

Eastover Residents' Association



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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This has been a good year for Eastover neighborhood. We are communicating better and have become a more cohesive neighborhood.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President this year.

Your dues money is hard at work getting the second half of Eastover in the National Register of Historic Places.

(Don't be alarmed if you see someone taking a picture of your home for the application.) Money was also well spent on hiring Dennie Crowder to patrol the neighborhood in a marked car during the holidays.

It is time to pay your dues for 2004. Don't forget! Our annual Eastover Residents' Association meeting/cocktail party is at the Mint Museum on Tuesday April 27th at 7:00 pm. Short meeting - long party. Hope to see you there.

Thanks to all the board members for a smooth year.

Nancy Carlton President



EASTOVER WEBSITE UPDATE
Register now to receive pertinent info. :
www.eastoverresidentsassociation.com



Block Captains

Thanks to the people listed here, we now have **Block Captains** for all of our streets in the neighborhood.

Casey & Boo Viser	334-5166	cviser@jmdlaw.com	125 Altondale Av.
Marianne Lucas	344-1354	glucas@nucor.com	1208 Biltmore Dr.
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Block Captains will inform you of neighborhood activities and gather pertinent info. for the directories (names & number of household members, addresses, email contacts and phone numbers). This is a great way to keep abreast of *truly local* news and make suggestions to the board on what's important to *your* street.

R · E · N · E · W · Restore Eastover Neighborhood's Environmental Welfare

Eastover Ridge Preserve

As part of its work to protect open space and water quality in the region, Catawba Lands Conservancy protects open space in our own backyards. The Conservancy is a regional land trust that creates sanctuaries by working with private landowners who wish to permanently protect their property.

The Eastover Ridge Preserve is a 22-acre property that can be seen behind Hungerford Pl. along Briar Creek. Mature forests and wetlands provide a critical habitat for wildlife species in this urban environment. Great horned owls, great blue herons, red-tailed hawks and many other bird species utilize the property for feeding or nesting. Spotted salamanders, white-tailed deer and other wildlife also call this preserve home.

E. C. Griffith Co. donated a portion of the property to the Conservancy in 1999 and donated a conservation easement on the entire preserve a year later. Ultimately the Conservancy will own the whole property. The Eastover Ridge Preserve protects a rare urban green space in Charlotte and offers wildlife an oasis within the city, while helping to safeguard our water and air quality. For more information about the preserve and how you can be involved in protecting more land in the Charlotte area, call the Conservancy at (704) 342-3330 or check www.catawbalands.org.

A note from Patsy Kinsey It is indeed a pleasure to have this opportunity to correspond with you in your neighborhood newsletter. I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me as your representative on City Council and I thank you for your vote.

Some of you know me already, having worked together in various volunteer activities over the years. For those of you who don't know me, let me tell you a little about myself. I am a native Charlottean. I grew up on Central Avenue in what is now City Council District One. In fact, I have lived most of life either in the current District One or directly adjacent to it. I have three children and three grandchildren. I am an active member of Myers Park Baptist Church and sing in the Chancel Choir. I served two terms on the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners so I'm not exactly a novice on City Council, however, there is still much to learn about city government.

Council is heading into its budget season. We will have our budget retreat in February where we will set funding priorities for the coming year. For those of you who contacted me about the Hope VI (Piedmont Courts and Belmont) project I know you are happy to learn that the grant application is going forward. The Council will probably be dealing with the General Development Policies (GDPs) for some time to come. There is concern about the density of development around the transit corridors versus that in the "wedge" areas of the city. The GDPs and transit will continue to be an issue to watch. I think I am the only City Council member with two transit corridors in their district, with perhaps a sliver of a third.

I am a firm believer in strong neighborhoods and know that ours in District One are the heart and soul of our city. Working together we can keep them strong, safe and livable. I will need your help for the next two years keeping lines of communication between your neighborhood and me open and in constant use. If you have neighborhood meetings please let me know and I will attend when I can. If you have a question, comment, complaint, or need me in any way please contact me. I will do my best to be available and look forward to working with you.

