Safety & Security

It’s back-to-school time and back to work for EEV. Over the summer, I have had to speak to quite a few neighbors about what they would like to see happen for our neighborhood, and one subject is by far the number one answer and that is SECURITY. During Covid while everyone was home all the time, crime seemed to quiet down and now that everyone is out and about more we are experiencing more smaller crimes like theft from peoples garages and vehicles. We have also seen an increase in shootings. Some are random and others have been targeted. We are in contact with the city and the police department about these shootings to see what can be done about it. This is not easy as some of the people that have been targeted multiple times are not cooperating with the police. This leaves us with a difficult situation.

EEV Annual Garage Sale Returns in 2022

The weather truly cooperated as the EEV Annual Garage Sale returned over the weekend of August 13th & 14th. Thirty-four homeowners participated in the long-awaited event. Special thanks to Kathy Roddie, Residential Chairperson for coordinating another successful sale. EEV appreciates the local residents and visitors who patronized the sale adding $451.00 to the EEV General Fund Coffers. Hope to see you next year!

- Maureen Dritsan
Special Assessment District

In my conversations over the last few months many people have expressed the desire to see EEV have security again. This is something we can bring back but it does have a cost and in the past only a few neighbors have contributed to maintain security. So this has brought us to discussing a Special Assessment District, which is “Special Assessments for Snow Removal, Mosquito Abatement, and Security Services” that are collected through our property tax system in the City of Detroit. The ordinance is quite long and a few members of the board are studying this to collect more information and see if its a good choice for our neighborhood.

This assessment is a way to provide a means of neighborhood enhancement through increased security, snow removal and mosquito abatement or any of the three. By majority rule this would impose an additional assessment on ourselves, collected with your property taxes and then channeled back to our neighborhood, which we are able to cover the added cost of providing any combination of security, snow removal and mosquito abatement. With this special assessment we could have 24-hour security patrolling EEV and snow removal. We will present this idea and the next neighborhood meeting on September 14th.

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Bring Back Block Captains

Another big ask in EEV has been about bringing back the block captain program. We have seen a big decline in residents wanting to volunteer and this has affected our ability to maintain the program so it may be effective. Traditionally block captains have been residents first point of contact for issues from trash collection and crime issues to welcoming new neighbors to EEV. Each block has had a representative the other neighbors could call on. It is not a lot of work at all. Its about getting to know your neighbors on your block better. It has served as a great way to communicate more personally and directly. So please, WE NEED YOU to help out. Please get in touch with us if you have the slightest interest in helping build a stronger community in East English Village.

Events Events Events

The most fun I have had in EEV are at various events over the years. The Pub Crawl is a popular one, the holiday party, and garden tour. We really want to expand the events we organize. The events do not always have to be a big party, they can be small like getting together for drinks or coffee on a casual basis. And we can do larger events like block parties or events like Fall Fest or Food Truck Rally. The goal is to have a variety of events that interest different groups of our residents. With all this said we need volunteers who can help with these efforts. I would like to have can events committee lead the planning of all EEV events. Events ultimately I believe are by far the best way for us to build community. If you think you could help out whether you have a specific event you want to organize or help year round on an events committee please get in touch with me or anyone on the board.

Ron Otto - President EEV
president@eastenglishvillage.org or text me 989-370-1245.

Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste, and Bulk Pick Up

Text your street address to sign up for trash & recycling reminders 313-800-7905

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On Monday, August 8, national and local representatives from Catholic Charities,Ascension,St. Matthew Church,East English Village,and Morningside met to tour the site of the future home of “The Residences of St. Matthew” - an affordable housing project. Paul Propson, CEO of Catholic Charities of Southeast MI, provided the welcoming and opening remarks. St. Matthew Pastor, Father Duane Novelly, led the tour of the former grade school and Activities Center buildings and responded to questions regarding the facilities. A total of 46 units will be included in the $17 million project located at the corner of Harper & Whittier in Morningside. The buildings are in excellent condition thanks to the stewardship of Father Novelly. Each classroom will constitute a single apartment space. The gymnasium renovated in recent years will house space for health and community services. Renovations are anticipated to begin in 2023, with projected completion in 2024.

- Maureen Dritsan
What brought you to East English Village?

