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## Studying the ENA... “Eastgate Engaged”

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ENA AND THE BEACON HILL FOUNDATION LOOKS TO STUDY EASTGATE

The Beacon Hill at Eastgate’s Foundation has three tenets, one of which is community engagement. To that end, Beacon Hill has partnered with the ENA to host a

5K race, a community picnic and free jazz concerts. All ENA residents will be asked to participate in a survey.

However, in order to determine what exactly community engagement should or could look like, the foundation want-



ed to look at the community a bit more formally.

Thus, the Beacon Hill Foundation hired the Social Research Center of Calvin College to offer guidance.

At its May meeting, The

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## Community Picnic & Grand Opening of Beacon Hill’s Community House



BEFORE



AFTER

The two photographs are not quite to scale. However, when using the center light post as a reference point, we can see the transformation brought by new residence wing and community house.

The Annual Beacon Hill Community Picnic is on Tuesday, August 29. Beacon Hill residents will be eating first, and neighbors are invited to join at 5:30. This event is always popular, and the food is always outstanding (and there is often a selection

that comes from the community gardens). Entertainment this year is the musical group Lomax Big House.

That evening, the newly constructed Community House will have its grand opening. This structure houses both the Garden Room Café and the

auditorium. Neighbors will offered tours of the new building.



## ENA Events

Information about all these events can be found inside this Gateway

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

### Jazz Concert

at Beacon Hill at Eastgate  
at 7:30 pm  
See page 4 for details

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

### Kids Night Out

at Plymouth Heights  
Christian Reformed Church  
From 6:00-8:00 pm  
See page 7 for details

THURSDAY AUGUST 27

### Community Picnic

at Beacon Hill at Eastgate  
at 5:30 pm  
See page 4 for details

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9

### Jazz Concert

at Eastminster  
Presbyterian Church  
from 4:00-5:30 pm  
See page 15 for details

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

### Eastgate 5K

at Beacon Hill at Eastgate  
at 6:30 pm  
See page 9 for details

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

### ENA Softball

at Mulick Park  
at 4-6 pm  
Check Facebook for details

See inside for  
entire ENA calendar

# Amplify GR Makes Waves in Boston Square

## The DeVos Backed Non-Profit Aims to Improve the Area; Some are Suspicious

The former Breton Auto Body at 1480 Kalamazoo is the new headquarters of Amplify GR, a non-profit that hopes to facilitate redevelopment in the Boston Square neighborhood. It is located next to Modern Hardware.

According to Mlive articles on June 13 and June 29, Amplify GR is backed by the Doug and Maria DeVos Foundation as well as the Cheri DeVos Foundation. They are working with Rockford Construction, and have acquired more than 32 properties over the last two years.

The target area includes the neighborhoods of Boston Square, Oakdale, Cottage Grove, and Madison Square.

On June 29, Amplify GR held a town hall meeting that included Doug DeVos, Rockford Construction President Mike Van Gessel, city commissioners Senita Lenear and David

Allen, and Amplify GR's executive director Jon Ippel. Some 300 people packed Living Word Church to voice their opinions.

Mlive reported that "Doug DeVos said their goal is to improve city neighborhoods that already have a strong foundation but have not participated in the economic recovery that the broader region is enjoying."

Neighbors presented concerns about higher rents, higher property values, and gentrification. The 90 minute meeting included questions, skepticism, and curiosity.

Mlive said, "Third Ward city commissioners Senita Lenear and David Allen joined the Amplify GR leaders on the stage and encouraged the citizens to remain involved and continue to offer suggestions to Amplify GR."

An additional town hall meeting is forthcoming.



Above: 1480 Kalamazoo how it looks today as Amplify GR.

Below: Before renovations it was a vacant building, formerly occupied by Breton Auto Body



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# From the President



Greetings neighbors! Summer is in full swing, and that means the Eastgate neighborhood is as busy as ever. Be sure to check out the calendar of events in the newsletter and mark the dates in your calendar. You won't want to miss all the fun, including free outdoor concerts at Beacon Hill and East-

minster Church, Kids' Night Out at Plymouth Heights Church, Hot Dogs and Bike Tune-Ups at Eastminster, and more. A great big THANK YOU to all of our community partners for making these events possible.

