

AUGUST 2014 EASTGATE *news*

**NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 4 AT 6:30 PM AT SHEPARD LIBRARY
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Near East Side awarded federal grant money

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan traveled to Columbus on June 30 to announce that 4 communities will receive a combined \$119.7 million to redevelop severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing and bring comprehensive neighborhood revitalization to blighted areas. Development will include mixed-income housing units, a food hub, job centers, and other neighborhood amenities. The Near East Side will receive \$30 million, and Mayor Michael B. Coleman expects the results to be transformational.

The **Eastgate Islanders** will meet every other Thursday at 7pm and every other Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to maintain the common green spaces, or islands, in Eastgate. Work sessions will last 30 minutes. Extra hands are needed!

Next sessions are:

Thursday August 14 and Saturday August 16

Thursday August 28 and Saturday August 30

Contact Mary Daniels at jazzmary9@gmail.com for more details.

Mark your calendar for the **Eastgate community picnic** from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday **September 6**. Bring chairs and a dish to share.

We will meet on one of the islands (TBD). If you have a tent or awning for shade that we could use for the event, please contact one of the officers.

The picnic will replace the September meeting.

The next community happy hour at Old Bag of Nails is Monday **August 18** anytime after 5:30 p.m. Join your neighbors for dinner or a cold drink on the patio!

Please remember that lawn waste (grass clippings, leaves, twigs, branches and shrubbery) must be put in paper bags or rigid containers marked "yard waste."

Items that will not be collected with yard waste include plastic bags, rocks, dirt, sod, and food waste.

Around our city in August...

Rhythm on the River, a free concert series at Bicentennial park, presents MojoFlo: August 1 from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Coleman's neighborhood pride block party: August 2, 10am-3pm at Columbus Commons. Families are welcomed to this festival that will host fun educational activities focused on safety, parenting, and wellness.

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 participate in the series, contact Christina Paolucci at 614-258-9931 or christinapaolucci@gmail.com. We would love to hear your story about living in this community. This series is being supported through a supply grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

Have you joined **Nextdoor**, a free, *private* social online network for our neighborhood? It's an easy way for us to communicate.

Because the membership site is private, an existing Eastgate Nextdoor member must invite you. Building the membership will make our neighborhood stronger!



Shane Roush, 28, and Brandon Cheek, 34, have lived at 2054 Greenway North since April 2012. The home, with a unique garage drive-through to the backyard, can be seen from the intersection of Greenway and Sherborne Drive. Built in 1937, it has a lot of interesting and original details inside. It includes built in shelves, drawers, and phone nooks that add to the character of the house. However, the electrical wiring can be a mystery in the old home, they admitted.

Shane studied Architecture at the College of San Mateo and recently “retired” from corporate life, but is now involved in real estate. Shane was inspired to leave his job after hearing the Steve Jobs quote of “Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become.” He has been much happier since that decision. Brandon works for Chase Bank, has a degree in French from OSU, taught English in France for two years, and plays the violin and piano.

Brandon is originally from Canton and Shane is from Pickerington.

Shane and Brandon got engaged in Scotland this April and are planning a destination wedding for 2016. Before living in Eastgate, they were renting and said the cost of rent and utilities was more than the cost of being a homeowner, so they started the search for a house of their own. Shane was familiar with Eastgate and recalls visiting an aunt and uncle (the Newkirks) here in his youth. He loved it, so this drew him and Brandon here to find their home on Greenway North where they love the view from their front porch.

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