We moved (back) to EEV in 2017. Michelle grew up right here on Cadieux as a kid and already had fondness and familiarity for the area. John grew up off Trumbull near the old Tiger Stadium. Marriage and raising our children took us out to the suburbs for many years. Eventually, our condo in Harrison Township began to feel too “sterile”, and we longed for the character of the city again. Around the same time, two of our good friends who live here in the neighborhood invited us to their home for dinner, and we fell in love with EEV all over again. So at the ages of 58 and 62, we moved back, this time for good!

What are some of your favorite EEV moments and memories?

The neighborhood has evolved in many wonderful ways over the years, but our favorite to reminisce on remains Michelle’s memories from growing up here. She lived here from 1959 until 1983, and you could walk everywhere. As a kid, she spent most of her Saturdays at Outer Drive and East Warren, enjoying lunch at Kresge’s, treats from Sanders, visits to the library, and shows at the Alger Theater. There was a Cunningham Drug Store where the Wine Basket is now and a grocer on East Warren between Harvard and Grayton. In her teens, she worked bussing tables at the Cadieux Cafe. Eighteen was the legal drinking age, there were many places to go dancing. This neighborhood was always jumping on the weekends!

What is your biggest hope for EEV?

Our hope is that it continues to thrive - we love how the neighborhood has organized over the years, how the older homes have been kept up and preserved, and the big old trees and natural landscaping still add historic beauty to the area after all this time. And, of course, the area continues to be home to such wonderful people as all of our neighbors, who remain committed to keeping EEV a great place to live.

Tell us a little bit about yourselves.

We own a hair salon in Roseville, with Michelle actually getting her start at a cosmetology school that used to be at East Warren and Yorkshire back in the 70s. John works at the Ford House as well. We love life here in EEV, and being able to come back to our Detroit roots now in these later years. We enjoy garage sales and thrift stores and have a mobile home up in Caseville that we spend as much time at as we can.
Dear Residents of East English Village

Greetings from the Cadieux Café! We are continuing our commitment to the community with improvements to this legendary Detroit gathering spot that has been a staple of the East English Village neighborhood for close to 90 years. We have added an outdoor biergarten to compliment the indoor space. Many of our customers have experienced this outdoor space and used it more frequently over the last few years. This was initially due to restrictions imposed by the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit during the height of Covid and is now based on customer preference and requests for a permanent outdoor seating option. Therefore, we have been working with the City to make the necessary zoning adjustments that would allow us to legalize the outdoor biergarten component.

The land on which the Café resides has been zoned residential since the inception of the business in the 1930s. We, as owners, along with City officials, are in agreement that the property should be rezoned commercial, which is consistent with its use for the last 90 years. Cadieux Café is remaining the same iconic eastside venue you have loved over the years. We are making administrative adjustments to the property in order for the land use to be in alignment with the City’s zoning requirements.

A public hearing and discussion is scheduled for Thursday, September 8 at 5:10 PM with the Detroit City Planning Commission via zoom (attach link). The City Planning Commission meeting is the first step in the process to allow us to change the zoning from residential to commercial and allow us to permanently institute the outdoor biergarten. Please feel free to attend the meeting via zoom to express your support for the rezoning.

https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/96355593579?pwd-TTI0MzN3M3pmUIRKNXp|MjllezN3UTo9

We appreciate your patronage over the years and look forward to seeing you soon at the Cadieux Café.

Respectfully,

Paul Howard and John Rutherford
East English Village resident of 24 years)
August was an exciting month on the E. Warren corridor! The streetscape is coming along, with the most recent advancement being the progression of the concrete and bike lanes being poured. We are getting closer and closer to having trees along the corridor! Additionally, the E. Warren Development Corp. awarded its first round of microgrants to 7 businesses along the streetscape. EWDC is looking forward to potential future grant opportunities and will communicate out as we learn of new grants.

As the summer started to wind down, EWDC and the E. Warren Farmers Market were thrilled to offer our space to Frugal on the Fly, a local organization working to provide 250 backpacks stuffed with supplies to children in Detroit. The event went wonderfully and all 250 backpacks were claimed in less than 3 hours!

As the corridor continues to navigate through the streetscape, we encourage each of you to fill out our contact sheet on https://linktr.ee/ewdc in order to receive the weekly newsletter. The newsletter provides updates on the streetscape, resources for local businesses, and a weekly featured business for everyone to rally behind. We know this construction is temporary, and we are trying many ways to support our neighborhood businesses in the interim.