Change is also happening on the Eastgate Neighborhood Board. At the last board meeting, held on July 20 at Level One Bank, the Board formally appointed two new members, Elida VanSledright and Bryan Buie. Thank you to everyone who applied to serve. Although it was difficult to choose only two of the four who applied, we were so impressed by the quality of all of our candidates. What a testament to the quality of individuals in our neighborhood.

At the board meeting in July, the board also discussed several changes to the association's by-laws. The by-laws provide structure and guidance to the operation of the association, and the changes discussed will help improve efficiency. Changes may only be approved at the annual meeting, which is currently held in October. Please plan to attend our annual meeting on October 26 at Beacon Hill to offer your input on the by-laws.

Among all the events this summer, please plan to attend a listening session at Fifth Reformed Church on Tuesday, July 25 from 6-7:30 or Saturday, August 5 from 9:30-11 AM. These sessions are a joint effort between Calvin College's Center for Social Research and Beacon Hill at Eastgate to help determine ways that Beacon Hill can partner with residents, businesses and organizations to offer enhanced services and resources to the Eastgate neighborhood. Residents will also be asked to participate in a survey later this summer, hopefully with results available by the October annual meeting. Email [csr@calvin.edu](mailto:csr@calvin.edu) for more information.

Finally, if you haven't yet held a block party on your street, now is the time! Simply, invite your neighbors, and let the fun begin. As always, the ENA will reimburse your expenses up to \$75. Closing the street costs \$75. There's really no better way to build community than to spend an afternoon grilling burgers and letting the kids run around in the street. Post your photos on Facebook and share the fun with the rest of us too!

—Shana Shroll, President

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# News From Beacon Hill at Eastgate

*Jazz Concerts, Community Picnic, A Couple of Grand Openings, A 5K, and A Bridge*



The new Skilled Nursing Center during construction this winter

## GRAND OPENING OF SKILLED NURSING CENTER

The skilled nursing center just received a significant addition. That facility will have a Plymouth Avenue entrance. And the Grand Opening is on August 3. The formal invitation to the Eastgate neighbors is on page 15 of this newsletter.

## JAZZ CONCERT SERIES

The Crane Wives came on July 5, and more than 200 people enjoyed the wonderful weather, the popcorn, snow cones, and, of course, the great music. The next concert is the Calder City Band on August 9 at 7:30 pm. Follow the music and look for the crowd in front of Beacon Hill



The Crane Wives drew a crowd of more than 200 people.

## EASTGATE 5K

The 5K has a new day: Saturday morning September 23 at 9:00 am. There is a spaghetti dinner the evening before, and all neighbors are invited. See page 9 for details.

## BRIDGE TO CONNECT INDEPENDENT LIVING AND HEALTHCARE CENTER

The Beacon Hill community has a capital campaign called "Linking Lives" with the goal of connecting the Healthcare Center and the Independent Living with a bridge. The design calls for windows on one side and an art display on the other. With this bridge, the entire campus would be connected and barrier free.



An architectural rendering of the bridge

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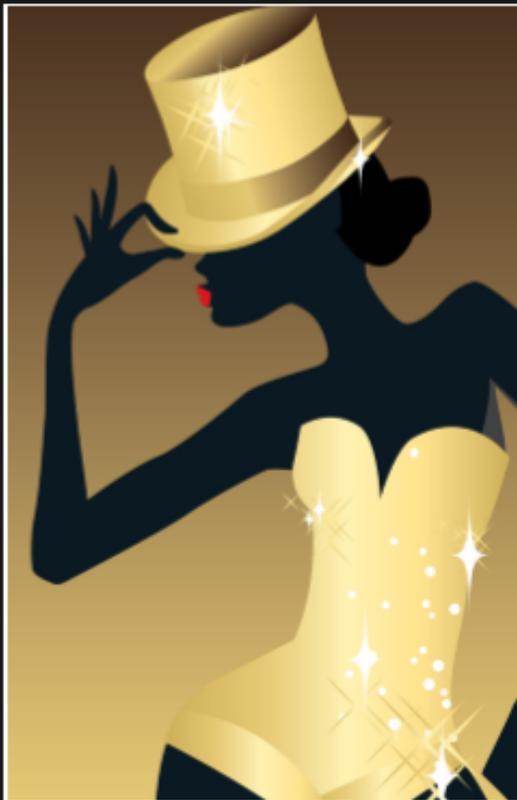
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— Summer Saturday Schedule —

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— From Eastminster's Bike Repair Team

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To learn more, contact Deborah McCreary, the mentoring coordinator by phone (616) 334-9083 or email [deborah.mccreary1@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.mccreary1@gmail.com)

The Collaborative is an effort of 4 area churches Fifth Reformed, Eastminster Presbyterian, Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed, Hope, and The Eastgate Neighborhood Association.