Patsy Kinsey

704-376-5367 pbk2@mindspring.com



Red Tailed Hawk on Colville

Important Dates

Eastover Residents' Association Board Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church. You are welcome to come:

- March 2, 2004 Board Meeting
- April 27, 2004 ANNUAL MEETING at the Mint
- January 19, 2004 Martin Luther King Day
- February 16, 2004 Presidents' Day
- March 7, Creek Walk (contact Scott Swimmer)
- February 14, 2004 Valentine's Day
- February 16, 2004 President's Day
- March 17, 2004 St. Patrick's Day
- April 6, 2004 Passover
- April 11, 2004 Easter Sunday
- May 9, 2004 Mother's Day
- May 31, 2004 Memorial Day
- June 20, 2004 Father's Day

Fireplace Safety

Many of us enjoy using our gas or wood burning fireplaces once the weather turns cold. Fireplaces however can be dangerous, and adequate precautions should be taken when using them.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the following:

1. Ensure that your chimney and fireplace are in good repair. Consider having your chimney cleaned by a licensed professional.
2. Open the damper before lighting the fire. Keep it open until the ashes are cool.
3. Never use gasoline, charcoal lighter or other fuel to light or relight a fire since these may cause an explosion.
4. Do not use charcoal or coal in a fireplace because of the danger of carbon monoxide build-up. It is also not a good idea to burn trash or wrappings because deadly fumes may be generated.
5. Do not treat artificial logs like real logs. Follow the instructions for their use carefully. Do not poke artificial logs.
6. Do not overload the fireplace. Large fires can lead to overheating wall or roof materials.
7. Always use a screen around the fireplace to keep sparks from flying out.
8. Warn children about the danger of fire. Do not let them play with fire.
9. Keep flammable materials such as carpets, pillows, or papers away from the fireplace area.
10. Make sure that the fire is out completely before retiring for the night or leaving the house.

It is very important to properly dispose of ashes. They should be placed in a fireproof metal container away from all flammable material. Remember to make sure ashes are cold before disposing of them.

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home. They should be tested periodically and the batteries replaced at least once a year. Having them hard-wired into your monitored security system is recommended when possible.

Safety tips for power outages

- *Keep a battery-powered radio with extra batteries as part of your emergency supply kit.
- *Keep plenty of flashlights with extra batteries on hand. Do not use candles for emergency lighting.
- *Pre-plan what types of alternative cooking devices you will use if the power fails. DO NOT use gas-fueled appliances or use open flames, or charcoal grills indoors.
- *Limit the opening and closing of your refrigerator and freezer to keep food from spoiling.
- *Use a generator with extreme caution. Have it installed by a licensed professional and do not leave it unattended.

The good folks at **Fire Station #6** on Laurel Ave. (*our* fire station) are very pleased to have been asked to participate in our neighborhood safety program.

They recommend having your house address (numbers) placed clearly on the front of your home.

Do NOT park on both sides of the street. Tell guests, landscapers and construction folk (no matter how far the walk) to park on one side. *Most* vehicles have a difficult time passing on most of Eastover's streets. **FIRE TRUCKS** have NO chance getting through! Also, They really don't like speed bumps - slows down emergency vehicle response...





CLIFF NOTES

The Mint Museum will be relocating to downtown at some future date. What would you like to see the facility used for?

Can anyone tell us why the land valuation for Scotland Ave. is \$425,000.00 and the (same lot dimensions) appraisal for Twiford Pl. is \$650,000.00?

As good as they are at slowing down traffic, speed bumps can take precious time (*minutes*) off of emergency vehicle (fire trucks) response.

It's a Cinch! Ann Moore who lives on Hungerford Place has opened Cinch, a women's clothing store in the Villa on Providence.

Billy Reid's will be opening in the Five Steps Down location soon. Billy lives around the block on Cottage.

The police districts' names have changed. We were Baker 1. We are now Providence District.

The **2004 Eastover Neighborhood Association Dues** are due **NOW**.

Get out the little ole' check book and write that little ole' Association Dues check right now. Only \$25. Don't wait. Don't procrastinate. You *are* in the neighborhood. You *do* benefit from the association. Contribute to our security and traffic safety programs, our historical designation research, our legal aid program, land use issues, flood plain diligence, our beautiful newsletter, et. al.

If you have any questions or concerns about how these dues are being distributed, contact a board member, come to a meeting or call/e-mail a block captain for a security update. 530 members paid for 2003 but there are over 800 families in Eastover... Go get the check book!

2004 Eastover Residents' Board Committees

Block Captains

Ellen Moseley Margaret Dunn

Eastover School

Nancy Carlton Bobby Baker Dick Ranson

Historic Designation

Nancy Carlton

Landuse

Margaret Dunn Grace Grasty

Legal

Jim Carson Wallace Gregory

Newsletter

James Hardy Bill Myers Scott Swimmer

Membership

Susan Cathcart Margaret Dunn

Mint Museum

Lili Teigland

Nominating

Tom Ferguson

Security/ Traffic

John Isenhower James Hardy Scott Swimmer

2004 Eastover Residents' Association Dues

\$25.00 per household for the entire calendar year
(DUE JANUARY 1, 2004)

Fill out the form and mail it with your \$25.00 check made out to:

Eastover Residents' Association
P.O. Box 6241
Charlotte, N.C. 28207

Name _____

Address _____

Household members' names _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Comments _____

Best use for the Mint _____

BREAKIN' NEWS

Captain Campagna and Officer Mentavlos attended our board meeting on Tuesday night and shared some valuable information as to the neighborhood's crime status.

