some cases, residents had to foreclose or move due to dire straits. The problem in our area, and across the county, is the neighbor who decides it is a good financial decision to just walk away. Our actions impact others, not just here but anywhere we might live.

- **Strong Attitude:** Please be supportive of the hard work of EEV volunteers who are working on your behalf! Keeping the village strong will continue to require all of our fortitude, creativity and solidarity. We must work together and fight back against crime, vacancy and lowering standards. If you would like things done differently, join in and use opportunity to keep your space brighter, safer and a just a great place to live.

In past letters I have expressed the hope of seeing you at the next meeting — now I expect and need your attendance.

*Best regards,
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Happy Halloween

Our annual Halloween decorating contest will be held on Friday, October 29 from 7-10 p.m. Eight awards will be handed out that night to the most creative and scary decorators.

Halloween is Sunday, October 31. New residents should be aware that we get a lot of traffic that night. The streets are filled with friendly goblins



looking for treats, so please be careful driving.

EEV is hosting the annual Angel's night patrol with a twist. Three neighborhoods — East English Village, Morningside and Cornerstone — will patrol the area for a two-night period, Friday and Saturday nights before Halloween.

Our Angel's night HQ will be based in the St. Clare church basement. Meet there for assignments and lots of great food and

fun. Please consider volunteering for the event. We need drivers, administrative help and, of course, food! This is a good time for residents meet new residents and catch up with old friends as well.

Call the hotline at 313-216-1729 or our EEV volunteer chairperson, Latisha Johnson, at 410-8080 and we will call you back with details. Or you can sign up at the general meeting this month.

Our three neighborhood patrol did a great job last year — let's keep the positive attitude moving forward!

Watch your children — Enforce the curfew

Again this year an emergency curfew is in effect for juveniles under the age of 18. It is unlawful for juveniles under the age of 18 to be on city streets, unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, from 6 p.m. Oct. 30 to 6 a.m. Oct. 31.

Fall — Time to put gardens to bed

by David Teeter

The October EEV Garden Club will hear from speaker Cheryl English, EEV resident, Advanced Master Gardener and president emeritus of the Advanced Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit. Ms. English will be sharing her expertise on "Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter." Cheryl is also a pottery artist and owner of Black Cat Pottery and will be bringing examples of her pottery to show and sell. This would be a great time to do some early holiday shopping. The meeting will be held from 3:30- 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 17 at 3924 Harvard.

The September 26 meeting was hosted by Beckie Themer and featured her beautiful home and gardens at 5315 Kensington, which recently won top honors of the best looking home in East English Village. We also



Beckie Themer explains details of her front yard design.

held a Perennial Exchange. The exchange encouraged recycling, thinning out the overgrown places in our garden, and trying something new in our landscaping. This was a great way to demonstrate "neighbors helping neighbors."

The Garden Club has also taken on the responsibility for

maintaining the community signs. Thank you to Bettina Boyd, Mary Ann McLaughlin, Corrie Towns, and Bill Barlage for volunteering to help water and pull weeds around the signs. If there is a community sign you believe needs some attention and care, we need additional volunteers.

We have also begun to plan

for 2011 garden club meetings. If there are gardening/landscaping topics you would like to learn about, interesting day trips, or projects for the Garden Club, let us know.

Contact David Teeter at (313) 640-7627 or dteeter@ameritech.net to share your ideas or to indicate how you would like to help.

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Stolen containers must first be reported to the Police Non-Emergency Reporting Section (313) 267-4600. You will be assigned a police report number. Secondly, call the Community Access Center at 311 or (313) 224-INFO (4636) to request a replacement container. The city representative will ask for your police report number when recording your request.

Each container has a serial number that is associated with the address/household to which it is assigned. This system assists in locating stolen containers. All containers remain the property of the City of Detroit.

Tip: Bag all refuse placed in your container. Do not place yard waste, ashes, or large bulky items in your container. Wash out your container frequently with a water hose to maintain its cleanliness.