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# Eastgate Calendar 2017

## August

- 3 Grand Opening of Beacon Hill's Skilled Nursing Facility 2pm--5pm
- 9 Jazz Concert at Beacon Hill at Eastgate 7:30 pm
- 15 Kids Night Out at Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church 6-8 pm
- 26 Eastminster Presbyterian Church's Hot Dogs & Bike-Tune Ups 10am-3pm
- 29 Beacon Hill at Eastgate's Community Picnic with tours of the new Community House 5:30 pm

## September

- 9 "Jazz Over Easy" at Eastminster Presbyterian Church 4:00-5:30pm
- 21 ENA Board Meeting at Plymouth Heights CRC. 7:00 pm
- 23 Eastgate 5K 9:00 am
- 30 Eastgate Softball at Mulick Park

## October

- Gatewatch Delivery
- 26 ENA Annual Meeting at Beacon Hill 7:00 pm
- 31 Trunk or Treat at Fifth Reformed Church

## December

- ENA Christmas Lights Contest on Facebook

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**456-3403**

ENA board listened to a presentation by the Foundation President Andi Allen and the Center for Social Research Director Laura Luchies. The ENA board supports the study and will contribute where needed. The project will be funded by the foundation with no financial cost to the ENA.

The study will include listening sessions that will gather people's thoughts about the neighborhood, with a focus on generating ideas for ways that Beacon Hill could serve the neighborhood.

Ideas from these listening sessions will be used to design the surveys, which will be sent to all residences in the Eastgate neighborhood. ENA board members participated in a listening session on July 20.

For this Eastgate Engaged project, The Beacon Hill Foundation formed a logo and a mission statement, both of which were presented to the ENA board at its May meeting. The Eastgate Engaged logo incorporates some of the elements of the ENA logo.

**THE MISSION STATEMENT OF  
EASTGATE ENGAGED**

*Because of its unique location, with the small, close-knit neighborhood of Eastgate, and its history of involvement within Eastgate, Beacon Hill would like to explore ways in which the neighborhood of Eastgate, along with its businesses, can work together to enhance our community.*

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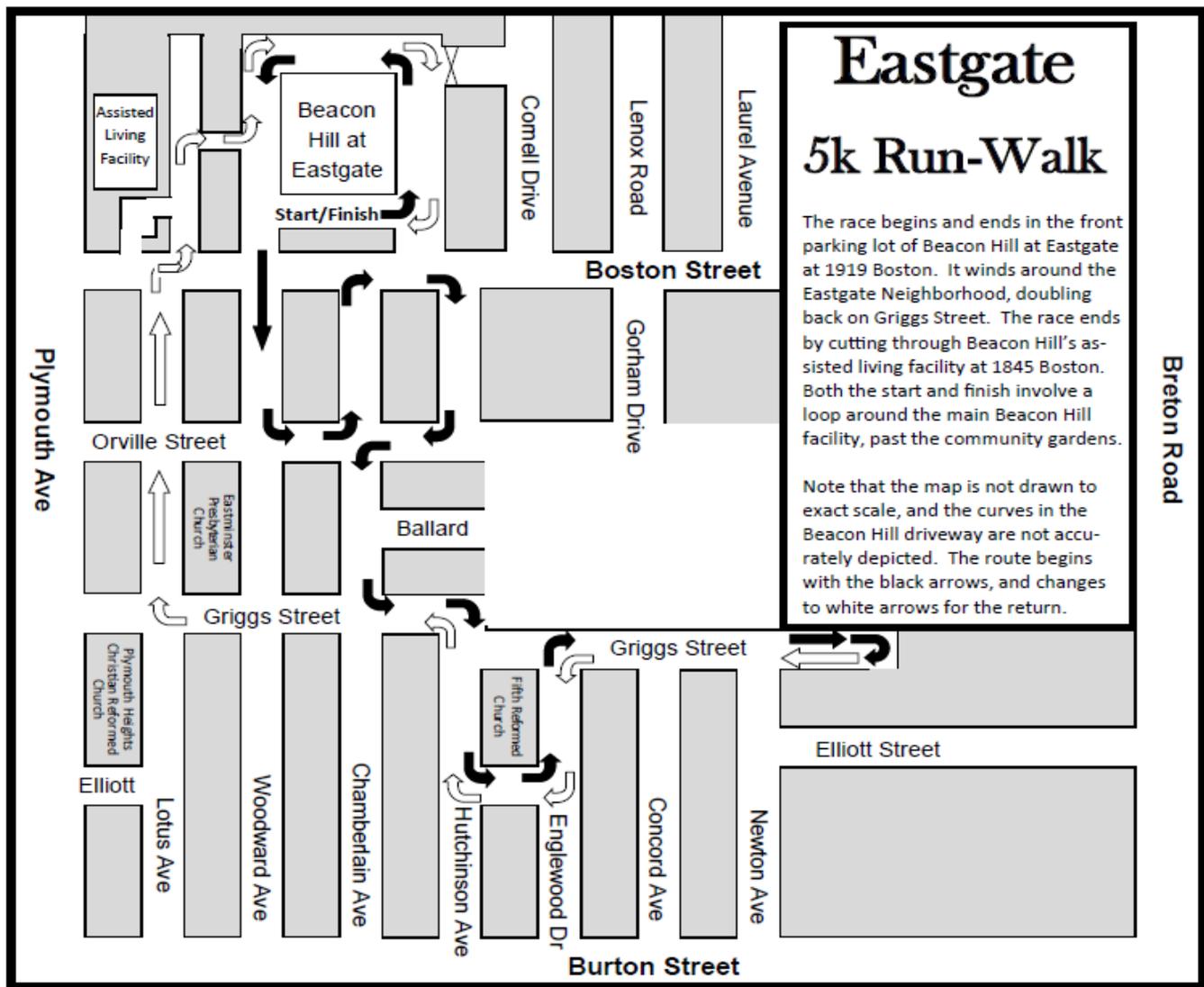
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# Eastgate 5K: Now on Saturday Morning, Sept. 23

