



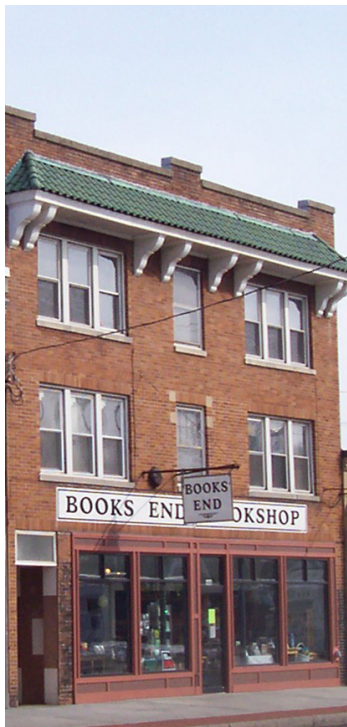
Eastwood Neighbor

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Books End

Purchasing Books will not End in Eastwood

By Joseph Bartolo

When Jim Roberts and his wife moved to Eastwood in the mid-1980s from the Long Island area of New York, he did not know what was next for him in the city neighborhood of Syracuse. The couple, both originally from the Long Island area, picked up and moved because Jim's wife had landed a new career. They decided to settle on Midler Avenue.



The move to Eastwood would ultimately be a wise business decision, and good news for the neighborhood.

Once his wife started her new job, Jim started looking for work. An avid reader, he was hired by Books End bookstore in 1985 as a sales clerk.

"The store opened in 1982. When I worked there, I think it was owned by two brothers," Jim relates. By 1986, Jim owned Books End and has been the single owner of the store ever since. The store is now known as a staple of the James Street business corridor in the neighborhood.

Today, Jim describes the bookstore as Syracuse's oldest general used bookstore that specializes in antique books. The sales staff of three employees (two full-time, one part-time) boasts more than 30 years of combined experience in the book collecting and sales industry. Within the store's collection, the most valuable book in the store is \$5,000 and

the least expensive is 50¢. Besides books, Books End sells vintage magazines, comics, post cards, and ephemera. The store is also an independent distributor of used books for Amazon.com and ABEBooks.com. As Jim says, "[There is] something for every pocketbook!"

Jim says that after all these years he still likes having his business located here, and says of the neighborhood, "I like it. It's a good mix." Appropriately understated for a transplant from Long Island.

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ENA OPEN HOUSE
Tues. Sept. 20th, 7pm
BSS Cafeteria

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Nominations

WE NEED YOU!



The need for more neighborhood participation on Race Day is so crucial that the Race Committee has devoted much time and thought into how to achieve their goal of at least

100 volunteers the morning of October 23rd.

The first 50 to sign up will be guaranteed a 'volunteer t-shirt' on race day. Also, each and every registered volunteer will be entered into a raffle for some nice prizes, with the grand prize being a Flip Video. The raffle will take place after the race at the Sunnycrest ice rink. You must be present to win.

Volunteer duties include: registration (8:00 a.m. arrival required); set-up orange cones on route (8:00 a.m. arrival required); water stations on route (2) and at finish line; corner monitors (this is the greatest need – to keep our runners safe while in Eastwood); refreshment servers; clean-up (done by 12:30 ish.)

Also needed are enthusiastic supporters – neighbors on their porches and sidewalks along the route. Runners love to be cheered on and it leaves them with a good feeling about our great Eastwood community.

The race is growing each year. With your help, the 5th annual Park-to-Park Autumn Run will be the best yet. To volunteer, email: eastwoodrun@gmail.com or call Sue 437-5087.

MEMORY LANE HEATING WITH COAL

By Margaret McVicker

In the last edition of the Eastwood Neighbor, "Memory Lane" brought us to the point of central heating. There were many pleasures and displeasures involved with the change to central heat. The main pleasures were that each room received heat and that hot water faucets could be connected to the furnace so there was hot water for cooking, doing dishes, laundry and



bathing. However, this hot water was only available when there was a fire in the furnace. Eventually, a small "bucket-a-day" furnace (also called a "sidearm heater") was manufactured. This furnace was installed next to the "heating" furnace and connected to the hot water faucets and as long as someone

Photo courtesy of M. Miller

remembered to keep the fire burning, you had hot water. Fortunately hot water heaters, as we know them today, were developed and ready for home use.

With the pleasures of central heating also came the displeasures. The fire had to be "stoked" during the day and "banked" at bedtime to keep it going. There were no thermostats so it was a guessing game as to how much to "stoke" the fire for the heat you needed. You might expect cold weather, build a big fire, and then it would turn warm. Depending on the Syracuse weather, you could end up being too hot or too cold.

The fire was in the center of the furnace and the ash pit, where the burned coal was deposited, was at floor level. This had to be cleaned out regularly. The ashes were put into metal bushel baskets and collected for a week until they were put out at the curb for trash pickup.

I believe it was in the early 1940s that gas "conversion units" became available. They were installed right in the furnace where the coal fire had burned. The big advantages were a thermostat to control the

temperature and that you were relieved of all the chores listed above! In addition, the "bucket a day" furnace was no longer needed. Coal bins were also removed when gas conversion units were installed creating more space in cellars.

The picture shown is of an "octopus" furnace mentioned in the last column. This particular furnace has been in use since 1920 and was converted from coal to gas in 1946. It is still going strong!

Would anyone like to go back to the "good old days of heating a house?"

RECYCLE!

On **Saturday, November 5 from 9 am - Noon**, behind the POMCO building on James street, there will be a free electronic recycling and document shredding event sponsored by Cxtec, ProShred and POMCO. Eastwood residents are welcome to bring items for recycling.

