

Eastmoor Echoes

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Next ECA&B Action Committee Meeting - Sunday, Jan. 22, 3-5 PM at Wing's Restaurant

The President's Corner



Happy New Year everyone! The Eastmoor Civic Association and Blockwatch (ECA&B) has accomplished several things since the General Meeting on Oct. 16.

First of all, I want to welcome Ellen Peterson as Vice-President as well as the three new committee chairs: Lynn Noles with Janet Zettler's assistance chairs the Beautification Committee; Jack Levey chairs Neighborhood Standards Committee; and Laurel Talabere chairs the Communications Committee. We welcome their leadership in ECA&B.

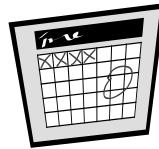
I would like to express my appreciation to the outgoing officers and committee chairs: Vice-Presidents Dina & Eli Cieplinski, Beautification Chair Eli Cieplinski, Communication Chair Marge Williams, Events Chair J.R. Logsdon, and Neighborhood Standards Chair Ellen Peterson. Also, a big thank-you to Amy Huggins for her years of service as a Blockwatch Captain.

Ellen Peterson has done a great job in dealing with AEP. Please see her report on the second page of this newsletter. Through her efforts, AEP knows that we care what is done in our neighborhood and that we will be watching their project.

Jack Levey has tried to get the offensive billboard at E. Broad and N. Harding removed. Although not successful, he deserves our thanks for his efforts.

We have submitted another Neighborhood Partnership Grant application for an historic marker, flags, and a new flag pole on the Virginia Lee oval. Many people were involved in developing this grant, but Chris Allen actually wrote it. Thanks to her and to all who worked on this project.

At the Nov. 28 Board meeting, the grant application was approved and the Board voted to contribute to "Toys4Kids" sponsored by the Columbus firefighters. This was a small "thank you" to Capt. Mike Zuber who frequently attends our meetings and enriches our Social on the Circle by having the fire truck there. The Board is comprised of elected officers and committee chairs. (continued next column)



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7P – Information Meeting on Motel One–Wing's
Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3-5P – Action Committee Meeting – Wing's
Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7P – Wine-tasting and Auction – Wing's
Wednesday, Mar. 21–7P – Beautification Committee, 358 S. Kellner
Early May – General Meeting – time and place TBA
Saturday, May 19 from 9A-3P – Neighborhood Garage Sales

Eastmoor Civic Association & Blockwatch (ECA&B) Officers & Committee Chairs

OFFICERS

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Neighborhood Events: **(vacant)**
Neighborhood Standards: **Jack Levey** jlevey@plunkettcooney.com

The President's Corner (continued)

Scott Huggins and the Kel-Brook Blockwatch have sought the closure of the Motel One on Main St. They participated in a demonstration in Dec. that was sponsored by the Peacekeepers, an organization on the east side of James Road.

Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues for 2012. If you haven't paid yet, please mail in the form on the bottom of page 3 in this newsletter. We cannot survive without dues which are necessary to keep our organization going.

Finally, Lynn Noles and Janet Zettler, Honorary Co-chairs, along with Ann Seren, Chair, are planning the Annual Wine-tasting and Auction scheduled for Sat., Feb. 18. Mail the enclosed **RED REGISTRATION FORM** now to attend. A good time will be had by all.

As always feel free to call or e-mail me with your ideas, suggestions, and comments.

Herb Talabere, President,
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Vice-President's Report



The AEP issue is summed up in the letter that was sent to the James Road property owners. It is posted on www.eastmoorlive.com. A pole line rebuild on the west side of James will extend from Livingston Ave. to Broad St. The existing poles will be replaced with steel ones. The project will begin toward the end of February at Livingston and proceed north to Broad. In preparation for the pole rebuild, the trees marked with red paint will be removed starting Jan. 9th. The purpose of the project is to expand service, upgrade equipment, and greatly reduce the incidence of power outages.

We are very fortunate to have an enthusiastic and involved Police Liaison Officer in Gary L. Scott. It is important for people to check the crime statistics, secure their valuables and property, use strategic lighting on their property, get to know and communicate with neighbors, and be alert to any unusual happenings.

At the suggestion of our new police liaison officer, we have administratively divided blockwatch organizing into two sections: north of Fair and south of Fair. Scott Huggins will be responsible for recruiting blockwatch captains and getting blockwatches activated south of Fair Avenue. He and I will work together as I have responsibility for the area north of Fair Avenue as well as overall responsibility for blockwatches in Eastmoor.

It is essential to use the following numbers correctly: the **311** number is appropriate for many nuisance issues such as trash, noise, building maintenance, parking, etc. The 311 calls are important and alert the city to concerns that neighborhoods have, especially with commercial sites. The more calls made the better. The **645-4545** number is used to report suspicious characters and activity, loitering, drinking in public, etc. These calls are very important, too, and require a police run. Always report such activities to the police and try to give as much detailed description as possible (date, time, location, specifics of what you saw, etc.). The **911** number is intended for police or medical emergencies such as an assault, a pedestrian injury, or a break-in in progress or one that has just occurred.

Ellen Peterson, kellnergrnthumb@aol.com



Beautification Committee

The first Beautification Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm at 358 S. Kellner Road. We welcome any members from the previous committee and anyone new who is interested in the group. We will be discussing plans for the upcoming spring and summer, and we would love new ideas to add to the beautification of our neighborhood!

Just a reminder – if you plan to trim or remove plants from public areas in Eastmoor, please check with me first.

Lynn Noles, Chair, canoles@sbcglobal.net

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Neighborhood Standards Committee

We would like to reactivate this committee, which handles both code enforcement issues and welcoming new members. If anyone would like to be involved or has an issue you feel the committee should address, please let me know.