*Walkers, runners, volunteers and cheering fans...All are needed!  
Come Friday evening for a spaghetti dinner*

Lace up those sneakers, and break out your sweatbands because Beacon Hill and the Eastgate Neighborhood Association are teaming up to host a community-wide event you wouldn't want to miss!

Our 6th Annual Eastgate 5K Run-Walk is right around the corner and this year we are adding something new. On Friday September 22 leading up to the excitement of race day we will host a spaghetti dinner for everyone to come and enjoy! Dinner will be from

5-7pm in the Garden Café and tickets will be \$5 a person or \$20 per family.

Race day will be Saturday, September 23 at 9:00am. Starting in the front parking lot of Beacon Hill, the course winds through our lovely neighborhood staying entirely within the ENA boundaries, coming in to finish at Beacon Hill where there will be food, entertainment, and awards to wrap up the race.

Proceeds from the race go to both the ENA and the Beacon Hill Foundation, which provides sustained benevolent care to residents of Beacon Hill. In addition, we are always looking for sponsors, so please consider this local tax-deductible cause.

Not interested in running or walking but still want to be part of the event? we have just the thing for you! Every great race needs fans! Grab your family and friends, your pom poms and posters, and head out to the course to cheer on the racers. If your house is on the course you're already in a perfect spot.

Volunteers are also a vital role in producing a successful event. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Joy Dornbos at 616-245-9179 or [joy.dornbos@beaconhillgr.org](mailto:joy.dornbos@beaconhillgr.org). More information can be found at [beaconhillgr.org](http://beaconhillgr.org) or contact our Race Director at [Domi.Aouad@beaconhillgr.org](mailto:Domi.Aouad@beaconhillgr.org) or 616-608-8270.

"Like" Eastgate 5k on Facebook for special announcements and promos! See you on race day!

# ENA Board News:

The ENA Board of Directors would like to update the neighbors on three important actions for our association.

## BEACON HILL'S FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The board heard a report from Beacon Hill Foundation's President Andi Allen and the Social Research Center at Calvin College regarding community engagement. One of the three tenets of the foundation involves the community. The foundation hired the Calvin College Social Research Center to listen to and to survey the Eastgate neighborhood. The ENA board approves of this engagement and has agreed to collaborate with the Beacon Hill Foundation in the research process. Neighbors will be encouraged to participate in the listening sessions and surveys.

## NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The ENA board created a sub-committee to fill the two vacancies on the board. The vacancies can be filled by board

1. *Collaboration between the ENA and the Beacon Hill Foundation*
2. *New Board Members*
3. *Bylaws Review*

appointment. The board would like to thank all who applied. It was a tough decision. The board is proud to announce the appointments of Elida Van Sledright of Lotus Street and Bryan Buie of Chamberlain Street. The board would like to congratulate them both.

## BYLAWS REVIEW

Periodically, the board recommends updates to the ENA bylaws. This recent recommendation is spurred specifically by a stipulation that all ENA bills be paid by check. The board believes that reporting and record keeping will not be compromised by using a debit card. It will also give the treasurer the ability to pay bills without having to write checks. Finally, some board expenses—such as the website—require payment by a card. When the bylaws were created in 1992, this tenet was important for maintaining records. Now, however, with electronic bank statements and debit cards, the board recommends a change.

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# In and Around the 'Gate...



The sign on the door at Breton Village. "Rite Aid is still open, main entrance is around back."



On June 3, Eastminster Presbyterian Church's bike team worked on 35 bikes and served over 200 hot dogs! The next event is Aug. 26 from 10am-3pm, and it's free for the neighborhood.



In June, the Breton Village mall entrance of D&W was closed as the mall interior is demolished.



Firefighters blocked off Chamberlain on July 6 because of a downed powerline after the storm knocked out power in the neighborhood.



Dumpster Day's "Free Stuff" is piled up in the parking lot of Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed church.



Mlive reported that Standard Kitchens in Boston Square sold its building to Amplify GR for \$800,000.



Modern Hardware maintained regular hours after the July 6 storm—even without power. Employees met shoppers at the door and guided them around with flashlights.

# Vintage Jewelry Sale: A Community Event

*The sale has garnered \$30,000 since 2009  
for children in Grand Rapids*

The Ladies of Eastminster pose with their vintage jewelry. They always are looking for donations. Contact the church for information



Eastminster had another successful jewelry sale, earning \$1,923. One hundred percent of the proceeds went to Kids' Food Basket and New City Kids.

It was a lovely day with a constant stream of buyers. The men of Eastminster provided free hot dogs and Eastgate Association provided free ice cream treats.

Partnering with the bicycle repair team and the Eastgate Association brings the community together in ways we never anticipated when we started this project.

Eight years ago, we had our first sale and have now raised over \$30,000 to help Grand Rapids children.

If you have used costume jewelry, you can drop it off at the church office or call Carol at 949-6722, and she'll arrange to have it picked up. Thanks for supporting us. We hope to see you at our next jewelry sale the first Saturday in June!

—THE EASTMINSTER JEWELRY TEAM

## Remembering Terri Mawhinney



On May 14 Terri Mawhinney passed away from cancer-related causes.

Terri was a long-time resident of Lenox Road and a founding member of the Eastgate Neighborhood Association.

Former ENA resident and board member Hank Post remembered Terri as a champion for the neighborhood.

The ENA formed in 1992 when Metro Health Hospital was located on Boston Street at the site of the current Beacon Hill at Eastgate. The hospital was expanding into the neighborhood, and began operating a helipad.

"She took on some big challenges in some tough times," Hank recalled.

In recent years Terri's health declined, but she continued to serve on the board. Most recently she was in charge of ENA's Dumpster Day event and she served as the ENA representative at Grand Rapids city meetings.

We will remember Terri as a good friend and a good neighbor.

## In Short...

- *If you have a chance, or have kids who like to see such things, drive around to the back of Breton Village where construction is full speed ahead and you can see the building with no roof.*
- *If you still have debris to unload from the July storm, the city operates a free yard waste drop off site at 2001 Butterworth.*
- *Level One Bank offers yoga on Tuesday's and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30. Five Dollar drop-in fee.*
- *Century Food and Liquor is getting fruits and vegetables? That's right. Stop in and check it out.*
- *During its renovation process, Fifth Reformed Church is holding its services at Grand Rapids Christian Middle's gym. The signs along Burton on Sunday morning will direct you to the 10am service.*
- *As you look at your fall schedule, consider mentoring a 4th or 5th grade student at Mulick Park Elementary. See page 7 for details.*
- *Special thanks to the volunteers who kept the trash moving through dumpster day. Also special thanks to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church for use of the parking lot. The ENA unloaded 7 full dumpsters, making us 7 dumpsters cleaner.*
- *The community gardens are in full bloom...go for a stroll and check them out! They are located at Beacon Hill at Eastgate and Fifth Reformed Church.*
- *Greet your new neighbors! Many houses in the ENA have been changing hands, so take the time to welcome the new comers. Better yet, have a block party so everyone can meet everyone.*
- *This publication wouldn't be possible without our advertisers. If you patronize any of the fine establishments that partner with us, please tell them you saw the ad and thank them for supporting us.*
- *Big changes for the Eastgate 5K. There's a spaghetti carb-loading supper on Friday and the race moves to Saturday morning at 9:00. It begins and ends at Beacon Hill at Eastgate. We need participants, fans, and volunteers. This is a great event with good food, music, and festivities. See page 9 for details.*
- *Modern Hardware's periodic tent sale is returning this fall: October 6 & 7*
- *In case you have been avoiding the Burton Street construction mess and missed it, crews have begun work on the new Rite Aid site on the corner of Burton and Breton. Work has also begun on the new retail space at the former Great Lakes Shipping Co. site.*

