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Next Meeting:

Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, at the Sanctuary (Monroe and 6th Streets).

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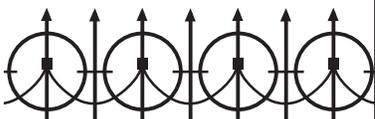
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East Row Elections to be Held in March

by Bruce Murray - Secretary, East Row Historic Foundation

The East Row Historic Foundation (ERHF) holds officer elections yearly at the March meeting. Nominees for office are slated in the February meeting. Members of the East Row Historic Foundation approved the following candidates for election:

Chairman: Missy Richardson

Secretary: Corey Siddall

Treasurer: Pat Budd

Mansion Hill Rep: Rebecca Gilliam

Gateway Rep: Sarah Dixon

Short bios for all these candidates are below. ERHF officers are elected to one year terms and can be reelected only once. Only members of the ERHF are allowed to vote in this election. The only requirement for membership is attendance to at least two meetings in the previous twelve months.

The Mansion Hill and Gateway representatives become part of the Newport Citizens' Action Committee and represent our neighborhood at City Commission meetings. If you haven't attended our meetings in the past, this would be a good time to attend a meeting, meet new and departing officers and become involved in the activities of our neighborhood association. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at The Sanctuary at the corner of 6th and Monroe Streets.

Pat Budd

- East Row resident since 1993
- Current treasurer of the East Row Neighborhood Association
- Past Gateway neighborhood representative to the City of Newport
- Past secretary of the East Row Neighborhood Association
- Chair – Victorian Christmas Tour 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Maintain eastrow.org Web site
- Tall Stacks volunteer coordinator 2003 – organized more than 200 volunteers.

Sarah Dixon

I was born and raised in Cincinnati and attended the UC for both my bachelors' and graduate degrees. I work in pharmaceutical research at Medpace, in Norwood, and have worked there for the past four years. I purchased my first home in Newport in November 2009 and now that I'm settled in, I am looking forward to getting involved with the East Row neighborhood association. It's great to live around a group of people who are so active in bettering their community!

Rebecca Gilliam

East Row resident 1978-1991 and 2006 to present Reading tutor at 4th Street Elementary School Volunteer gardener at Baker-Hunt Art and Cultural Center, Covington, KY

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Two Speakers at ERHF February Meeting

by Bruce Murray

Two speakers covered important subjects at the February meeting of the East Row Historic Foundation. First, Emily Jarzen, historic preservation specialist, spoke about changes in the design review guidelines and codes. While there was some discussion about design review changes, there was an extensive discussion about whether fees should be imposed for a Certificates of Appropriateness. Emily will review the input voiced at this meeting by East Row residents before guideline changes and fees are approved by The City of Newport.

The second speaker was Jeff Morris from Duke Energy, who spoke about the continuing replacement of gas mains in Newport. Several residents complained about gas odors, lawns being dug up, unsightly sidewalk replacement and being "surprised" by replacement personnel asking to come into their homes to add pressure reducers to their gas meters. Mr. Morris explained that a new contractor, Henckel & McCoy, a Michigan firm, will be replacing lines on the north side of the East Row Historic District this year.

Before they begin, workers will:

- Video all homes affected by the line replacement.
- Leave information on doorknobs defining what they will do.
- Make appointments before coming into houses and carry proper ID.

If anyone has a problem with the line installers or the work done, they can contact Jeff Morris at 513.421.9500 to discuss the problems.

The speaker for our March meeting will be Michael Brandt, Newport Superintendent of Schools, who will be discussing the realignment of Newport schools. ❁

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Missy Richardson

Missy Richardson and her husband, Jeff moved from Charlotte, NC to Newport at the end of 2006 when Jeff was recruited by Fifth Third Bank. Missy's background is in training and development, organizational development and coaching in the insurance industry. She is a native of Bluefield, WV. While looking for a home in the Cincinnati area, Missy and Jeff lived in corporate housing in Newport, and ended up falling in love with the town. They purchased their home on Overton Street in April 2007 and began extensive renovations. Since moving into their home, Missy has been very active in the East Row Historic Foundation and has served as the Gateway representative for the past two years. She and Joy Bishop, current Mansion Hill representative, have been instrumental in getting the Neighborhood Watch Program up and running. She has also volunteered for RiverFest, the Block Party and opened her home for the 2008 Christmas Tour. Along with Carole Weitner, she developed a very successful Christmas Tea that was held in conjunction with the 2009 Christmas Tour and will hopefully become an annual event. Missy is also active with the East Row Garden Club.

Corey Siddall

My wife Angela and I live at 501 East 2nd St. with Hershey, our dog, and Xena and Mix, the cats. We have been here 21 years as of Groundhog Day. I have been active in the neighborhood association, serving as the Mansion Hill representative at the time when the Mansion Hill and Gateway neighborhood associations were merged. I was on the East Row Bylaws Committee and have helped out, here and there, as best I can. I would be honored to serve as the secretary of the East Row Historic Foundation, and promise to do my best to perform the duties of this office, should I be elected. ❁

Who's Your Captain?

by Lynn Schaber

Who's my what? My captain? Yes, "your" captain. Many East Row residents have been diligently circling the wagons and organizing a neighborhood watch program.

In an effort to make this an even better place to live, we now have an official East Row Neighborhood Watch program, and we need your help. Don't worry – it's very easy to help. All you have to do is provide your basic contact information to your block captain. So when your block captain asks for your contact information in order to create your Block Resident Contact List, please respond.