We looked into two issues recently, but unfortunately were unable to change either situation because both property owners were acting within the law. We wrote to Lamar Advertising on Oct. 26, protesting the radio station billboard at North Harding and East Broad. Several residents feel the billboard contains vulgar language not appropriate for our neighborhood. Reuben Blankenship, vice president of Lamar, called me on Oct. 28. He told me he sees nothing inappropriate in the sign, and we were upset over nothing. He said his company would not take it down before the contract with radio station ended. He was very polite, but he made it clear that he had no sympathy with our concerns.

The second situation involves a resident's concern about the small lawn sign at 198 Eastmoor, advertising therapeutic massages. I understand that this issue was thoroughly researched by an attorney several years ago on behalf of ECA&B, and it was concluded the property owner was within his legal rights. Therefore, ECA&B does not have the ability to have the sign removed.

Jack Levey, jlevey@plunkettcooney.com

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Chair Needed for the Neighborhood Events Committee

"This committee under the direction of a designated chairperson, provides the opportunity and oversees community and social activities aimed at promoting and improving neighbor relations." (ECA&B Bylaws)

The major activity has been the annual Social on the Circle held in Sept. J.R. Logsdon, Chair for the past 2 years, has a detailed, well-organized notebook that will greatly facilitate the work of the next chair. Also, J.R. is willing to sit down with this person, explain procedures, and answer questions.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position or finding out more about it, contact Herb Talabere, ECA&B President at 614-783-2663 (M) or htalaber@insight.rr.com

Meeting about Motel One



On Thurs., Jan. 19 at 7P, The Kel-Brook Blockwatch, in conjunction with the ECA&B, The Peacekeepers, and The Kingbury-Mound-Eastmoor Blockwatch, will conduct an informational meeting about Motel One at Wing's Restaurant. Several city officials will attend. While focused on the Motel One issue, this meeting will provide a great opportunity to meet those helping to keep our neighborhood safe. It will also introduce you to our new blockwatch structure.

Scott Huggins, Webmaster
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Three More Things a Burglar Won't Tell You



#1. If it snows while you're out of town and there are no tire marks in your driveway or foot tracks to your door, it's a dead giveaway that you are gone.

#2. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

#3. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.) Sometimes, I carry a clipboard or dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever raise your suspicions.

Get the facts on crime in our neighborhood.
Check out www.crimereports.com

Garage Sales Coming! Save Your Stuff!!

The ECA&B has neighborhood-wide garage sales in May every even-numbered year. The date for this year is Sat., May 19, 9A-3P. Please save your items **NOW** and get ready for the garage sale at your house. The money from your sales is yours to keep. Usually, over 100 homes participate. More information to follow.



New Website



We are happy to introduce www.eastmoor.net. This website/blog serves as an area crime page with an emphasis on community interaction. Eventually, crime based alerts will emanate from this site by residents signing up to follow it. It will be the cornerstone of our new blockwatch initiatives. The www.eastmoorlive.com website will continue to serve as the primary informational portal for ECA&B.

Scott Huggins, Webmaster
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Security Bars, Door Chains & Window Locks for Sale



As a result of the Safety Grant that we received from the City of Columbus, we have purchased Masterlock security bars, door chains, and locks for sliding windows. The **security bars** prevent opening a patio door or any hinged door. We sell them for \$15 each. (Lowe's sells them for \$20). The **door chains** are priced at \$2 each. (Lowe's website shows them at \$3). The **window locks** sell for \$1 each. (Lowe's sells them for over \$2). Thanks to Elliot Fineberg for securing these items at an excellent price.

If you are interested in purchasing these items or finding out more about them, please call me. I will gladly show you how they work, and I have them available.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM



Please complete and return this form to the **Eastmoor Civic Association & Blockwatch**, PO Box 91287, Columbus OH 43209. Enclose your check or money order for \$10 per household.

Please Print: Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Comments _____

A Neighbor of Note



You can take the girl out of Eastmoor, but like many others, not for long. When Mary Ann Lannan returned to Columbus, she purchased the home where she grew up. However, it is much quieter now. Her family, like many in the days when she attended St. Catharine's Grade School and Bishop Hartley High School, included 7 children.

For many years, Lannan worked in the insurance and banking industries, but she always had that little itch to own her own business. She told us a small business consultant suggested she look for an established company instead of starting from scratch. On a whim, she spoke to the manager of The Lamp Shade, a specialty store on Main St. in Bexley, and she learned it was for sale. All kinds of good Eastmoor- related omens were involved: Mary Ann's mother and the owner went to high school together, the out-of-state nephew heirs grew up on Brookside, and on and on. So she bought it in 1995 and moved it to the Short North at 2nd Ave. & High St. in 2006. The Short North is her second favorite neighborhood, Eastmoor, of course, being first.

Although she has over 2000 lampshades, she insists she doesn't choose one and dance with it on her head at parties. "No, not ever!" Mary Ann personifies some of the best things about our neighborhood -- family connections, history and an ongoing interest in a warmth and friendliness that is **EASTMOOR**.

Ann Seren

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Featured Business



Each issue of *Eastmoor Echoes* features an area business that has contributed to ECA&B.

Follow-up Note from the Last Eastmoor Echoes Issue

The Tuesday Night Guitar League, under the direction of Jim Gregory, is available for gigs. Email jaamcgregory@wideopenwest.com or call 614-357-1940. Their contact information was inadvertently omitted from the last issue when we featured them as an area business. They have been the musicians at the last two Wine-tasting & Auction events.

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Newsletter Information

ECA&B sends cards for 50th anniversaries and 90th birthdays. If you know someone who is celebrating one of these occasions, please let me know. Also, your contributions to and comments about **Eastmoor Echoes** are always welcome!!

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