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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 3 AT 6:30 PM AT EASTGATE ELEMENTARY

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Getting to Know Your Neighbors: A Portrait Series

Each month through 2014, we will feature a portrait of an Eastgate resident in the newsletter and on the website. If you would like to be considered for the series, contact Christina Paolucci at 614-258-9931 or christinapaolucci@gmail.com. This series is being supported through a supply grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

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Bob Smith 75, and Betty, 78, have lived at 180 Sherborne Drive since 1980 when the home was built. Bob also lived in Eastgate 1952 through 1958, at 357 Sherborne. They lived on Willamont Avenue in the Shepherd Community before buying the corner home, which you can see as you enter Eastgate at Greenway South. They have four children, 9 grandchildren, and have been married for 56 years. Betty was a homemaker and Bob retired from IBM as a marketing representative after 25 years in 1992. "So what is the secret to a beautiful lawn," I ask? He mows it twice a week and treats four times a year. "It is great way to exercise," he says.

Officer Jackson came to the February neighborhood meeting and informed us about **RAIDS Online:** Regional Analysis & Information Sharing. It is a public crime map that connects law enforcement with the community to reduce crime & improve public safety. This allows us to get a better idea of the crime activity in our area so we can make more informed decisions about how to stay safe. Visit raidsonline.com to map our neighborhood or sign up to receive crime alerts. You can also access the RAIDS free mobile app.

As Spring approaches, many of us are preparing for home projects. The **Rebuilding Together Central Ohio tool library** offers 200 different types of hand and power tools. These tools are loaned to individuals and non-profit organizations for periods of 1, 3, or 7 days. Tools loans are free, except for gasoline powered machines, which are \$2. To apply for a free membership, visit the tool library at 2771 E. 4th Avenue, Columbus, 43219. You can also apply on the website at www.rtccentralohio.org/tool-library/. It takes at least one week to process a completed application, so be sure to plan ahead!

Around the city in March

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the National Endowment for the Humanities developed a special initiative, Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle. It uses the power of documentary films to spark public conversations about the changing meanings of freedom and equality in America. The third documentary in this series features:

Slavery By Another Name

Westerville Senior Center: 310 W. Main Street, Westerville
March 27, 2014 6pm to 8pm
Admission: free

Plan a Year of Edibles

Franklin Park Conservatory: 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus
March 8, 2014 10:30am to noon
Admission: \$15-20
Plant a garden that will produce fruits and vegetables all year. Receive guidance for preparing your garden bed for the year as well as month by month planning and season extension techniques.

Do you have trash items that are too large to put in your city trash container? Be sure to schedule a bulk pick-up using the 311 center. Visit 311.columbus.gov or call 645-3111. Keep our neighborhood beautiful!

At the February meeting, Christina Paolucci was the winner of the attendance drawing! Enjoy your gift card, Christina!

Do you want to meet your neighbors and help plan events for Eastgate residents of all ages to enjoy?

The Eastgate Garden Civic Association is looking for volunteers to help plan our summer picnic, 2 yard sales, a neighborhood clean-up day, and our December holiday party.

Eastgate needs its residents to be impactful and involved if we want to prosper as a community. This is your community. Don't assume someone else will do it. We want to hear your ideas!

Contact Casey Crisp, President, at 614-774-5658 or caseycrisp@yahoo.com or attend the next meeting to find out how you can help. A small amount of your time is all that is needed, and it can make a big difference.

Eastgate News provides a forum for neighborhood & city events, ideas, and interests. We want it to stimulate interest & participation in neighborhood life & promote a sense of community. It is YOUR newsletter, so we would love to hear from you! Please submit contributions to Missy at mstrongworth03@gmail.com or on our website: www.eggca.org.

Would you like to help hand deliver Eastgate's monthly newsletter? We have 10 dedicated neighbors who make this happen each month, and they need some assistance. It's a great way to get some exercise and explore our beautiful neighborhood. You can deliver as many or as few as you would like!

Bob Evans

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