

Eastmoor Civic Association
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March 2025



Dear Neighbor,

As we look ahead to the exciting year in store for our beloved Central Eastmoor community, there's so much to look forward to...from seeking representation on the MidEast Area Commission (MAC), to strengthening our partnership with Fairmoor Elementary, and hosting cherished events like our Home and Garden Tour and National Night Out. We are deeply committed to not only preserving the rich history of our neighborhood but also being the kind of neighbors that make a lasting impact.

When I meet with residents throughout the year, I often ask if they've attended any of our community events. I'm consistently surprised to find that about 50% haven't experienced gatherings like our Eastmoor Evenings. I also frequently hear, "I used to serve on the Civic Association" when I mention our need for volunteers. These conversations remind me of the deep love and commitment our residents have for preserving the unique spirit of our neighborhood.

That said, I'm reaching out with a few important requests to ensure that the sense of community that makes Central Eastmoor special continues to thrive: **Join as a paid association member** to support the essential work that sustains our neighborhood. **Invite a neighbor** to attend an event. **Volunteer your time and talents**—We're working hard to rebuild our volunteer base post-pandemic, and your help is needed now more than ever. Together, we can make 2025 a year to remember for Central Eastmoor. Will you join me in strengthening our community?

-Mike Nowlin, *President*

**Eastmoor Civic Association
2025 Board & Committee Chairs**

President—Mike Nowlin
Vice President—Sarah Lanson
Secretary—Sarah Imes
Treasurer—Vicki Hatfield
Past President—Kapila Rodrigo

Events Chair & Membership Chair—
Sarah Imes
Beautification Chair—Travis Damicone
Home & Garden Tour Chairs—Nancy
Zantello & Maggie Lyons
Volunteers Chair—Marcy Leeds
Eastmoor Evenings Chairs --Laurie Onda
Communications Chair—Elizabeth
Westley

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The strength of Central Eastmoor lies in YOUR membership. With 200-250 paid members annually, your support is vital to keeping our Civic Association strong and fulfilling our mission: to create a safe, clean, and welcoming community while preserving our neighborhood's historical value. Membership dues support beautification projects and events that benefit all residents, businesses, and visitors. Our tiered membership levels allow you to contribute at a level that works for you. No matter the amount, your support is invaluable. Memberships are based on the calendar year, running from January through December. You can become a member through our secure website: <https://www.eastmoor614.org/membership-application/> or by returning payment with the attached application.

For questions, email us at eastmoorcab@gmail.com. Whether you're a member or not, we invite you to stay connected. Join our email list on our website at www.Eastmoor614.org to receive updates and stay informed.

-Sarah Imes, *Membership Chair*

Sign up for a civic association membership by March 31st to be entered into a raffle for an individual or couples membership to the Eastmoor Pool for the 2025 pool season! Since 1956, the Eastmoor Pool has provided summertime fun for families in the Eastmoor and surrounding communities. Our goal is to promote activities that encourage healthy lifestyles and community harmony in a safe recreational environment by utilizing the resources of the membership and Board of Trustees in a volunteer capacity. The Eastmoor Pool is home to the Swordfish Swim Team which has over 120 kids from ages 4 years old to 18 years old. It is one of the last community-owned pools in the City of Columbus and maintains operations solely through the generosity of the membership and business sponsors. Memberships for the 2025 season range from Family: \$440; Couple: \$275; Individual: \$200; Senior Couple: \$205; Senior Individual: \$100. For more information on the Eastmoor Pool check out their website: <https://eastmoorpool.mystrikingly.com/>



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Eastmoor is a lovely community, and with spring just around the corner, it will soon be time to get outdoors to enjoy our neighborhood even more. The Beautification Committee aims to maintain and improve Eastmoor's public green spaces, unique traffic islands, and commercial corridors. Our traffic islands are actually City of Columbus park land - the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department mows the grass and maintains the trees, while most other maintenance is coordinated by the civic association. We are grateful to a number of neighbors who have stepped up to serve as TILE's (Traffic Island Leaders of Eastmoor) who assist with spring cleanup and mulching around the trees on the islands.



In addition, all of our traffic islands (except Virginialee Circle) undergo a series of turf treatments during the growing season to help strengthen the grass and choke out weeds. Our dedicated volunteers and your ECA Membership dues help keep Eastmoor looking great - thank you!

-Travis Damicone, *Beautification Committee Chair*

EVENTS UPDATE

Happy March! This year marks my 8th year serving the Central Eastmoor Civic Association as a volunteer. From my role as Events Coordinator to Membership Chair and Board Secretary, it has been a great opportunity to get to know the neighbors in our 1,200+ home community. We have kept some traditions such as the Home & Garden Tour alive while adding new events during my tenure such as Eastmoor Evenings. I hope that you will consider attending one or more of these upcoming events and joining the civic as a patron member. I look forward to seeing you soon at some of these wonderful community events!

- Sarah Imes, *Secretary & Events Committee Chair*

Save the Date: Home & Garden Tour Returns—More info coming soon!

Next, we are excited to announce that the Home & Garden Tour is back this year! Join us **Sunday, May 18th, from 4 PM to 7 PM**, as we showcase five stunning Central Eastmoor homes. As an added treat, this year's event will feature a new ticketed option: a delightful **tea party hosted by Brad Colegate and Andrew Mitchell from 2 PM to 4 PM** before the tours begin. Additionally, tickets are available for an exclusive **afterparty at the home of Dan Smith & Gregg McConnell from 7PM to 10PM**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to explore Eastmoor's beautiful homes and gardens. More details can be found on our website, www.Eastmoor614.org. We are especially grateful for the dedicated efforts of our event Chairs, Nancy Zantello and Maggie Lyons, whose contributions make this event possible. All funds raised go to support the efforts of the Eastmoor Civic Association.

