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**EASTGATE** *news*

NEXT MEETING JUNE 6 AT 6:30 PM AT EASTGATE ELEMENTARY

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**Next year, Eastgate turns 100 years old!**

**Plans are still underway for the 2017 Eastgate Festival. So far, ideas include a screening of the Eastgate film, a sign unveiling, a walking tour and a party with live music and food trucks.**

**We also hope to work with Eastgate Elementary School on a student event around the Tuskegee Airmen and with East High School on a homecoming event around Harley Field.**

**All of these plans are in early stages but are reliant on your involvement. Please come to the next meeting and find out how you can help!**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

**Neighborhood yard sale:** June 11, 2016

(Rain date: June 18, 2016)

**Eastgate Stumble:** July 23, 2016

**Eastgate Picnic:** August 27, 2016

**Holiday party:** December 10, 2016

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Eastgate clean-up. It was a great success! Visit [www.eggca.org](http://www.eggca.org) to view a video and photos from the event.

Lorena Bankston celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> with her family and friends at her home at 1890 Greenway South in Eastgate.

Lorena, sometimes referred to as Rena or Rene, remembers a time before electricity, riding a horse and buggy, and sleeping on straw mattresses for a bed. She grew up during a time that did not have indoor plumbing or television.

Rena was born in Dawson, Georgia to parents Will Hinton and Eliza Brown. The family moved to Ohio in the 1920s after her father was killed in WWI. Rena worked as a professional seamstress for a doll company and provided daycare for 35 years to children. She was the wife to Ezra Bankston, mother to three daughters, and has 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She has been a member of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church for over 80 years. She has lived in Eastgate for over 50 years and was presented with a gift from Eastgate Garden Civic Association and received congressional recognition from U.S. representative Joyce Beatty on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lorena Bankston!



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