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Dear ENA Member,

It's brought me great joy to see Eastwood neighbors gathering again at community events and at ENA's annual meeting last month. Due to pandemic restrictions, ENA's programming over the past few years has been limited. At ENA's annual meeting, the board of directors reports to the members on recent activities, financial status of the organization and the members elect the 17-member board of directors. At the annual meeting, we welcomed six new board members and one returning board member. You can review the annual report at eastwoodneighbor.com/news. With many new board members and three new officers, we are energized and excited to expand upon ENA's programs and events. I am honored to have recently been elected president of the board by this great group of talented Eastwood boosters.

Recently, the Eastwood Neighborhood Association, along with its members:

- Installed decorative fencing around the Eastwood Community Garden with a state grant secured by Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli
- Completed construction of Mazella Memorial Basketball Court at Eastwood Heights Park, supported by over \$30,000 in donations from the Eastwood community
- Hosted the 16th Annual Eastwood 5-Mile Run – bringing over 200 runners from all over CNY to Eastwood
- Hosted a six-week series of early morning yoga classes in the Community Garden, free and open to the public
- Hired a local artist to paint a little free library donated by County Legislator Peggy Chase and installed it at the Eastwood Community Garden
- Established annual scholarships named after Eastwood greats Tom White, Margaret McVicker, and Aaron Wood
- Hosted the second annual Beastwood Skate Competition at East Woods Skate Plaza
- Secured a \$200,000 state grant with assistance from Senator Rachel May for the expansion of the East Woods Skate Plaza
- Raised nearly \$7,000 for the installation of new raised beds in Greenway Park
- Completed extensive updates to our website: eastwoodneighbor.com
- Began mass email communications to keep our members better informed about ENA activities
- Hosted ENA's annual meeting last month featuring guest speaker, Mayor Ben Walsh

None of this could have been accomplished without you, our members, our donors, and volunteers. You are what makes this organization, and our neighborhood, great. Thank you for being such an important part of Eastwood's continued growth and vitality.

In lieu of annual membership dues, we ask ENA members to make an annual donation to defray ENA's operational expenses, including printing, website maintenance, accounting costs, and ENA's annual meeting. During the COVID pandemic, ENA opted to skip this annual appeal. As we ramp back up and expand our programming, we ask you to consider making a donation to support ENA. You can mail in a check payable to the Eastwood Neighborhood Association in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or you can donate online at eastwoodneighbor.com, or by scanning the QR code below.

You can learn more about upcoming events on our updated website. Keep an eye out for new events being added. And you can sign up at eastwoodneighbor.com for our email list to stay informed. ENA is an all-volunteer organization made up of members. If you have an idea for something you'd like to see ENA offer the community, reach out and we'll see if we can make it happen! Thank you for supporting ENA and our wonderful Eastwood neighborhood. We appreciate all that you do.

Sincerely,



Katelyn Wright
ENA President



Upcoming Events

Santa & The Grinch

Please join us at the Palace Theater for a Meet & Greet with Santa & Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 10 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. This will be followed by a screening of The Grinch at 6:30. This event is free and open to the public. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy or a cash donation toward ENA's holiday toy drive.

Spring Market Day

There will be a spring market day in April – exact date TBD. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon. If you're interested in renting a booth sell your crafts or wares or if you're interested in volunteering to help plan the Market Day, contact info@eastwoodneighbor.com.

Eastwood Memorial Day Parade

We are working to bring back the parade! Mark your calendars for Monday, May 29, 2023. If you're interested in helping to plan this event, please contact us at info@eastwoodneighbor.com.

Eastwood Home & Garden Tour

Planning is underway for Eastwood's first Home & Garden Tour scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023. If you or someone you know would be interested in featuring your home or garden on the tour, please contact us at info@eastwoodneighbor.com. Ticket sales will raise funds for Eastwood beautification projects such as a fall bulb giveaway, new flags and poles for James Street, new perennial plantings for community flower beds, etc.