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## Nominating Committee seeks candidates for board of directors

Maybe you know an Eastwoodite who wants to serve the community. Or perhaps you're an Eastwood Neighborhood Association member who wants to take your involvement to the next level. Whatever the inspiration, now is the time to submit names to the ENA Nominating Committee for consideration for the association's board of directors. You can nominate yourself, a friend, or a neighbor.

ENA's board meets periodically to discuss neighborhood issues, set priorities and otherwise guide the activities of the organization. Its members form and lead the committees that beautify the area, plan events, establish programs such as the Five-Star Rental Program, and raise interest, awareness and money for new facilities such as the East Woods Skate Plaza. We're especially looking for nominees with expertise in Web site maintenance, grant writing skills and corporate legal experience.

Nominees should have some connection to Eastwood, a desire to make Eastwood better and a few hours a month to devote to the cause. Don't be shy about nominating yourself if you fit that bill. Please fill out the form below and mail it to Eastwood Neighborhood Association, Attn.:

Nominating Committee, PO Box 66, Syracuse, NY 13206 by Aug. 1.

Committee members **Gail Tyndall, Bridgett Byrnes, Dan Rogers, Karen Schroeder and Ben Robson** will evaluate all entries. Elections will be held at the annual meeting 7 pm Sept. 15 at Blessed Sacrament School.

## From the President

Dear Neighbor:

It is an honor and a privilege for Eastwood to be the only area in the city to hold a Memorial Day parade. Many thanks to Jesse Harrington of American Legion Post 1276 for organizing this great event to pay tribute to those who have died fighting for the freedoms we enjoy. Jesse said there were a couple of snafus, but none was visible to the many groups who proudly marched on the beautiful morning of May 25. With flags flying and flowers blooming and a record number of spirited watchers, it was apparent that Eastwood is the ideal location for a procession from the Legion to the monument at Greenway Park. Old and young and every age in between turned out for this hometown event.

It's no wonder Eastwood citizens enthusiastically work to preserve the character of this exceptional neighborhood – a place where families enjoy living, often for several generations; where children attend school in their neighborhood and play almost any sport in one of our parks; whose neighbors chit-chat while standing in the 8-foot driveway that separates their homes; whose business district strives to serve the needs of today's residents; where little ones ride their tricycles past a retired neighbor tending the yard.

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Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Interests and expertise \_\_\_\_\_

Eastwood connection \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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## Kudos to our Angels

Many thanks to the following who joined ENA this year at the ANGEL level. Their generous support helped pay for the printing and mailing of our newsletters. It is a pleasure to salute:

**Paul and Paula Hueber**

**Malcom Ingalls**

**Peter Pellenz**

**Phil Regan**

**Michael Skrupa**

**Hildegard Schulze**

**Sarah Barter**

**John Disque**

**Daniel Rogers**

**Missio Church**

**The Melt Shop**

## Golf Tourney Sept. 12

Eastwood Neighborhood Association's annual golf tournament is on for Saturday, Sept. 12 at Sunnycrest Golf Course.

The format is captain and crew, so you don't have to be a good golfer to have loads of fun.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 10 am. A cookout follows, with a meet and greet with the ENA board of directors. Prizes will be awarded then, too.

The cost is \$60 per foursome. Sign-ups for foursomes will be available at the golf course by Aug. 15 or call Sue 437-5087.

## President, from Page 1

Indeed, this active, family-oriented neighborhood is a most fitting setting for a Memorial Day parade. Thanks again to Jesse and the American Legion for providing us this occasion to celebrate being an American - and an Eastwoodite.

Happy summer to all.

*Sue*

When you leave for vacation, lock all doors and windows; have a trusted neighbor keep an eye on your property.