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Snow Plowing Snow removal on the side streets of EEV is not a free service and is not done by the City of Detroit. Everyone who uses the roads in EEV is needed to help keep them clear during heavy snow fall. The charge is **\$35 per address per year.**

General Fund Donations to the general fund support free community events like light supper before meetings, Bunny Bash, Home Tour and Garage Sale. Any amount contribution is welcomed!

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Prayers for the city

East Warren and Outer Drive Prayer Group has been meeting weekly, Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. on the corner of East Warren and East Outer Driver in front of the Alger Theater.

The group started about one year ago to pray for the needs of the community, the city and each other. Various churches are represented but there is no denominational affiliation for the group.

Participation by any and all is welcomed, following the spirit of Second Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their

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3454 Harvard
4185 Harvard
5927 Kensington
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5565 Yorkshire

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Local artist brightens Jefferson



The new art installation on East Jefferson

The observant eye will notice community gardens and art installations popping up all over the city of Detroit. Phil Cierpial, son of Marie Cierpial on Bishop, was instrumental in a striking art piece that now enhances East Jefferson near the Grosse Pointe border.

The project was initiated by Josh Elling and Sheila Jackson of the Jefferson East Business Association (JEBA). It started in early June on one of the Motor City Makeover days. On that day approximately 35 volunteers from GMAC helped to clear a lot at Jefferson and Lakewood, just west of Chalmers. The volunteers turned over the soil to establish the main garden bed and planted wildflower seeds. Since the seeds

didn't germinate, the group moved to plan B — a perennial bed enhanced by the work of 6-10 artists (local artists and students) working on seven paintings that border the garden.

Since then, a small but tireless band of volunteers have kept the project moving forward. They experienced many challenges and a few setbacks, but have kept the faith. The biggest problem was taming the weeds in the garden. Watering is a typical stumbling block for community garden spaces, but they had a local business owner graciously offer free water to keep the garden going. His name is Gemmond Smith and he owns the Jefferson Tire Shop, adjacent to the site.

Phil Cierpial did the overall site plan and design of the garden and wood structures and donated funds for installation. Michele Calpito, Phil, his mother and a friend, Brian, did the construction of the wood structures. JEBA paid for the wood structures, about \$1200 total, by far the largest single expense. A gracious donation of resources came from Jim Lehman and his construction company. They

installed install the seven wood structures on the site.

Lindsay Jewell, another local artist, coordinated the artists and the painting of the panel artwork and installation of the art on the structures.

Phil commented, "It has been a very good experience so far in bringing together members of Detroit and Grosse Pointe without a bunch of bureaucracy. Most of our flowers have come from plant swaps or donations from people's gardens (thinning out of mature perennials). We also had a local tree trimming company donate a large load of mulch for the garden. Volunteers spread the mulch and kept the garden going."

The "Clean Team," funded by JEBA, has been keeping the lawn cut and pulling the weeds in the garden.

The next step was to plant more perennials at the end of September. They will be planting bulbs for the spring on Oct. 23. Other goals before the snow flies include completion of the mural on the side wall of the building and installation of a sign on the corner of the lot facing Jefferson.

East English Village

Pet Registration

Registering your pet with the neighborhood will help us return lost or found pets to their homes. Email information to pets@eastenglishvillage.org

Species – Breed – Color – M/F – Pet Name
Owner Name – Phone # - Email Address

Please call the EEV Lost Pets contact if your pet is missing or if you find a lost pet in the neighborhood.

Refurbished storefront offers vintage designs

by Jackie Cayton

Lisa Milton started her business, Redesign and Restoration, from her home. As the business grew, she needed more space and began looking at various locations. It was important to her to keep the business in the same neighborhood as her home. Redesign and Restoration ended up in an ideal East English Village location at 16719 Mack, next door to Yorkshire Market.

Lisa and her husband, Kandia, live on Outer Drive with their three children: Maya, Noelle, and Leila. Sometimes Lisa is at home doing a restoration project for the business, while Kandia is working at the store. The store itself is a beautiful space filled with colors, shapes and textures: furniture, wall hangings, accessories, and even jewelry. Candles and soaps are likely to be available during the holidays. Mostly vin-



Lisa Milton outside the shop

tage items under 100 years old are featured, and they are for sale at comparatively low prices.