Comparative year to date numbers (2002-2003):

Robbery -25%, Burglary -6.9%, Larceny + 70.6%, Auto Theft + 55.6% Total Crime + 10.8%

For statistical purposes, the Eastover community also includes the commercial areas along Providence Road, Perrin Place, and Randolph Road. These streets account for 76 out of 174 events, or 44% of these total offenses. This includes 35 larcenies, 4 auto thefts, and 3 robberies (2 were commercial).

LARCENIES FROM AUTO:

Total reported in residential area: 29

Total reported from unlocked vehicles: 23 (79% of above)

Total reported from forced entry: 6

Total cases cleared by arrested suspects: 9

The data clearly shows that we can have an impact on these numbers by being more diligent about securing vehicles that are parked along the street, in driveways, and garages.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department offers a free assessment of your homes' safety needs with their 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' program. Call George Mentavlos @ 704-943-2538 for a CPTED appointment or Sherry Pearsall @ 704-943-2408 with any questions or concerns.

Identity theft has become the number one consumer crime in the US, and Charlotte has the dubious distinction of being the top ID theft location in NC. Identity theft is the fraudulent use of someone's name and a personal identifying number to obtain credit, merchandise or services. Personal identifying numbers include social security numbers, driver's license numbers, checking or savings account numbers, credit or debit card numbers or any other numbers that can be used to obtain personal financial information. This information may be used for a variety of purposes including opening new or changing existing bank or credit card accounts, obtaining loans, counterfeiting checks, etc.

The following tips are recommended to decrease the risk of ID theft happening to you.

1. Do not give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or on the internet unless you know with whom you are dealing. Always confirm that you are dealing with a legitimate organization.
2. Do not carry your SSN card with you. Secure it in a safe place. Give your SSN only when absolutely necessary. Ask to use other types of identifiers when possible.
3. Guard your mail and trash from theft. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes rather than in an unsecured mailbox. Have your mail put on hold or regularly picked up if you are going to be out of town. Tear or shred your charge receipts, credit applications, insurance forms, checks and bank statements, etc. to prevent their being stolen from your trash and used.
4. Place passwords on credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like your mother's maiden name, birth date, etc. for your passwords. Never write down your personal identification number (PIN); memorize it.
5. Pay attention to billing cycles. Follow up on any bills that don't arrive.
6. Be wary of promotional scams. Phony offers may be made to get personal information.
7. Keep your purse or wallet in a secure place at work at all times. Minimize the personal information you carry in it.
8. Cancel all unused credit cards.
9. When ordering new checks, pick them up at the bank instead of having them mailed.
10. Never leave personal or financial information in your vehicle.

Officer Todd Gilley is one of the traffic control officers in our Baker-1 police district. His job involves coordinating police resources to address traffic concerns. These include monitoring areas with traffic problems or high rates of accidents, DWI enforcement, investigating traffic complaints, monitoring child seat use, and enforcing the speed limit. Officer Gilley who is a native of Winston-Salem was always interested in being a policeman. He graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in criminal justice and has worked in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department for over seven years. If you have traffic concerns, he may be reached at 704-943-2411 or at tgilley@cmpd.org.



SECURITY TIP You may have a very trusting nature, but sadly enough, it has come this; you **must install and secure** locks on anything of value. Homes, garages, cars, bikes, tools, equipment, etc. The **risk** of being a victim has become a **likelihood**. **Do NOT leave valuables exposed! Report suspicious behavior to 911 immediately.**

See newsletters on the web at:
eastoverresidentsassosiation.com

Neighborhood Services

Yard Work, Pet, Vacation Services

*Mason & Toby Swimmer will feed pets (all kinds), exercise dogs, pick-up newspapers, take out/bring in trash cans, and *hand water yards & plants*.
References available. Call 704-375-4433

Baby Sitting Service

*Mason Swimmer is available to baby-sit (3-10 year old) within the Eastover neighborhood. CPR trained. References available.

Call 704-375-4433 or 704-996-0381 cell.

*Zoe Yarborough will baby-sit small children (4-8 yr. old) within the Eastover neighborhood.