## Big shout out to ENA 'Dome Rangers'

By Bill Goodwin

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the people who volunteered their time at the Carrier Dome this past season whether it was for a football, basketball or lacrosse game. Without you we wouldn't have been able to raise as much as we did for our future skateboard park in Eastwood. So far the total for two seasons is \$4,646.98. At this time I would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for their service in alphabetical order:

**Annelise Bucci**

**Bill Goodwin**

**John Keefe**

**Tony Lambert**

**Judy Lewis**

**Darin Moore**

**Sharon Morrison**

**Christine Rinaldi**

**Mike Sutton**

**Gail Tyndall**

**Greg Wilkinson**

New volunteers are always needed, so if you receive a call next fall, consider helping us for a very worthwhile cause. Everybody have a great summer.

## ENA Director Goodwin gets around

Born in Syracuse, **Bill Goodwin** grew up in Marcellus and the south side of Syracuse, but for the past 32 years has lived in Eastwood.

Since joining the Syracuse Jaycees back in the 1960s, Bill has volunteered for many organizational duties. He is a member of several organizations including the Onondaga Ski Club, Sierra Club, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Sons of the American Legion. He is a CommuniTree Steward for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County and likes the work he does in making the environment a more aesthetic place for those who enjoy the outdoors. Bill also serves as an elections inspector. He is currently president of the Onondaga County Civil War Round Table and an Eastwood Neighborhood Association director. He is the liaison between ENA and the Eastwood Rotary Club in getting volunteers to work various sports games at the Carrier Dome. He also volunteers with ENA's History & Archives, Membership and Special Events committees.

Prior to graduating from Onondaga Community College with an associates degree in Applied Science, Bill was a micrographics technician, a microfilmer and a proofreader. He currently works part time for the Onondaga County Public Library, and when not working, Bill can be found researching his ancestors in the local history genealogy department.

Bill has traveled the globe for the past 45-plus years to such exotic places as Tahiti and Bora Bora, and has used all modes of transportation to get there, including airplanes, buses, sailships, ocean liners, trains and bicycles. He's also been to Alaska, Hawaii, most of the USA, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas, and Turkey

An avid cyclist and walker, Bill also enjoys cross country skiing, hiking, baking, painting, photography, and writing poetry.



Did you know?

## Change the constant on James Street

By Margaret McVicker  
ENA Historian

The last history article ended in the middle of the north side of the 2700 block of James Street where **Rasmussen's Bakery** was located. So let's continue on.

The rest of the block had many shorter term businesses, including a taxi service, dress shop, hairdressers and barbers. The building on the corner of James Street and North Collingwood Avenue where the **East Room Tavern** has been in business since 1981 was a **People's Grocery Store** from 1929 until 1951. For shorter periods stores selling home appliances, vacuum cleaners and floor coverings were there. From 1965 until 1980 the East Room Tavern was called the **East Room Restaurant**.

Moving to the south side of James Street and the 3000 block between South Midler Avenue and Nichols Avenue, we find **Byrne Dairy**, which has been there since 1967. In the center of the block is the **Eastwood Barber Shop**, which was opened by **Nick Morina** in 1946 – 63 years ago – and Nick is still very active. An interesting note is that Nick won an award for hair styling at the 1961 National Barbers Show in New York City. At the corner of Nichols Avenue is the **American Legion**. Where this building stands was the original site of the first “little red school house” in Eastwood. The present building house the **William Howard Taft School** until it closed. More on schools in a future column.

The main store in the 3100 block was **Finney's Grocery Store** from 1926 until 1965. That building is now occupied by more than one store, including **Lily's Nails**. Where the **Rite Aid Drugstore** is located was a vacant lot for many years and was home to Eastwood events such as carnivals, outdoor activities, etc.

Crossing Homcroft Road, we find the **Eastwood Baptist Church**, which has been there since 1927. As with schools, another column will cover the churches of Eastwood.

From that point east on James Street, there were many private residences. Some still exist, some have been turned into businesses and some were demolished and new buildings erected. If I remember correctly, **General Electric** used one of the buildings and the original **Eastwood Bank** was opened near there. I believe there was also a medical or mental facility in the area in later years.

