



Upcoming Dates in 2025

Mark your Calendars!

Semi-Annual Meeting: January 15th, Bexley Library Auditorium, 6 pm.

MAC Voting Ends: January 31st.

March Membership Madness: Your chance to support the ECA with a paid membership.

Home & Garden Tour: May 18th, 4 pm.

Eastmoor Evenings: June, July, and August.

Eastmoor Civic Association Board & Committee Chairs

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Volunteer Engagement Chair—Marcy Leeds

Eastmoor Evenings Chairs—Donna Fulford & Laurie Onda

Home & Garden Tour Chairs—Maggie Lyons & Nancy Zantello

Dear Central Eastmoor Resident,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a wonderful holiday season with loved ones. This newsletter shares important information about an upcoming vote that will take place in January, and the topic will be discussed at our next community meeting, scheduled for 6pm, January 15th, in the auditorium of the Bexley Library. I hope you will plan to join us.

This past year was successful for the Civic Association; we had fun and built community connections through our Eastmoor Evenings over the summer and a wonderful National Night Out celebration in August. One of the highlights of the past few months has been the incredible generosity shown by our neighborhood during the candy and school supply drives in support of Fairmoor Elementary. The school's heartfelt gratitude for the supplies we provided was truly inspiring, and our board members enjoyed distributing candy at the Trunk-or-Treat event. Events like these demonstrate the strong sense of community spirit we share in Central Eastmoor and we plan to offer more community-building opportunities to serve the Fairmoor Elementary staff and students in the coming year.

We have an exciting year planned, with the ever-popular Eastmoor Home & Tour coming up in May, chaired by Maggie Lyons and Nancy Zantello. They already have secured the amazing homes for the tour! We will have a new ticketed event to offer in tandem with the tour, a high tea served before the tour kicks off in the late afternoon. We also have a ticketed After Party as well, and all ticket sales for the three events support the work of the Civic. More details about the tour and about volunteer opportunities will be given in the months ahead. Marcy Leeds has stepped up to lead our Volunteer Engagement efforts for the Eastmoor Civic; and if you are interested to help us out in any way you can email her at msleeds55@gmail.com.

Now onto our upcoming vote: over the past year, we have all noticed changes taking place around us, including infrastructure projects on our roads and intersections, and more growth on the East Side. We know that several significant city initiatives on the horizon will directly affect our area, including Zoneln, which changed zoning along Broad and Main Streets, allowing for taller buildings and more dense development, and LinkUs, which will create bus rapid transit along Main Street. Visit the following websites to learn more about LinkUs (<https://linkuscolumbus.com/>), Zoneln (<https://zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/>).

As a board, we want to ensure that our Central Eastmoor community is informed about these changes and has the opportunity to provide input. Here's why:

1. Staying informed allows us to influence key decisions that impact our neighborhood.
2. Strategic improvements to the Eastside and Greater Columbus will have lasting benefits for us all.
3. Our engaged membership can contribute significantly to these efforts, strengthening our voice in city planning.

However, over the past year, we realized that we were not always informed about upcoming changes. To increase our access to information, board members have been participating in the monthly meetings of the Special Improvement District (SID), that brings together business owners along Main Street between Bexley and Whitehall. We are also actively attending the Mideast Area Commission (MAC) meetings as an observer, and this meeting has representatives from 15 Eastside civic associations, has direct connections to Columbus City government, and has been instrumental in advocating for the region at the city level.

In order to improve our access to information about changes that affect our neighborhood, and to provide a channel to comment on these changes, the Board of the Eastmoor Civic Association recommends that we join the MAC. You can vote in one of three ways: at our semi-annual meeting, electronically, or by mail through January 31st. We are providing information about the MAC through this newsletter and via our website (www.eastmoor614.org). We also have an active email list; if you are not on this list, please reach out via email at eastmoorcab@gmail.com and we will add you. If you have ANY questions or suggestions about these or any other Civic Association matters, please reach out via the same email address. We want to hear from you.

–Mike Nowlin, Eastmoor Civic Association President, on behalf of the Board

Joining the Mideast Area Commission

What is the Mideast Area Commission (MAC)?

The MAC is an advisory body created by the City of Columbus to facilitate communication and cooperation between neighborhoods, city officials, and developers. It is one of the city's **Area Commissions**, which serve as critical channels for residents to engage in decision-making and influence local planning processes.

The MAC covers a significant portion of the Eastside, including the neighborhoods of Berwyn East, Fairmoor, Easthaven, Thunderbird Acres, Berwick, Beechwood, North and South Eastmoor, and several others. As an Area Commission, MAC has the opportunity to review city projects and to offer input on zoning changes, development proposals, and other initiatives that affect the Eastside.

Why is Joining the MAC Beneficial?