Redesign and Restoration

does more than retail attractive finds. Furniture refinishing and reupholstering are also offered, as well as just about anything a customer

may want done to update a home décor piece. Many people bring in items they have started refinishing after deciding they could use some professional help to get it done. Damaged items can be brought in for repair and transformation. If you're not sure what would make a piece better, but just know it isn't right, Ms. Milton will work with you to help make it fit your needs.

As if all that is not enough for one business to offer, Lisa is very close to finishing her certification program in interior design. She is already working with customers to advise and solve design issues in their home spaces.

Redesign and Restoration is open Wednesday-Saturday from noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-4 p.m. The phone number is (313) 926-3573. The website is very informative and has plenty of "before and after" pictures. Check it out at redesignandrestoration.com.

Organizations help with language and math

literacy (n): the ability to read and write.

The basic skills defined by the word literacy are the core needed to be fluent in our society. For many reasons, adults and children may need additional assistance or temporary coaching. Conversely, some may have both the skills and time to share their knowledge. Several local organizations provide assistance to youth and adults in reading, writing and mathematics and offer a place for those who can help to reach out to those who need.

Wayne State University's

College of Education has expanded its literacy program to provide free tutoring services to students in first through eighth grade from 5:15-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting October 5 through April 2011. For more information, call 313-577-1742.

Dominican Literacy Center is now a Detroit Learning Lab. The lab provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to learn basic reading, writing, spelling, math or core computer skills. The Detroit Learning Lab extended hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 313-267-1000.

Epiphany Education Center provides tutoring in reading and math for students in grades 1-8. Two one-hour

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Caring resident improves neighborhood

By Debbie Brady

Welcome to the fourth installment of EEV Everyday Heroes. I'd like to introduce you to Juke (DeRondo) Tate, October's Everyday Hero. Even though Juke and his family have lived on Bishop only 12 months, you get the impression that he has been here much longer. It is easy to sense his great passion for his neighbors and for his neighborhood.



During this past winter, Juke could be seen clearing the snow from sidewalks and driveways of several neighbors while they were at work. When spring arrived, he was busy trimming trees and bushes, cutting grass, clearing vines, hauling garbage to the city dump site, and repairing fences for vacant homes (Emma houses). Juke's caring attitude is rubbing off on his children, Dason and Demi. They are very proud of the volunteer work that their dad does and they often pitch in to help.

