



Network with Your Neighbors at Our Quarterly Meeting on Monday, September 11

Safe neighborhoods start with neighbors who know each other and work together to solve problems.

Meet your neighbors at the Sept. 11 quarterly meeting sponsored by your East Bayfront Watch and the Bayfront East Side Taskforce (BEST).

On the agenda: a discussion of current and recent problem areas including East Fifth and German Streets and the 500 block of Ash Streets; a report on a walking tour of the neighborhood by Mayor Joe Sinnott and his staff; and an update on the neighborhood revitalization projects underway by BEST.

The meeting starts at 6:30 PM with a mixer featuring food and refreshments. The program begins at 7pm with opportunity for comments from all in attendance. The meeting is being held at the Community Center of the Church of the Nativity at the foot of German Street – parking is available on site.

Mark your calendar and plan to be there: Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 PM.

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The East Bayfront Neighborhood Pride

The quarterly newsletter of the East Bayfront Neighborhood Watch

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Mission Statement:
Making Erie's East Bayfront neighborhood cleaner, safer and better for everyone.

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Christ Church of the Transfiguration
The American Legion
The Polish Falcons
Scotty's jazz & cigar club
Ego Salon
First Ward District Justice
Bayfront Lounge
Czartoryski By the Bay Cafe

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Progress in Store The renovations to the corner store at East Third and Parade Sts are impossible to miss. It started with the installation of a new roof earlier this year. Now, a crew from Odyssey Builders is working inside, removing existing walls and the old electrical and plumbing systems in preparation for a completely new interior. Outside, brick is being cleaned and repaired and windows and doors are being removed by a crew from Northwest Restoration. The project is being funded by various sources including the Erie Community Foundation, Erie Redevelopment Authority, Community Housing Development Funds and tax credits from the state's Neighborhood Partnership program.

A renovated exterior and interior is

important in attracting an entrepreneur to open and operate a corner store in the first floor commercial space. Those interested in renting the commercial space can contact Dwight Robertson of Coldwell Banker at 814-833-3331.

The Good. The Bad. The Ugly. Mayor Joe Sinnott and his staff saw it all during a walking tour of our neighborhood on Friday, August 4! The good? Plenty of new homes and homeowners/taxpayers in the 200 block of German St and 300 block of East Third St. Most homes neat and tidy. The bad and the ugly? Trash-strewn dilapidated rental homes in the 300 block of East Fifth Street and 600 block of East Fifth Street. Plus, problem tenants – and in some cases, problem homeowners – who

Reminder: in the East Bayfront, trash can be placed curbside on Monday for a Tuesday night pickup according to City of Erie regulations.

This has become a reoccurring problem at homes and rental properties in the 300 block of E 2nd and 400 block of Parade Sts. Please keep our streets neat and clean!

are disrupting this otherwise peaceful neighborhood. The goal of the walking tour was to highlight the progress and challenges facing our neighborhood (and every neighborhood in Erie), giving the Mayor and his staff a better understanding of possible action items to spur neighborhood revitalization.

We want to thank Mayor Joe Sinnott and his staff (Fred Rush, Kim Green, Dave Deter and Andy Zimmerman) for taking time to walk our neighborhood. A special thanks to Don Inderlied and BEST sponsor Hamot Medical Center for providing transportation.

New Neighbors On May 25, open houses were held at three new owner-occupied homes in the 300 block of East Third Street – bringing the total new homes in the East Bayfront built by BEST with our partners to 13. And, it gets better! Two more new homes are being built in the 300 block of East Fourth Street, replacing a particularly bad eyesore that was demolished after BEST purchased it. New homes mean new homeowners – something that benefits this neighborhood and the entire city.

Officially Blighted Three properties in the East Bayfront have been declared blighted: 540 East Fifth, 127 Parade St and a vacant lot at 132 Parade St. That's more good news!

Home Repair 101 19 homeowners and renters from points across the city participated in a five-week, ten-hour home maintenance class sponsored by the United Way of Erie County and BEST through its Neighborhood Partnership program. Attendees learned basic electrical and plumbing skills as well as plaster, drywall and window repair. If you are interested in attending the 2007 class, contact Sue Moyer at BEST (456-7062 or smoyer@besterie.org).

Dumpster Day Scheduled First Ward residents are being treated to another free Dumpster Day cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 14 starting at 9 AM and continuing until the dumpsters are full of junk and debris. The dumpsters will be located behind the offices of District Justice Sue Mack in the East Erie Plaza,

800 block of East Fifth Street. Items not accepted: tires, refrigerators, air conditioners and hazardous or flammable materials. First Ward residents must show proof of residency. The program is being sponsored by the First Ward Home Chore program which is coordinated by District Justice Sue Mack, Housing Inspector Peggy Jordan and BEST executive director Sue Moyer.

Pancakes Galore Put this event on your calendar: St. Hedwig's Church is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 8 at the Polish Falcons. The breakfast runs from 9 AM to 1 PM. Tickets are available at the door: \$4.50 for adults; \$3.00 for children.

Schedule of Events

Monday, September 11 at 6:30 PM,
Meeting: East Bayfront Watch / BEST
Community Center, foot of German St.

Saturday, September 16 at 9 AM
Gannon Give Day Improvement Projects
Anyone wishing to work with Gannon students on neighborhood improvement projects should report to Levy Park (East Second St side) at 9 AM. Wear work clothes.

Sunday, Oct. 8 from x AM to x PM
Pancake Breakfast
Polish Falcons, 300 block of East Third St.

Saturday, Oct. 14 starting at 9 AM
Dumpster Day for First Ward residents
800 Block of East Fifth Street

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EPD non-emergency	870-1125
Animal Enforcement	868-6924
Citizen Response	870-1242
Pot Holes/Bureau of Streets	870-1340
Missed refuse pickup	870-1450
Humane Society/Animal Cruelty	866-3818
BEST/Sue Moyer	456-7062
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*Friends Working Together to Make Our Neighborhood
Cleaner Safer and Better for All*

Do you suspect drug activity in the neighborhood?

If Yes, you know what to do: call the Erie Police Department Drug Hotline at 870-1199.
All calls are confidential. Be a part of our effort to keep our neighborhood safe!