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Dear Neighbor,

The East Walnut Hills Assembly Board thanks you for being a valued member of the community. We are asking you to join or renew your membership today. Your membership allows the East Walnut Hills Assembly to provide quality programs and outreach to the community each year.

We promise you that the East Walnut Hills Assembly will continue to adapt and pivot as needed to meet the needs of the moment. But, we can't do this without your support. Please visit www.eastwalnuthills.org to learn more about the Assembly, community events, and to become a member of the East Walnut Hills Assembly. Membership makes you a voting member of the Assembly, allowing you a vote on important matters that come before the community.

Becoming a member is easy. You can join or renew now online here: www.eastwalnuthills.org/join-now/ or return the enclosed envelope provided.

There is a lot going on in East Walnut Hills. Some fun new things to do in our neighborhood include:

Music, Fun, and Community

NEW Festivals of Evanston: EWHA and the Evanston Community Council partnered to bring five music events to both communities.

The first Festivals of Evanston event, GospelFest, took place at Hoffman Field in late June 2022. Push Play headlined a fun, activity packed event for the whole family at Owls Nest Park in mid-July. Then the pesky weather gods intervened and the next two concerts were rained out. The final concert, JazzFest, another family-friendly event, took place in early October in Owls Nest Park. Mambo Combo set the tone for the day and the Mark Lomax Trio with the String Ensemble from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra put the finishing touches on the day as the sun set. The full CSO is planning to perform next year in Owls Nest Park. So stay tuned.

EWH Farmers Market

NEW East Walnut Hills Farmers Market.

Through the dedication and hard work of a couple of EWHA Board members and countless other volunteers, the East Walnut Hills Farmers Market launched in July 2022. The market was held weekly through the end of October on Fridays from 3-7 pm in the Madison parking lot. Because of the support of the EWH community, the new market was a great success and plans are underway to ensure that the 2023 Farmers Market is bigger and better.

Look for updates on the 2023 spring opening here: <http://ewhfarmersmarket.com/>

Business Happenings

New EWH Businesses and a New Look to WoW.

Following a couple of crazy, stress filled COVID years, the businesses in EWH have come roaring back. Hello Honey (ice cream), HeyDay (burgers, fries and pies), and Symposium (cafe by day, wine bar at night) have recently opened, joining Anjou (cocktail bar) and a revamped Woodburn Brewing. Solstice (tacos and shareables with a tropic flare) is working to open this fall. Visit the business district on the second Friday of the month for Walk on Woodburn (WoW) to visit your favorite established businesses and sample the new ones.

Follow the Business Association and WoW here: <https://www.facebook.com/walkonwoodburn>

*The East Walnut Hills Assembly works year round to make our community a strong and vibrant place to live and work.
Our progress from this past year includes:*

Two-Way Street Conversion

A Win for Traffic Calming, Walkability and Pedestrian Safety in the East Walnut Hills Business District.

Five years ago, community members, City representatives from Planning, Economic Development and Transportation departments, and Woodburn Exchange representatives gathered to participate in the East Walnut Hills Assembly (EWHA) stakeholder committee to work on the proposed use and design of the Woodburn Exchange development. The committee was also tasked to work on a design to convert the streets near the development to two-way streets. This fall, the two-way street conversion, along with upgraded streetscape (new sidewalks, new street trees and the like) of William Howard Taft Road (between Woodburn Avenue and Victory Parkway), McMillan Avenue (between Victory and Woodburn), and Woodburn Avenue (between Taft and McMillan) will be completed. New traffic islands have been planted by the City and the EWHA Beautification Committee will maintain the islands. These street calming measures stitch together two parts of the EWH business district along Woodburn. The southern part of Woodburn Avenue rejoins the northern part which had been separated by WH Taft Road - designed decades ago to move vehicles through the neighborhood at unsafe speeds. Take a stroll down Taft and see the EWHA mural that was completed in 2021 before walking north and south on Woodburn.

NEW Housing, Retail

The Woodburn Exchange is nearing completion.

The Woodburn Exchange, the apartment complex that will bring over 300 new 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments to the neighborhood, is nearing completion. Look for the development to be completed towards the end of 2022. Over 15,000 sq ft of new retail space along Woodburn Avenue will be divided to bring 5 to 6 new commercial tenants to EWH, further enriching the vibrant business district.

NEW Stadium

Home on Hackberry – New Stadium for Purcell Marian.

For the past 90 years, Purcell student athletes have played on many different fields throughout the city. This year, The EWH community and EWHA Board worked with the Purcell Marian High School administration to improve the design of the new stadium that will bring the student athletes home. In 2023 students will play in the new stadium next to the high school. Construction on Staubach Stadium, sited along Woodburn Avenue north of St Francis De Sales Church, began in late August. The stadium is named after Roger Staubach, Purcell's most famous alum. As quarterback, Staubach led the Dallas Cowboys to two Super Bowl wins.

Look for updates on the stadium progress here: <https://www.purcellmarian.org/home/staubachstadium>.



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The East Walnut Hills Assembly meets regularly, usually ten times a year on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are at 7 p.m. In-person meetings are back November 2022 at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria. Meeting materials and information on how to join virtually are sent before each meeting by email and via Facebook and Instagram to members and all interested parties and are also posted here: www.eastwalnuthills.org/east-walnut-hills-assembly-meeting/. Meetings are open to all who are interested. Please plan to attend the meetings to get up to date information on what is going on in East Walnut Hills and to find out about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for being an integral part of the community!

Sincerely,

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