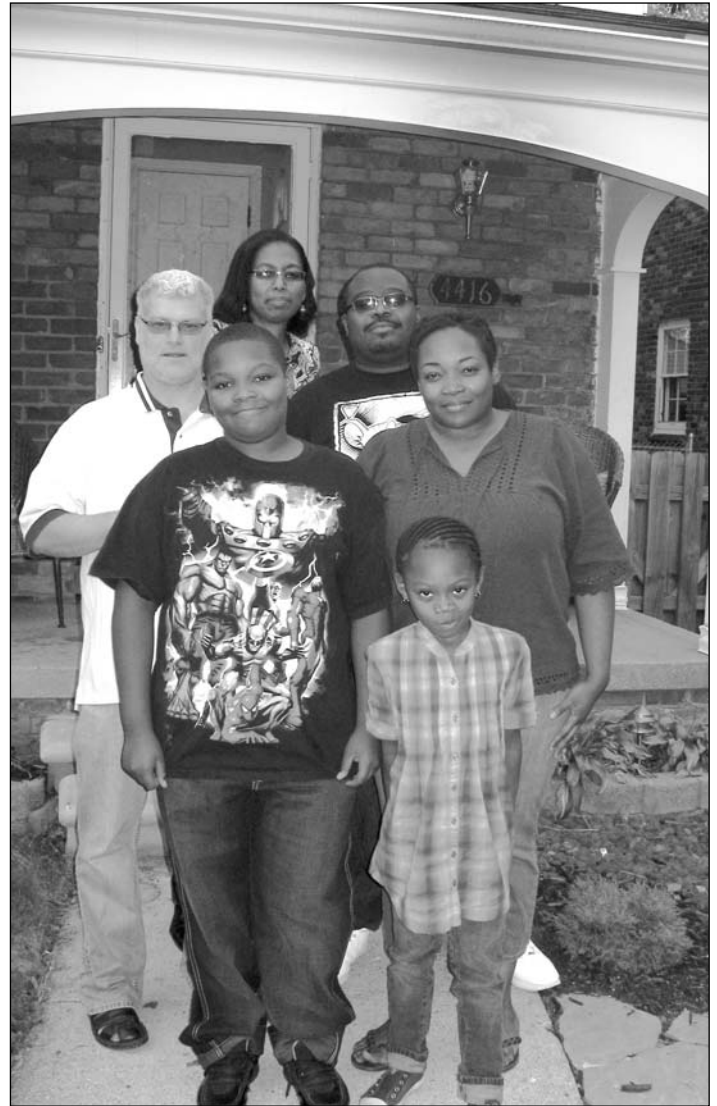
One of his neighbors

described him as an "exuberant man with a welcoming personality," and wished there were more people like him. Juke was touched by those comments, and says

that he is lucky to have such great neighbors who feel more like family. It is obvious that Juke values our EEV community and takes the initiative to improve the neighborhood, which helps to preserve the property value of all of our homes ... for that we are grateful. Thank you to Juke for all you do!

Please help to continue to make this a regular feature in our newsletter by nominating your neighbor. We all know someone who goes above and beyond to help keep our neighborhood safe and clean, which in turn will continue to keep EEV a "Neighborhood of Choice." You can contact me through email: secretary@eastenglishvillage.org or by phone: (313) 886-7360.

Thanks to Corrie Towns and Robert Cohoon for nominating Juke Tate as our fourth EEV Everyday Hero.



Back: Corrie Towns. **Center from left:** Robert Cohoon and Juke Tate. **Front:** Juke Tate's wife LaVetta and their children, Dason and Demi

People of interest... who's in EEV?

By Jackie Cayton

Do you know a fascinating person or two in the neighborhood? We are asking people to submit the names of interesting East English Village residents to be interviewed for articles in future newsletters.

They would be asked questions about how long they've lived in the area, what they like about it, and what types of changes they've seen in the neighborhood.

We would also want to know their stories; what type

of work they do, hobbies, interests, etc. It would be a great way to get to know some of the people in the neighborhood and to highlight the accomplishments of our neighbors and friends.

It would be helpful if you could ask them first if they

would agree to an interview, and then provide contact information, such as an email address or a phone number. Contact information will not be printed in the articles. Please submit the names to eeveditor@gmail.com.

Around the Neighborhood



Children enjoy cider, doughnuts and music and paint pumpkins at the East Warren Avenue Farmers Market Oct. 3, the last market of the season.

Reading is golden at St. Clare

By Mary Jeanne Franzinger

Sister Kathy Avery, principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Park, challenged the students and staff to read 95,000 pages over the summer. If the goal was met, she promised to color her hair and perform an entertaining stunt.

For reading incentives in past years, Sr. Kathy colored her hair pink and stood on her head, and sported rainbow hair while riding a motorcycle.

This year's students, rising to the challenge, read over 240,000 pages! The reward was watching Sr. Kathy get her hair sprayed gold and then ride in a Grosse Pointe Park fire truck bucket to the school roof-top where she encouraged the students to spend the morning reading outside.

Sr. Kathy's words are "Awesome. It was a great day."



Sr. Kathy on the roof, above, and students reading outdoors



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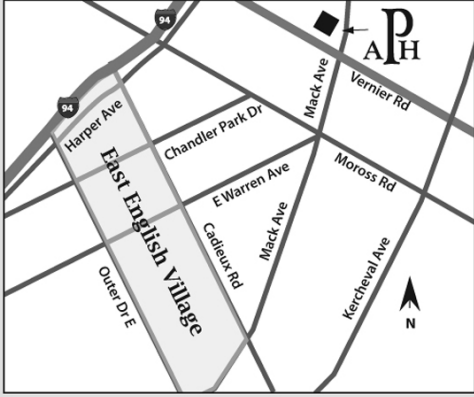
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