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# EASTGATE *news*

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 6 AT 6:30 PM AT EASTGATE SCHOOL

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## **Casey's Thoughts on Crime in Eastgate**

Eastgate residents have seen an increase in criminal activity in recent months. We have experienced thefts from vehicles, attempted and successful break-ins, and gun fire. In response to this, Eastgate Garden and Civic Association will draft a letter to the Nelson Park apartments and the Columbus City Attorney asking for cooperation in finding solutions to these issues. This letter will be available for comment at the October 6th neighborhood meeting and ALL residents are encouraged to attend.

Residents are encouraged to empower themselves by writing their own letters to the city attorney expressing concerns and asking for cooperation on solutions.

Most importantly, residents have to remain vigilant and do our parts to make Eastgate a safer place. You need to report suspicious activity to 911 or the non-emergency number: (614) 645-4545. You need to make sure security lights are working at night and that windows and doors are secure, especially when you're not home. If street lights are out, it is your responsibility as an Eastgate resident to report that via the 311 application on your smartphone, the website: [311.columbus.gov](http://311.columbus.gov) or the 311 hotline: (614) 645-3111.

The recent crimes against our neighbors have mostly been crimes of convenience. We need to make our neighborhood inconvenient for criminals and let them know we are watching.

James Weekes is assisting a friend in seeking volunteers, both students and adults, to distribute flyers in Eastgate for the Children's Services (Levy) Issue 4 on Saturdays **October 11 & November 1**. Students will be given a certificate to show service performed for school.

If interested, please contact James at 614-258-6163.

Join your neighbors  
the third Monday  
of each month  
5:30 or after for  
food or drinks at  
Old Bag of Nails.  
See you there on  
October 20!

The **Eastgate Islanders** will meet for 30 minutes on Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greenway South island. Please come help dig up plants in preparation for the  
**Eastgate plant exchange and flea market!**

The plant exchange and flea market will be held on Millbrook Island on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join in the festivities by bringing extra plants from your garden or setting up a table to sell household goods. We will be advertising this, so it's a great time to have a garage sale at the island or at your home. We need your help to make this a success--contact Mary Daniels at [jazzmary9@gmail.com](mailto:jazzmary9@gmail.com).

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. Contact Terry Neal for more details via his email address listed above.

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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 participate in the series, contact Christina Paolucci at 614-258-9931 or [christinapaolucci@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Carlos and Debbie Allen of 1907 Maryland Avenue have several milestones to celebrate this month, including their marriage of 37 years and their move to Eastgate 30 years ago. They have three adult children, Camille (David) Douglas of Michigan, Aubrey and Deidre Allen, both of Columbus, and one granddaughter, Taria Douglas. Debbie is originally from Chicago while Carlos is an East High School and Ohio State University graduate with a degree in Parks & Recreation. Carlos and Debbie met while attending Western Illinois University in Macomb and married within 9 months of meeting.

Debbie turns 60 years old on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the same day as her wedding anniversary. She is a food inspector for the city of Columbus, which includes reviews of restaurants, food trucks, festivals and Ohio State football games. When she is not working, she loves to bake and has been active with the association, including serving as the Eastgate president more than 20 years ago.

Carlos is retired due to a tragic car accident that left him disabled 19 years ago. A drunk driver struck Carlos on his way home from work, which resulted in 6 months of intense rehabilitation. "Though he currently still suffers from short-term memory loss, we are blessed with his presence," says Debbie. He enjoys reading the *Dispatch* newspaper everyday including sports news.

Deidre has a degree in psychology from Central State University, currently works with behavioral children and is a volunteer with hospice patients. She is also her father's caregiver along with her mother. She is involved with Eastgate Association volunteering with the membership drive and delivering newsletters. They all love the neighborhood, friendly neighbors, and friendships made over the years living in Eastgate.