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# EASTGATE *news*

THERE WILL NOT BE A DECEMBER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING.  
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY INSTEAD!  
NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 5 AT 6:30 PM AT EASTGATE SCHOOL

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Go to  
[warriorwatch.columbus.gov](http://warriorwatch.columbus.gov)  
to find out what streets have  
been plowed and treated  
citywide. Information from  
the past 72 hours is available.

This project is made possible through the generous contributions of several organizations in support of the Neighborhood Partnership Grants program.

**Bob Evans**

 **THE COLUMBUS  
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Way**  
United Way of Central Ohio

*Celebrate the season with your neighbors!*

*You're invited to the*

## *Eastgate Holiday Party*

*on Saturday, December 20, at 2:00 p.m.*

*Marcus and Kristen have generously opened their home at 415 N. Nelson Road for the celebration.*

*Please bring a dish to share. The association will provide drinks.*

**Free in our city in December...**

**Grand Illumination ceremony:** December 5, 5-11 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season and the grand illumination of Bicentennial Park & the Scioto Mile. Enjoy traditional carols, a custom light show, and visit with Santa.

**German Village Lights:** December 7, 6-10 p.m.

Visit the historic streets of German Village and follow over 10,000 luminaries to shops & restaurants open late with holiday treats. Enjoy carolers, live holiday music, and horse-drawn carriages.

**Holiday tours of the Governor's residence:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays,  
December 2-17, 9:30-3 p.m.

### **Getting to Know Your Neighbors: A Portrait Series**

Each month through 2014, we have featured a portrait of an Eastgate resident in the newsletter & on the website. This is the final installment. If you have enjoyed the series, please let the association know, as the series could be considered again. We have enjoyed hearing your story about living in this community.



Scott learned quickly that Eastgate was a welcoming and supportive community. He and his late wife Tracey moved to Eastgate in 2007 after living in Los Angeles for almost ten years.

It was after only four months in their new home on Merryhill Drive when Tracey passed suddenly from a congenital heart condition at the age of 44. "I was in shock. It was a tough few years, but many of the residents, including Edna Rusher, came to my aid," Scott said.

She kept a watchful eye over him over the years when he was working in the yard.

"The yard needed a lot of work when I met Scott," Christina said. "After several seasons, we finally got the lawn healthy and added some minor landscaping," she said. The two met at a video production meeting in late 2010 and began working on several multimedia projects together.

Scott owns a video production company and teaches at Ohio State University, while Christina, a former Minnesota newspaper photographer, teaches photography at Columbus State. The two combined their experience to create a documentary on the history of Eastgate, which was screened in 2012. Through it they learned that the community has been home to multi-generational families, Tuskegee Airmen, and many community leaders.

Scott is originally from Portsmouth, Ohio and is alum of The Ohio State University. Christina is originally from northern Kentucky and is alum of Western Kentucky University and Ohio University.

This month ends the portrait series for the newsletter, but Christina would be happy to revisit it at a later date. It was wonderful that all the participants were willing to open up their homes and share their stories this past year. We are happy to be part of a community of great, caring people and want to continue getting to know you.