The purpose of this Block Resident Contact List is to ensure the neighbors on your block have the necessary information to aid in keeping your block safe. Organization is the first step to safety. If you do not know who your block captain is or you'd like more information about the program, feel free to call Lynn Schaber at 859.261.3322. And remember - keep your eye out for suspicious activity and call immediately if you see anything. Call the police either at 911 for an emergency or 859.292.3622 for non-emergencies. Thanks! 🌿

Gone But Not Forgotten

Our neighborhood lost one of its long-time residents recently On Jan. 13, Lester Roberts, of 609 Monroe, lost his battle with cancer at home with his family, which was his last wish.

Lester had been a neighborhood resident since 1974 when he married his wife Carolyn. Both of his boys were born and raised here, and his grandson is now growing up here as well.

You could always see Lester out on his steps or in his yard. He spoke to everyone, and always tried to help people in any way he could.

Lester worked for the City of Newport for 14 years, and then took a position with Central Parking at the Levee when it was being built. He eventually worked directly for the Levee, and did so until 2005.



Despite being disabled, he still continued to be outside as much as possible. When he came home from the hospital for the last time, he still had his son or wife walk him to the door so he could check things out on the street. He loved getting involved in things going on in the neighborhood, and he loved the neighborhood's yearly Block Party; you could always find him sitting in front of the band on that evening.

He will be greatly missed by his family and by all the good neighbors who always talked with him and made him feel good.

The Roberts Family

Carolyn, Kevin, Matt and Danny 🌿

East Row Garden Club News

by Elizabeth Shely

A foot of snow didn't deter 31 hardy gardeners from attending our February East Row Garden Club meeting. We warmed ourselves over delicious home-cooked minted pea soup, beer bread and cheesecake from our vice president and chief cook, Carole Weitner. President Elizabeth Shely introduced speaker and City Manager Tom Fromme, who spoke to us about facilitating our project of setting up a community garden right here in the East Row. Hopes are that this garden might provide space and sun for eager gardeners with limited space at home, with a percent of edible proceeds provided to local charities.

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Sanctuary, 6th and Monroe, to learn more. 🌿

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The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is now here and has already killed 1,000's of Ash trees in the Cincinnati area.

The City of Newport has informed us that they will *not* be treating any street Ash trees against the EAB. This means that in 3-5 years, Newport's Ash trees will likely be infected, *unless they are treated now*.

Losing established, large street trees can *greatly affect* the value of your East Row Historic District home and can take *decades* to regrow.

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March's Schedule of Events

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Puppy Tales - 4 p.m. Monday, March 1 — Practice your skills by reading aloud to a dog! Ages 6-9. Please register.

Adventure Club: ArtReach presents *Hansel and Gretel*
4 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 — Join us for an ArtReach presentation of *Hansel and Gretel*. Ages 6-11. Please register.

Book Club - 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 — Join us for a discussion of this month's book *Voyage Long and Strange* by Tony Horwitz. Visitors welcome.

Puppy Tales - 4 p.m. Monday, March 8 — Practice your skills by reading aloud to a dog! Ages 6-9. Please register.

Adventure Club: Out of Our Gourds! - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 — Join us for African drum music and crafts with Barb and Russ Childers! Ages 6-11. Please register.

Microsoft Word 2007 - 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9 — Learn how to create documents, print, save and much more. Please register.

Teen Online Book Club - 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 — Help set up the webpage and receive books at our first meeting! Ages 12-18. Please register.

Learn to Use The GIMP - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14 — Learn to use GNU Image Manipulation Program — also known as GIMP. Ages 12-18. Please register.

Puppy Tales - 4 p.m. Monday, March 15 — Practice your skills by reading aloud to a dog! Ages 6-9. Please register.

Adventure Club: The Noise Guy and his Super Sonic Sound Show! - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 — Join us for a comedy, noise explosion with Charlie Williams, the Noise Guy! Ages 6-11. Please register.

Internet Basics - 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 16 — Learn the basic skills and concepts needed to use the Internet. Please register.

Card and Board Games - 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 — Join us at the Library for card and board games! Learn a new game or play a favorite! Ages 12-18. Registration not required.

Panoramic Sugar Eggs - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 — Nancy Snodgrass of Fantasy in Frosting will bring the art of sugar eggs to life! Adults. Please register.

Puppy Tales - 4 p.m. Monday, March 22 — Practice your skills by reading aloud to a dog! Ages 6-9. Please register.

Adventure Club: A Visit from the Cincinnati Zoo! - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 — A zoo-keeper will bring a cheetah to the Library, along with other cat ambassadors. Ages 6-11. Please register.

Puppy Tales - 4 p.m. Monday, March 29 — Practice your skills by reading aloud to a dog! Ages 6-9. Please register.

Filled and Personalized Easter Eggs - 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 29 — Decorate two eggs and choose from a variety of fillings with the help of Nancy Snodgrass of Fantasy in Frosting. Adults. Please register.

Adventure Club: Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 Fill your bag with Easter eggs and join us for refreshments and crafts afterward! Ages 6-11. Please register.

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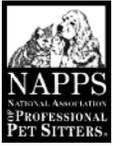
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 Tuesday May 4, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday June 1, 7:00 p.m.

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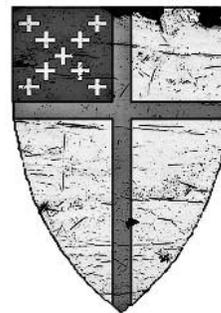


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