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EASTGATE *news*

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3 AT 6:30 PM AT EASTGATE SCHOOL

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Keeping our neighborhood safe

At the October meeting, we discussed ways to keep Eastgate safe. While NextDoor has been a helpful tool in keeping neighbors connected, there is also interest in learning more about the Columbus Police Department's official block watch program. One neighbor volunteered to look into the program, so stay tuned for more information. Here are some suggestions to keep Eastgate safe:

- Be vigilant about who is in the neighborhood and what is going on.
- Reach out and speak to everyone in the neighborhood. This is a great way to build relationships with fellow neighbors and to let those who don't live here know that we are aware of their presence.
- Report any and all suspicious activity and crimes to the police. When criminals know we are watching, they will move on. If the police department notices an increase in reports, they may assign more coverage.
- Leave exterior lights on at night and if a street light is not working, report it to the city using 311.
- Keep an eye out for neighbors that are more vulnerable.
- Use common sense to avoid theft: keep garage doors down when you're not nearby, lock your vehicle, and do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Share suspicious and criminal activity on NextDoor so neighbors are informed.

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.

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
November 17!

Please submit your EGGCA membership dues if you haven't done so.

Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Thank you to the neighbors who have submitted the survey included in the mailing. Neighbor input is how we will determine the future direction of Eastgate. Your input is valuable; make your voice heard!

Adding beauty to Eastgate!

Have you noticed the 2 large planter boxes on the Greenway South boulevard? They were donated to Eastgate by German Village. Thank you to Mary Daniels for coordinating, and thank you to all the neighbors who helped bring them here and made them bloom!

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

Bob Evans

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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. 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.



“I love to hear the children playing,” says Kim Wilson, center, with her extended family members who live in Eastgate. The Wilson family has lived in the neighborhood since 1959, beginning with aunts Mildred and Hortense Wilson who lived at 1962 Greenway North.

Kim and her daughter Jessica (back center) moved into Eastgate in 1995 and have lived in three different homes over the years. Kim currently lives on Greenway South, and Jessica now shares a home with Tyrone Walls (back right) and their daughter Je’Ty a few blocks away. Kim’s mother, Dorothy Wilson (left), moved here in the 1980s and has lived in several homes as well. Many cousins on both sides of the family also live throughout Eastgate.

When Kim purchased her first home at 415 Nelson in 1995, she had been interested in moving to Eastgate for ten years and got the home the moment it was listed. Kim, a realtor for H.C. Brand Realty Company, has sold nine homes in Eastgate over the last twenty years and is familiar with the unique features that many of the homes have to offer. She has witnessed many changes over the years, including the tight housing market of the 1990s, the challenges of foreclosures, and the aging population of the neighborhood. Kim has a degree in horticulture and does private elder care. Dorothy is a retired teacher’s specialist, and Jessica is a stay-at-home mom. “It is important to be close to family, and we love the neighborhood,” Kim says.

Eastgate family pictured includes: Jordon Miller (left) and Siriha Miller (right) with two year old daughter Rose, Dorothy Wilson (left), Jessica and Tyrone Walls (back center) and Mary Daniels (right). Kim is center with one year old granddaughter Je’Ty Walls and six year old Meadow, daughter of Jordon and Siriha Miller.