

# Mission

To improve the quality of life for East Bayfront Neighborhood residents and assure a stable, desirable working environment for businesses and their employees

**BAYFRONT  
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TASKFORCE**



# GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

## How to be a Good Neighbor

Let's face it. Sometimes it's not easy living in the inner city. In the summer, when windows are wide open, it is even harder.

Often homes are a mere five feet apart and at times our neighbors forget that what they do negatively impacts those living next door, especially if they play loud music, have frequent parties or heated disputes.

Because of our close proximity to each other we need a set of rules to live by. Here is a list of 10 found on the internet. The rules are common sense and a good reminder to all of us that we need to consider how our actions effect those living near us.

Welcome new neighbors with an introductory note or a friendly chat.

Maintain the area around your home so that it is neat and attractive. Check your yard every day for trash and pick it up.

Be conscientious about noises that might disturb your neighbors, such as vacuum cleaners, music, loud talk and barking dogs.

End parties at a reasonable hour. While you are at it, invite your neighbors to come too.

Return anything you borrow from your neighbor, such tools, as soon as possible. Express your gratitude when you do.

Replace anything that belongs to your neighbor that you, your children, or pets break or soil.

Respect your neighbors privacy.

Offer to collect mail, water plants and watch pets while your neighbors are away on a trip.

Learn from neighbors with cultural backgrounds different from your own.

Invite your neighbor over for a leisurely cup of coffee to discuss any problems you may have, or to share good news.



Good Neighbors and Volunteers at the Annual Beauty & the Bluff spring clean up, May 2nd.

## STORYCORPS COMES TO ERIE

StoryCorps' mobile tour will be in Erie from July 30 through August 22. StoryCorps' mission is to honor and celebrate one another's lives through listening and recording 40-minute conversations between two people who know each other well. A small percentage of interviews make it to public broadcasting and are aired weekly on WQLN.

To reserve your slot for their Erie tour contact BEST, call Sue at 456-7062.

# SUMMERTIME IN THE CITY

## East Bayfront

### Erie's Garden Neighborhood

Over thirty volunteers from Wayne Middle School and the Erie County Adult Probation



Community Service Program turned out to plant 1,900 marigolds and zinnias at the traffic triangle garden at East Avenue and 6th

Street, one of several community gardens in Erie's East Bayfront.

Check out all the neighborhood gardens - the traffic triangle at East 6 & Parade St, curb gardens along Parade St and the gateway garden at Holland St and the Bayfront Parkway- all planted and tended by East Bayfront residents.

## Celebrate Summer at National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 6-8 p.m.

Join your friends and meet your neighbors during the East Bayfront's 4th annual National Night Out at the corner of East Third and Parade St. The event is sponsored by local businesses, United Way of Erie County, the East Bayfront Neighborhood Watch and BEST. Call Sue Moyer at 456-7062 to help plan or volunteer the night of the event.

# Beautify & Win a Prize

Now is the time to sign up for the East Bayfront's 3rd Annual beautification contest. Last year the contest awarded nearly \$1,500 in prizes.

The contest is open to any East Bayfront resident (owner or renter) business, club or organization located between East Sixth and Front Streets and Holland to Wayne Streets.

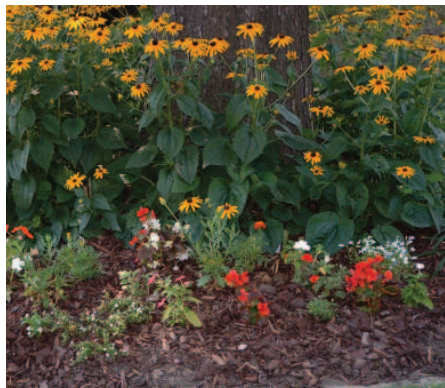
Gardens must be visible from the street and preference will be given to gardens in front yards. Photos of all entries will be posted on the BEST website, [www.besterie.org](http://www.besterie.org) and displayed at National Night Out where residents can vote for their favorite garden.

Prize categories include: Children's Garden, Curb Garden, Vegetable

and Flower Gardens, Most Creative and Landscaping.

Pick up your entry form at Orsini's Corner Market, at 5th and Ash, or at the next Community Meeting at the Polish Falcons Club on June 1.

All entries receive coupons for plants from Potratz Greenhouse.



## Upcoming & Ongoing...

### HOME CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Thinking of buying a home? Our partner, Port Harbor, can custom build a home just for you. All homes have at least 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, full basements and detached garages. You pick the style, floor plan and finishes.

Take advantage of the \$8,000 tax credit for first time homebuyers available only in 2009 while interest rates are at an all time low.

BEST can help with down payment assistance grants up to \$35,000 and building lots for low to moderate income homebuyers. Most buyers need less than \$2,000 cash to qualify for the grant and mortgage.

For more information  
Call Sue at 456-7062

## SUMMER MEETING

Monday June 1

Polish Falcons Club

431 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

6:30-7:00 Light Supper

7:00-8:00 Meeting