More to come in the next News Alert. If anyone has any information they would like to pass on, call me at 463-4372 or e-mail me at [info@eastwoodneighbor.com](mailto:info@eastwoodneighbor.com).

## ENA schedules first flea market

Your neighborhood association is sponsoring its first “Eastwood Neighbors’ Flea Market Day” 8:30 am to 4 pm Saturday, Aug. 8 in Pomco’s parking lot behind the new Walgreen's at Grant Boulevard and Eastwood Road. The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 9.

Sellers can reserve a 12-foot by 12-foot selling space for a \$10 donation to ENA. Spaces are limited and will be assigned first-come, first-serve, so reserve yours now. A registration form is enclosed. Proceeds will benefit ENA’s community and communication projects.

For information, please call **Sharon Morrison** at 438-3132 or **Paula Hueber** at 463-5977.

## COMMITTEE CORNER

ENA committees focus on projects to improve Eastwood. Join us! E-mail [info@eastwoodneighbor.com](mailto:info@eastwoodneighbor.com).

### Marketing/Publicity Committee

Raises awareness about ENA and life in Eastwood.

**Membership Committee** Sharon Morrison, 438-3132. Builds membership and participation. Meets 6 pm July 21 and Aug. 23, 155 Shotwell Park.

**Special Events Committee** Sue Straub, 437-5087. Fosters community involvement, raises funds, develops camaraderie. Meets 6:30 pm July 14 and Aug. 18 at James Street Methodist Church.

**Green Thumb Committee** Annelise Bucci, 463-4794. Maintains plantings and flower pots, plans beautification events. July meeting was being scheduled at press time.

**History & Archives Committee** Margaret McVicker, 463-4372. Preserves Eastwood's rich past and current ENA events.

### Residential Property

**Conservation** Minch Lewis, 463-6472. Conserves quality of life, including 5-Star Program for rentals.

**Safety Committee** Sue Straub, 437-5087. Explores ideas to keep Eastwood safe for residents.

### Skate Park Research Committee

Judy Lewis, 463-6472. Planning and raising funds to build a skate plaza. Meets 5:30 pm July 29, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16, Eastwood Community Center.

**Youth Committee** Rollin Mincher, 420-0019. Youth issues and programs. Meets 7 pm Sept. 3 and Sept. 24 at Eastwood Community Center.

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### EASTWOOD CALENDAR

July	August	September
14 – Special Events Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, James St. Methodist Church. 21 – Membership Committee, 6 pm, 155 Shotwell Park. 29 – Skate Park Research Committee, 5:30 pm, Eastwood Community Center.	1 – Board nominations due. 5 – Joe Whiting in concert, 7 pm at Sheridan Park, Burnet and Nichols avenues. Free. 8-- ENA Flea Market, 8:30 am-4 pm, Pomco lot, Grant Boulevard and Eastwood Road. 18 – Special Events Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, James St. Methodist Church. 19 – Skate Park Research Committee, 5:30 pm, Eastwood Community Center.	3 – Youth Committee, 7 pm, Eastwood Community Center. 12 – ENA Golf Tournament, 10 am, Sunnycrest Golf Course. 15 – Annual Meeting, 7pm, Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria. <b>ALL ARE WELCOME!</b> 16 – Skate Park Research Committee, 5:30 pm, Eastwood Community Center. 24 – Youth Committee, 7 pm, Eastwood Community Center.

There are many ways to support the **Eastwood Neighborhood Association**. We ask that you consider becoming a member, a volunteer or making a gift.

### Questions ?

**Yes**, I am interested in helping Eastwood to become an even better place to live!  
 I would like to:

Email us at:  
[info@eastwoodneighbor.com](mailto:info@eastwoodneighbor.com)

**Volunteer** on the \_\_\_\_\_ committee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Give a tax deductible gift** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to ENA.  
 (my check is enclosed)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggest how we can work together to improve our neighborhood by emailing us at [info@eastwoodneighbor.com](mailto:info@eastwoodneighbor.com)**

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