



EAST ENGLISH VILLAGE

A COMMUNITY OF CHOICE

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Neighborhood Association News

Greg Stolarski, First Vice President is currently filling in as Interim President of the neighborhood association while Ron Otto steps back from the day to day to tend to personal matters. We support him in this request, and appreciate him still being available to assist as needed during this time.

Greg is a 2-year resident of the 5900 Block of Bishop Street and has been volunteering within the neighborhood and association since he moved in. He moved from Chicago after 18 years and works at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Greg can be reached at vicepresident1@eastenglishvillage.org or 773.396.2569. Thank you, Greg, for stepping up to serve our neighborhood!



New Day and Location of EEV Association Meeting!

Our neighborhood association meetings will now be held on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month, at 7pm inside the gymnasium of Bethany Lutheran Church, 11475 E Outer Drive.

We look forward to see you at our next meeting,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 @ 7PM

All are welcome and encouraged to attend - pizza will be provided!

(note: there will be no December meeting - celebrate the season with family and friends!)



Current action items:

- The Board has approved bringing the EEV Newsletter back to print and is evaluating if it will be on an every 2 month basis or quarterly. More information will be forthcoming in January 2024.
- We have applied to the City of Detroit Department of Neighborhoods to get 2 new neighborhood marker signs (utilizing ARPA funding) to replace the existing signs which are rotting. More information forthcoming as we move through the process with the city.
- We are evaluating a proposal to implement a Donation and Fundraising effort to assist in funding a variety of neighborhood initiatives. Once finalized we will begin implementation and outreach. If you would like to make a donation it can be done at <https://east-english-village-neighborhood-association.square.site/>
- A neighborhood social is in the works for January 2024! Look for an announcement in Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/EEVDetroit), on the website ([eastenglishvillage.org](http://www.eastenglishvillage.org)) and in the next newsletter.

wishing you and your loved ones a happy thanksgiving and fun filled holiday season!



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27th at the E Warren Farmer's Market. Thank you to the EWDC crew and all who came out, dressed up, and made it a great night!







by Nancy Brigham

zab cultural collective

When you visit the Zab Cultural Collective at 16927 E. Warren, you're in for a treat. In this unique "art boutique" you'll find affordable works by over a dozen local artists, many of them EEV neighbors. There's a "different audience for every piece," says the talented owner and artist, Denise Moore.

There you might also take workshops and classes, including Tai Chi. And just as important, you might meet Denise.

Long before East Warren was revived, Denise had been on the lookout for a studio space where she could paint. She got the building in a foreclosure auction, and expanded it into a co-working space in 2018. "I started from zero – just me," she explains. But when she promoted an open house on Facebook, "artists just started coming."

You'll see the open area and stage in the back where people can work, movie scenes are filmed, and classes are held. That includes art classes for kids at the nearby child care center, and plans to get young and old people to do art projects together. "I have a lot of ideas, and there are going to be more classes and workshops," she promises.

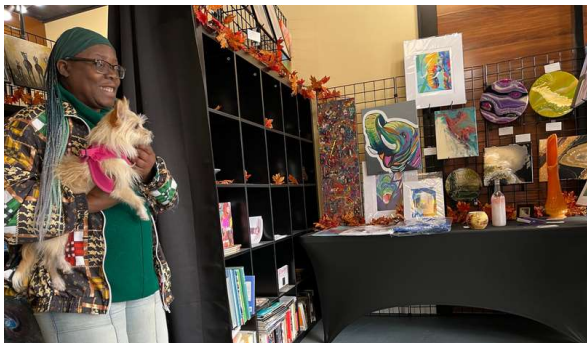
Denise grew up on the East side and was inspired by her Dad's love of drawing. When she attended Kettering High School, "the teachers caught on that I could draw, and I was always doing work for someone." Later she earned money by "drawing anything that anyone asked me to."