Acceptable Materials:

Computers/laptops	Video Equipment
Printers	Telephone Equipment
Mice	Laboratory Equipment
Keyboards	Circuit Boards (any kind)
Monitors (CRTs) all sizes	Cables/Wire
Televisions	Batteries (some charges may apply depending on type)
Copiers	
Typewriters	
Fax Machines	

Non-Acceptable Materials:

Refrigerators
Household Hazardous Waste Materials
Liquids
Yard Equipment
Small Gas Powered Equipment
Mercury containing devices
Items leaking fluid
Radioactive materials
PCB containing materials

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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JAMES STREET BUSINESSES UNITE

On June 20, the **ENA Safety Committee** met to promote the formation of a new kind of neighborhood watch group – a business district watch group. **Chase's Cigar Store** was the setting for this first meeting where eight conscientious business owners came together to talk about safety on James Street.

Jim Crosby, the coordinator for the City's neighborhood watch groups, provided information about how organized neighbors, whether residential or commercial, can be the 'eyes & ears' for the police and can help deter crime and other unsavory activities. This impacts everyone who frequents our business district.

Ideas were exchanged along with phone numbers and e-mail addresses. The beginning of the **James St. Business Watch Group** was formed. Interested business owners/managers are welcome to join the group. Email info@eastwoodneighbor.com for more information.

With our businesses and residences working together, we can keep Eastwood a safe and productive place to live, work and play.

MAZ COURT BENEFIT

Please join the ENA at a **Maz Court Benefit** on September 17, from 4 – 8 pm at Chadwick's Sports Bar and Grill. Tickets for the event are \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the planning committee by email, mazellacourt@gmail.com.

ATTENTION EASTWOOD RUNNERS

ENA member, Tony Germano is fairly new to the running scene and yet he's in training for the ½ marathon of the Empire Race in October. Tony says Eastwood's Park-to-Park Autumn Run the following week could be a perfect "recovery race" for the marathoners. Tony would like to see an Eastwood Runners Club - a way to help each other get/stay motivated, build a healthier way of life and develop some camaraderie among Eastwood runners. If you're interested in helping to get the club started contact tonygermano2@yahoo.com (Walkers are also welcome).

ENA MARKET DAY

We held our third annual Eastwood Market Day August 6. The event was a huge success, **thank you** to all who participated.



ENA GREEN THUMB NEWS

By Annelise Bucci

Our 6th annual Daffodil bulb give-away day will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at The Wesleyan Church at 511 S. Midler Avenue (corner of South Midler and Caleb Avenues) from 10am -1pm.

2000 Daffodil bulbs will be given out for free to Eastwood residents (limit 18 bulbs/family). There will also be a 2nd time around table, refreshments, a raffle with many great prizes and free vehicle identification etching offered by Safe Lite and compliments of Liberty Mutual Life Insurance. The anti-theft vehicle etching is available by appointment by emailing info@eastwoodneighbor.com or calling Annelise at 463-4794.

Donations for the raffle prizes are \$1/ticket or six tickets for \$5. Tickets are available now until October 1. Donations of small items for the 2nd time around table are always welcome.



ENA BOARD NOMINATIONS

At **ENA's Open House on Tuesday, September 20, 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria**, you will have the opportunity to vote on the new slate of ENA Board members. The following Eastwoodcentric folks have been nominated to serve on ENA's Board:

Annelise Bucci is an active ENA committee member and chair of ENA's Green Thumb Committee. You have probably seen Annelise planting the pots that adorn James Street or tending to the garden around the memorial. Annelise has served in some capacity for ENA since 2004 and hopes to continue her successful contributions to the board and neighborhood for a few more years.

Benjamin R. Quilty is a 22-year resident of the Eastwood neighborhood and loves the quick commute downtown and the overall history of the neighborhood. He currently lives on Rugby Road and acts as a financial advisor with Pinnacle Investments. He serves on the Memorial Committee and hopes to bring his enthusiasm to the board for the positive development of the Eastwood area.

Kristen Juliana is an almost a 20-year veteran of the Eastwood neighborhood with one daughter currently in middle school and a son who graduated from Henninger, Kristen believes she can bring a parent's perspective to the ENA board. Kristen is already active on the ENA Skatepark Committee and loves that Eastwood is a walkable community with friendly neighbors. She currently resides on Plymouth Drive and when not volunteering, works as an insurance agent.

Gail Tyndall lives on Caleb Avenue and is a 22-year resident of the Eastwood neighborhood. She currently volunteers on ENA's Green Thumb and Special Events committees and thinks she can bring many ideas for neighborhood improvement in a ENA board position. Gail hopes to see James Street better maintained, but thinks that Eastwood overall offers a relatively safe and well-maintained neighborhood for families.

Paula Hueber, who lives on Hillsdale Avenue with her husband, has been an Eastwood resident for 35 years. As a retired RN, Paula finds the time to volunteer for many things including ENA's Green Thumb and Membership committees. She loves her friendly neighbors, but hopes the James Street business district can better diversify its offerings. She hopes to bring continued support to the ENA Board.

Mike Parzych, if you are an Eastwood resident, there is a good chance you have met Mike at one of the many Eastwood meetings or gatherings he regularly attends. Mike is a lifetime Eastwood resident who is passionate about his neighborhood. He has served on the ENA board and is currently a member of the ENA Skatepark and Maz Court committees.

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

YES, I am interested in helping Eastwood to become an even better place to live!

I would like to:

Volunteer on the _____ committee.

Become a Member (my check is enclosed)
\$10 Lifetime Membership

Give a gift of \$_____ to ENA. (my check is enclosed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Please mail completed form to:

Eastwood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
PO Box 66, Syracuse, NY 13206

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