Call 704-376-2624

Security

*Scott Swimmer and Robert Spencer will add or change locks and assist with all lighting concerns.
Call 704-375-7177



Readers Write Back



SEND US A LETTER! We really want to hear from you. Just a little note. A photo. A complaint. An opinion. Take a minute and write:

Eastover Residents' Assoc.
PO Box 6241
Charlotte, NC 28207
fax to: 704-376-7528
or (best), email Scott at
sswimmer@carolina.rr.com



The Eastover Times is very enjoyable and worth reading. Thanks for your efforts. I do have to disagree with Scott Swimmer's evaluation of the Hugh McManaway statue. I had nothing to do with its being there and have never decorated it or thought of decorating it. However, I very much enjoy its presence and the occasional seasonal decorations. I remember seeing Hugh in the middle of the intersection and thought his presence was dangerous. The statue, however, is another matter. Actually, I like it. It is certainly more attractive and more entertaining than those four monstrosities at the intersection of Trade and Tryon. It may be a bit frivolous but it adds to the sense of community I experience in being a part of the Eastover neighborhood.

Walter W. Saville

Dear Editor:

Two big kudos to our Association's Board for putting in place the new email system and the expanded Eastover Times. The email has been great for speeding up news of break-ins and vandalism and the Times is a delight to read on general matters.

With these fine forms of communications in place, it's hoped that our Board will turn its attention to the nitty gritty challenges of land use in Eastover. Ours is a more vulnerable neighborhood than our closest neighbor Myers Park because:

1. It is much smaller and 2. We are bordered on three sides by commercial and business zoning.

These characteristics alone require us to be vigilant about land use decisions brought on by re-zonings and neighborhood plans that the city proposes. Crucial examples include uses of the Mint's building and land, the South Branch Library and the offices for sale along Laurel and Cherokee.

The charms and value of Eastover are tied to land use. Let us work toward maintaining its best uses. Please keep us informed by email about impending zoning changes.

With appreciation of your service on the Board, *Susan Tompkins*

"As new residents, we feel like we live in heaven!"

Betsy, Peter, Matt, Collette & Grandpa Frank Weinberger

Eclectacles by Carpenter John

Hilldellic - hilly, ideal, picturesque countryside

Hillbillic - sofa on a porch of otherwise hilldellic setting

Fiberglassed - well insulated (and/or inebriated)

Obsoluted - absolutely out of date, obsolete

Thanks to those who paid their \$25. 2003 Dues.

All membership renewals are due on January 1st of each year.

2004 DUE NOW

Eastover **Times**

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More exciting exhibitions opening at the Mint Museums

The pioneering photography of Margaret Bourke-White, a collection of historic American photography and an incredible, colorful, contemporary exhibition of teapots headline exciting exhibitions opening at the Mint Museum of Art and the Mint Museum of Craft + Design.

Margaret Bourke-White: The Photography of Design, 1927 – 1936, on display at MMA from February 14 through May 2, features the early work of one of America's great female photographers. From her first industrial photographs in Cleveland in 1927 to her appointment as the first photographer for Fortune magazine in 1930 to her cover photograph for the first issue of Life magazine in 1936, Bourke-White proved in that decade span that she was not only an important photojournalist, but was equally skilled at modern design and composition. This exhibition explores, through 150 vintage works, her early aesthetic vision and her forging new photojournalism territory. Organized by The Phillips Collections, Washington D.C.

Through the Eye of the Camera: 19th and 20th Century Photography from the Royal & Sun Alliance Collection, also on display at MMA on the same dates, provides a wonderful overview of the development of American photography. As an adjunct to the Bourke-White show, this exhibition presents a sampler of the medium that continues to evolve as a means of aesthetic expression and vision. Photography by Mathew Brady, Berenice Abbott, Edward S. Curtis, Lewis Wickes Hine, Alfred Steiglitz, George A. Tice, Kurt Markus, Robert Mapplethorpe and others. Organized by Martha Mayberry, Mint Curator of Prints.

The Artful Teapot: 20th Century Expressions from the Kamm Collection opens January 31 through May 30 at MMC+D. This delightful exhibition examines the chameleon-like form of the teapot and how it has become an inventive vehicle for artistic expression in the 20th century. Drawn solely from the collection of Sonny and Gloria Kamm, the exhibition showcases 250 teapots, drawings, photographs and prints. These works address multiple issues of beauty, portraiture, social concerns, irony, politics, narrative, pure abstraction and, of course, the rituals of tea. Contemporary teapots by over 100 prominent international artists, including painters Roy Lichtenstein and David Hockney; sculptors Michael Lucero and Arman, and ceramists Betty Woodman and Beatrice Wood, are featured. The teapot is redefined as a provocative, playful and profound work of art.



Richard Marquis *Stars and Stripes Teapot*, 1997



Margaret Bourke-White *The Face of Liberty, New York Harbor*, 1952