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EEV Newsletter
Deadline for articles and new ads is the 20th of every month

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BD Development Advisors are excited to be working on the redevelopment of the former Beauty School at 16703 E. Warren Avenue. The development team has affectionately named the project “The Deco”, as an homage to its Art Deco inspired features and unique brick façade. BD is a joint venture partnership between Damon Dickerson and Brandon Hodges, both friends and real estate development professionals who live on Detroit’s East Side. The duo met through the Building Community Value’s Real Estate Fundamentals Class, where Joe Rashid of EWDC and Council Member Latisha Johnson have also been participants. The development team proposes a substantial renovation of the property resulting in a mix of 6-9 new rental apartments and ground floor retail space. Given the interior condition of the property and its exposure to the elements over the years, a gut rehabilitation will be undertaken, featuring a new roof structure and membrane, all new electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems, a new parking lot, and white boxed retail space. With hopes of activating a portion of the ground floor with a food and beverage tenant, the development team will be embarking on a very intentional community engagement process in partnership with In the Business of Food, a local food justice consulting firm led by Chef Ederique Goudia. Through a mix of digital surveying, in-person charettes, and data research, the team will gather rich insights from the Community to narrow down potential food operators and concepts that can thrive on the E. Warren corridor. The culminating event will be a community taste testing where potential retailers can mix and mingle with neighbors and have their cuisines sampled. Construction for the project is anticipated to start in the 2nd quarter of 2023, with completion by year end.

-Damon Dickerson
Join Council Member Latisha Johnson for
Virtual Community Office Hours
Monday, September 19th
5:30 PM to 7 PM

Featuring a Presentation from
the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
and Community Health Corps.

Join us for this Zoom Meeting! Registration is Required

URL: https://bit.ly/3wNCAAnJ

For more information, call (313) 224-4841 or
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*Zoom Link and Dial-In # will be provided after registration
It’s me again, Sonya Gray, Secretary for the Friends of the Alger Theater Board of Directors, with ‘breaking news’. Phase 1 of the three-year redevelopment plan for the Alger restoration has been completed. Thanks to our fearless leader, President Jackie Grant, who is defying the odds, ignoring the ‘haters’ and getting major things done (my words, not hers). With the assistance of our EEV resident architect and board member, Marc Tirikian, and Acting Treasurer Barney Theisen, Jackie successfully navigated Detroit City government to replace the pipe connection from the main water line into the theater. FYI, if you haven’t been outside lately, the City dug up the bike lanes on East Warren to replace old lead pipes. While the street remained open, the Alger Board seized the opportunity to replace its pipe connection that was leaking into the basement of the theater. Jackie and Marc successfully negotiated with City representatives to replace the connection into the building, thus sealing the leak. So, we finally have water flowing into the theater as opposed to leaking into the theater and flooding the basement. Although additional work is required to install a meter and plumbing, we now have access to clean, potable water in the theater. We have not had water in the Alger Theater for over 35 years!

In addition to the waterline replacement, the ADA-compliant lift (aka elevator) has been installed and awaits inspection. As soon as the inspection is complete, we will have access to the upper deck for mobility-challenged members and visitors. The board members will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for current members of the organization. FYI, membership is open to all persons interested in the revitalization of the theater. Memberships start at $35 pp or $50 per couple. You can become a Friend (aka member) by signing up on the website, www.algertheater.org, or you might be interested in attending the Annual Meeting Monday, September 19th at 6 PM in the Alger Lobby. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, you must be a member and RSVP to me, Sonya Gray, SLGray2008@gmail.com. You may purchase a membership before the meeting between 5:30 – 5:55 PM.
Always remember, ‘We are stronger together’. If you cannot afford a membership, fifteen volunteer hours with the Friends of the Alger earns you a free 1-year membership for the next fiscal year! We need volunteers for marquee messaging, theater facilities maintenance, website / social media maintenance and fundraising/grant writing. Please contact President Jackie Grant at 313-720-3904 or email the theater for more information, Friends@algertheater.org. Of course, you can always contact me. Have an awesome month!

Your neighbor
-Sonya G.
RECENT SALES IN EEV

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