Owner Denise Moore



Neighbor Gary Cabbil
teaches Tai Chi at
Zab every Saturday



In the shop with her "little co-worker" Moochie

"But when I met my husband and the kids started coming, I didn't have time, and I stopped drawing," she says, "I let 30 years go by." Two of her children have become accomplished digital artists. But she felt like there was a hole in her life until she started painting again.

How did she come up with the name Zab? It comes from a Korean drama Denise and her daughter liked, and it stands for Zoetic Art Boutique. The word Zoetic means "to have energy and life," explains Denise. "That's just the kind of art I want in my store."

When you visit, take a stroll though the outdoor Secret Garden Gallery next door. Denise bid on that space when it was a parking lot full of trash. When her bid won, "I was so excited. Everybody danced around," she said.

It is now full of beautiful murals and plantings. She got tired of waiting for grants to come through to fund the murals, so she decided, "Okay I'll do it myself. If it doesn't look good, I'll just paint it over... I almost painted over one figure until a guy stopped his car and said, 'Oh my god, that is so great!'"

A popular art market was held in the garden last summer, including a scavenger hunt for little pieces of art that people could take home. Denise plans to hold more markets next summer. "I have so many ideas I want to do," she says. "Art is naturally in everybody. If you feel the urge, you should do it."

Gallery hours are 9-5 Monday-Friday, and 10-6 on Saturday. Don't miss the holiday show on Saturday, November 25 from 2-6 pm. Follow Zab on Facebook and at zabcultural.com.

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Secret Garden
Gallery space



St. Matthew Alumni Bid Farewell to Beloved School

by Maureen Dritsan,
with photos by Karen Bushala Thoma
& Raymond Raun, Jr.

On Saturday, October 28, two hundred and fifty alumni members, parishioners and friends of St. Matthew said goodbye in a beautiful farewell Mass and final tour of the school building. The school opened in 1930 at Whittier and Harper, and provided education for thousands of students until closing its doors due to lack of enrollment more than a decade ago. The Reverend Duane Novelly, Pastor, gave a beautiful homily and overview of the proposed sale and repurposing plan. The choir, directed by EEV resident Joe Balistreri, performed spiritual music both during Mass and prior to the walk-thru of the school.



St. Matthew School Building



St. Matthew Gym



St. Matthew Library 2



St. Matthew Classroom

A closing date of October 31 will result in both the school and activities buildings being sold to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. The project - "The Residences at St. Matthew" - is a new housing development that will repurpose the buildings into quality, affordable apartments and permanent supportive housing. Forty-six units (36 one-BR, 4 two-BR and six studio) will be developed within the buildings. Health and social services will be available on site through a joint partnership of CCSM and Ascension Michigan. The former gymnasium will be converted into a multi-purpose space related to these services which will be available to both tenants and community residents. This project is a \$20.5 million project - financed with multiple partners including the City of Detroit, State of Michigan (MSHDA) housing tax credits, philanthropy, national historical tax credits and private investors. The construction timeframe is estimated to take 12-15 months to complete. This is the largest investment in the immediate St. Matthew neighborhood in more than 50 years. The development team has actively engaged with community representatives for the past three years and has been positively supported throughout the process.



E. Warren Development Corp. Presents

Holiday Markets

AN EASTSIDE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON OF SHOPPING WITH A SPECIAL EASTSIDE POP-UP EXPERIENCE!

Shop local, starting Small Business Saturday, at a variety of eastside businesses, each hosting a curated group of local vendors.

40+ VENDORS * GIFTS * LOCAL VENDORS

NOVEMBER 25TH

DECEMBER 2ND

DECEMBER 9TH

DECEMBER 16TH

Details to come!

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Text your street address to sign up for trash & recycling reminders
313-800-7905



Packing Yard Waste

- Grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs no more than 2 inches in diameter go in paper yard waste bags or in a personal container clearly marked yard waste.
- Branches and twigs up to 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter must be bundled and tied. They should weigh no more than 60 pounds.
- All yard waste should be 6 feet from your trash and recycling containers.
- **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.**
- **Yard waste should not be mixed with bulk items.**

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