# Xylophones, Showers, and a Radio Flyer Wagon

—Annual Dumpster Day Event is Always Popular—

More than 100 different people filled seven dumpsters on the ENA Dumpster Day. The annual morning event at Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church is always popular.

That deck that used to be on the back of that house on Chamberlain Street? That kitchen from Lotus Street? In the

*Volunteers made a place for “free stuff” where bikes, tables, and flower pots could be had for the taking.*

dumpster. Also in the dumpster: Old xylophones, couches, mattresses, and mirrors that permanently left the ENA.

Volunteers made a place for “free stuff” where bikes, tables, and flower pots could be had for the taking. Someone dropped off a metal Radio Flyer wagon,

and someone else snapped it up almost immediately.

It seems that as one neighbor dropped off some kids bikes, another picked them up...and then the process would repeat itself. In the end, one neighbor volunteered to bring five bikes to Boston Square Bikes, which is run by the Boston neighbors. “I’m so happy to get rid of this stuff,” she said. “This is the least I can do.”

Everyone seemed happy to get rid of their junk. “It’s like a holiday,” one of the volunteers said. One neighbor commented, “I save a spot in my garage to collect stuff just for this day.” Another said, “I can’t believe you even help us unload our cars!”



Dumpsters and neighbors lined up at Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church.

Unfortunately, we couldn’t serve everybody because the city forced us to shut down with seven full dumpsters. We apologize to those who left with full trunks.

Pastor Sarah Albers, who lives in the parsonage near the church, wheeled a wagon-load over for the dumpsters...and she brought her young daughters over with lemonade for the volunteers.

Thanks to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church for once again allowing us to use the church parking lot.

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Plastic...Recyclable or Not? (Careful)

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Plastic is recyclable, but look for the recycle sign on the packaging. If you throw all plastic in the recycle bin, the city will have to sort it, and send it to the landfill. This is an added expense. Please help keep our recycling free and follow the rules! Be an educated recycler. More information is at [Recyclekent.org](http://Recyclekent.org).

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# JAZZ OVER EASY

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
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PERFORMANCE BY:  
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(We will be inside the church)

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EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Renovations at Fifth Reformed Church



The renovation process is well underway at Fifth Reformed Church. Crews have removed the carpet and pews, and they have demolished some of the interior.

The congregation is worshipping at Grand Rapids Christian Middle School during the renovation. While there is no real timetable, the church hopes to be back "home" this fall.

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EASTMINSTER'S FREE BIKE TUNE-UP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 10-3
ENJOY A HOTDOG WHILE YOU VISIT!

Host a Block Party!

The ENA reimburses expenses for block parties—up to \$75.00. Send receipts to our treasurer, Jonathan Chitwood at 1627 Woodward.

Use the summer weather as an excuse to invite your neighbors to get together!

See something strange?

CALL THE POLICE AT THE NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: 456-3403

A Formal "Thank You" to the City of Grand Rapids

Dear City Commissioners,
The Eastgate Neighborhood Association would like to thank you for providing our neighborhood with a trash removal day. This event is extremely popular, and it helps keep our houses, garages, and sheds clean. A clean neighborhood is beneficial to everyone. Thank you.
Sincerely,
The Eastgate Neighborhood Association

Volunteers Needed!

TO HELP AT THE EASTGATE 5K
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Saturday September 23

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The Eastgate Neighborhood Association Website is at
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Beacon Hill at Eastgate's Community Picnic

Tuesday, August 29 at 5:30

Free for Eastgate Neighbors