After attending several MAC meetings, we've seen firsthand how powerful collective action can be. There are numerous benefits to becoming a member of the MAC:

1. **Equal Representation:** Each neighborhood within the MAC has a seat at the table. This means that even small neighborhoods like Central Eastmoor can have an influential voice in citywide discussions.
2. **Stronger Advocacy:** By joining the MAC, we can amplify our community's voice in discussions about citywide issues like zoning, development, transportation, and economic planning. We will be able to advocate more effectively for projects and changes that directly impact our neighborhood.
3. **Increased Access to Information:** Being part of the MAC provides us with early access to information about upcoming city projects, development plans, and policy changes that may affect our community. This knowledge allows us to plan and act proactively.
4. **Preservation of Civic Authority:** Joining the MAC allows us to maintain our independence as a civic association while benefiting from the collective strength of the other Eastside neighborhoods. One of our board members (President or Vice President) will represent us at the MAC monthly meeting.
5. **No Cost to Join:** There is no membership fee to join the MAC, making it an accessible opportunity for us to expand our knowledge of city initiatives and increase our voice--all at no cost.

How Will This Affect Central Eastmoor?

By joining the MAC, we will be able to:

- **Stay informed** about important citywide developments that could impact our neighborhood.
- **Engage with city officials** and developers more effectively on projects that matter to us.
- **Help shape decisions** about zoning, development, and infrastructure improvements in the Eastside area.
- **Support and collaborate** with other Eastside neighborhoods to address shared concerns and advocate for resources and support from the city.

We believe the benefits of joining the MAC align closely with our goals as a civic association and will allow us to better represent Central Eastmoor's interests in the broader context of Eastside and Greater Columbus development. To learn more about the MAC, visit: <https://cbusareacommissions.org/mid-east/>.

To read our MAC Myths and Facts as well as an introduction to Area Commissions and the role they play in Columbus City government, please visit our website at www.eastmoor614.org.

What's Next?

Our board has studied this issue carefully and has unanimously agreed that joining the MAC would be a positive step forward for Central Eastmoor. This decision requires a community vote. At the end of this newsletter, you will see a web address and QR code that you can scan to go to the voting ballot. Another option is to vote in person at our semi-annual meeting on January 15th. Or you can mail the ballot, and it must be postmarked by January 31st, the last day of voting. The results of the vote will be communicated on our website and in an email the first week of February.

As always, if you have any questions or thoughts about the MAC or any of our other initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at eastmoorcab@gmail.com. Your input is important, and we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we can continue making Central Eastmoor an even better place to live and contribute to the positive growth of our broader Eastside community.

January 15th Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda—6pm Bexley Library Auditorium

1. Introduction of the Board & Committee Chairs
2. LinkUs Presentation—COTA
3. Lourdes Barroso de Padilla—Columbus City Council
4. Officer Tolber's Community Update—Columbus Police
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Other Civic Business & Updates
7. MAC Presentation, Q and A, and Public Comment

MAC Voting will occur at the end of the meeting. Each Central Eastmoor adult (18+) can vote one time.

The Board is always looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of roles including one-off opportunities at events, or as committee members, or in voting Board member roles. The more volunteer support we have, the more we can accomplish. If you are interested in serving in any way, please reach out to our Volunteer Engagement Chair, Marcy Leeds at: msleeds55@gmail.com.

Also, you'll receive another newsletter in the next few two months as we kick-off our annual March Membership Drive. We look forward to your ongoing support of the work we are doing for the betterment of Central Eastmoor and the greater Eastside.

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To: Residents of Central Eastmoor

Voting Ballot—Online Survey is open through 11:59pm on January 31st.

All current adult (18+) residents of Central Eastmoor (boundaries are south side of Broad, west side of James, north side of Main, and East side of Gould) are eligible to vote on this community initiative. You can confidentially vote by completing this ballot and mailing it back to our PO Box, scanning the QR code with your phone, or going to the following website: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8105193/Central-Eastmoor-Community-Voting>. We will also provide a link to the survey on our website and in upcoming emails.



Question: Should the Eastmoor Civic Association join the Mideast Area Commission?

A “Yes” vote indicates your support for the Eastmoor Civic Association becoming a voting member of the Mideast Area Commission.
A “No” vote indicates your preference for the Eastmoor Civic Association to not join the Mideast Area Commission.

This form provides a mail-in ballot for up to 2 adults in the home. If you have additional adults residing in your home desiring to vote, you can make a copy of this page or have additional adults scan the QR code with their phone and vote online.

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All voters must be 18+ Mail your confidential ballot to Eastmoor Civic Association at PO Box 91287, Columbus, OH 43209

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Phone: _____

Please add me to your email list

Initiative (place an X for your vote)	Yes	No
Join the MAC		

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