National Night Out

Mark your calendars! The seventh annual National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at the park on Virginialee Circle. This free, family-friendly event has grown each year (over 500 attended in 2024), bringing our community closer while strengthening connections with local police and fire departments.

Celebrated nationally on the first Tuesday of August, National Night Out fosters a sense of safety, unity, and camaraderie among neighbors. As the event grows, we will be adding more activities to make it even more enjoyable for families and residents of all ages.

Your participation and support are essential to making this event a success. We look forward to seeing you there and at other community gatherings throughout the year!



Eastmoor Evenings

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Laurie Onda, Eastmoor Evenings will continue throughout the summer! These informal, free gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to connect by opening their patios, porches, or yards to one another. Hosted on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday evening of the host's choosing, these events foster a sense of community and belonging. To stay informed about hosting or attending Eastmoor Evenings, keep an eye on our website and regular emails in the coming months. If you have any questions, need more information, or already know you'd like to host, please contact Laurie Onda at Laurie.browne.onda@gmail.com.

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark your calendar!

Stay up to date at www.Eastmoor614.org or by joining our email list through the website.

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| March | March Madness Membership Drive (Stay Tuned to our emails, website and Facebook) |
| Sunday, May 18th | Home & Garden Tour Events |
| June (date TBA) | Semi-annual Community Meeting: Bexley Public Library, 6 PM |
| June through August | Eastmoor Evenings: Mix & mingle with neighbors at different homes; regularly on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, June 1 to Mid-August, 6 - 8 PM |
| Tuesday, August 5th | National Night Out: Virginialee Circle, 5 – 8:30 PM |

Stay informed about these and other events by signing up for our email list and by visiting our website regularly.

***There will not be a 2025 Community Yard Sale. We will plan the next sale for 2026.**

Mid-East Area Commission (MAC)

It's official - we are joining the MAC! This is an exciting time for Central Eastmoor as we partner with our surrounding neighborhoods and join the Mid-East Area Commission. We completed our final step in January with the community voting and approving in an overwhelming majority (nearly 95% supported joining), and we are grateful that the MAC board of commissioners voted to accept us as a member neighborhood at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 2/18/25. If you are new to this topic, please visit our website for more information. To learn more about the city commission structure and the MAC, visit the website cbusareacommissions.org.

This membership will give us access to a wealth of information on available resources, city planning, upcoming City Council priorities, and more. It will also provide additional opportunities for community engagement, volunteering, crime watch and statistics, and more. We will continue to update our communication channels as we move forward with the next steps, which will include establishing a Commissioner from our neighborhood as a voting member. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the MAC meetings which occur on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (with the exception of August and December). The meetings are from 6:30pm-8:00pm and are held at: Liberians in Columbus, Inc, 4300 Kimberly Parkway, Columbus, 43232.

EASTMOOR INFORMATION ACCESS

The ECA Board wants to ensure transparent access to information for our community members by providing links on our website's home page (www.eastmoor614.org) for the board's meeting minutes, community slideshow presentations, and BZA concerns.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

There are always a variety of ways in which you can help out the work of the ECA, from one off short tasks (set up at an event, deliver newsletters, donating food, etc.) to ongoing roles that we aim to fill. We are currently seeking someone familiar with WordPress websites to enhance our existing site. We will need to recruit a new VP in 2025 as well as the senior roles rotate and the VP becomes President, and the President will become Past President in early 2026. We continue seeking people willing to make a time commitment to serving regularly or as one-off field trip chaperones for Fairmoor Elementary. If interested in learning more about volunteering, please email us at eastmoorcab@gmail.com.



EASTMOOR SWAG SHOP

Do you want to wear some cool Eastmoor swag? Visit our online store (type this entire link into your web browser):

<http://eastmoor614.logosoftwear.com> or link to it via our website. We also have some insulated tumblers for sale on our membership and events page.

ECA WEBSITE

Since 2023 the ECA has had an enhanced website at www.Eastmoor614.org allowing for **credit card payments**. You can quickly purchase your annual membership, buy Home & Garden Tour tickets, sponsor events, and buy swag. The website is secure and over 70% of community transactions are via online purchases now.

FROM:

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*****A small number of Bexley residents may receive our newsletter due to bulk mail route limitations. Our apologies!*****

2025 Eastmoor Civic Association Membership & Home & Garden Ticket Form
***STOP! Save a stamp! Complete your membership form and purchase Home & Garden Tour tickets
securely online at: www.Eastmoor614.org***

✓ one type of membership below

| Patron (\$25) | Supporter (\$50) | Centennial (\$100) | Polo Club (\$200) | Business (\$200) |
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All members will be listed on our website unless you ✓ the box to remain anonymous.

Business Membership includes publicity at www.Eastmoor614.org and emails (please provide logo and a brief written description via our email at eastmoorcab@gmail.com).

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| Name(s) | |
| Address | |
| Phone | |
| Email | |

Home & Garden Tour Tickets

| Ticket Type | Home & Garden Tour Only (\$30) | H & G and Pre-Party High Tea (\$50) | H & G and Afterparty (\$50) | Pre-Party High Tea (\$25) | After-Party (\$25) | Membership Subtotal \$ | |
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| Quantity | | | | | | H & G Tour Subtotal \$ | |
| Sub-Total | | | | | | Grant Total \$ | |

You will receive a confirmation email with information about your Home & Garden Tour tickets.

___ I'm interested in volunteering for the Eastmoor Civic Association - please contact me!

Please send this form and your payment (**check payable to *Eastmoor Civic Association***) to:

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