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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



EHNA Holiday Potluck

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 • 6:30 - 8 PM
{See page 4 for all the details}

EHNA Hayride and Caroling

Sunday, December 10, 2023
{See page 5 for all the details}

EHNA Holiday Decorations & Lighting Contest

Sunday, December 10, 2023
{See page 5 for all the details}

Lightscape — Fort Worth Botanic Garden


November 17, 2023 - January 1, 2024
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd • Fort Worth, TX 76107
fwbg.org/lightscape/

Eastern Hills Bulk Waste Collection Week

Monday, December 11, 2023
Place items at the curb by 7AM Monday

Mindful Market: an artisan and farmers' market

Saturday, December 16, 2023 • 11am-2pm
Texas Wesleyan University
1201 Wesleyan Street, FTW, 76105

 denotes special EHNA events

You're Invited to a **FESTIVE ITALIAN FEAST!**

Join us for a joyous **Holiday Gathering** of the Eastern Hills neighborhood!

This year we're spicing things up with an exciting twist:
an Italian-themed Potluck Extravaganza!



We invite you to be a part of this culinary adventure, celebrating the season with delicious Italian delicacies.

Potluck Theme: Italian Food Extravaganza!

Association's Contribution:
A Traditional Baked Italian Entrée

Your Contribution: *Your Smiling Face!* If you are able, please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert inspired by Italian cuisine. Let's create a feast to remember!

Dish Ideas: Think pasta salad, pizza, antipasti, risotto, tiramisu, cannoli, and more! Be creative and let your culinary skills shine!

This festive gathering offers more than just delectable dishes. Get ready for an exciting round of **Holiday Bingo** with fabulous prizes, prizes, prizes! It's also a splendid chance to rekindle connections with old friends and forge new friendships in our charming neighborhood. Come share the warmth of the season and the joy of community with us.

We look forward to seeing you there and indulging in a delightful evening of Italian flavors and the spirit of togetherness.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

6:30 - 8 PM

**Saintsville Cathedral
on Oak Hill Road**

NEED INSPIRATION? CHECK OUT THESE RECIPES:

20 Italian Potluck Recipes That'll Make You Say "Mamma Mia!"

dinewithdrinks.com/best-italian-potluck-recipes

HELLO 2024 COVER DESIGN CONTEST



As we bid farewell to another fantastic year, we're excited to usher in 2024 with creativity, joy, and a burst of youthful energy!

To kick off the New Year in style, we invite all budding artists aged 5-12 to participate in our **New Year Cover Design Contest** for the January 2024 newsletter.

Theme: Welcome the New Year

Submission Deadline: December 30, 2023

Submission Method: Submit a digital version via email to mcwattigney@gmail.com

Submission Info: Include Name, Age and Street

Details: Open to all residents of Eastern Hills, Ages 5-12

Prizes: The winning entry will be proudly featured on the cover of our January 2024 newsletter! Additionally, all entries will be showcased on the EHNA website, celebrating the incredible talent within our community.

Let your child's imagination soar as they create a masterpiece that captures the spirit of welcoming the New Year. Encourage them to explore colors, symbols, and themes that resonate with the joy and excitement of new beginnings.

We can't wait to see the vibrant and imaginative artworks that our young residents will bring forth. The EHNA is committed to fostering creativity and community spirit, and this contest is a wonderful opportunity for our young artists to shine!

If you have any questions or need further details, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at mcwattigney@gmail.com

***Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season
and a fantastic start to the New Year!***



HOLIDAY HAYRIDE & CAROLING

Come along for a festive Holiday Hayride and Caroling experience! Join us as we board a cozy hay wagon to spread holiday cheer to our neighbors through song.

Our **Holiday Hayride and Caroling** event is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th. We'll gather at the Saintsville church parking lot at 5:30 PM, and then embark on the hay wagon to visit nearby homes, serenading the community with heartwarming carols.

Everyone is invited to participate. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult for this delightful holiday outing.

Those who plan to attend should notify Julie West ahead of time so that we can have an accurate headcount.

Sunday, December 10, 2023

5:30PM-8:00PM

**Meet @ Saintsville Cathedral
on Oak Hill Road**

Contact: Julie West

469-569-0446 • westjulianam@gmail.com



Join in the festive spirit by being a part of the Eastern Hills Neighborhood Association Holiday Lighting & Decoration Contest! Unveil your holiday yard art, untangle the strings of lights, and inflate those inflatables for our annual event.

Sunday, December 10

7 PM-11 PM

Make sure to light up your decorations during this time for the judging panel. This contest is open to all residents of Eastern Hills and promises to be a delightful occasion that will bring warmth and joy to our community.

Four outstanding homes will be chosen as winners, each of whom will receive a complimentary EHNA membership for 2024 and proudly display a winner's sign in their yard.

The categories for selection are as follows:

- **Most Original**
- **Best Color**
- **Best Theme**
- **Most Whimsical**

Let your creativity soar and have a blast decorating your home for the holidays! Whether you prefer angels on your front lawn, reindeers and Santa on your rooftop, a cascade of blinking lights, or a traditional nativity scene—let your imagination run wild. The possibilities are endless!

Eastern Hills T-Shirt Are Back!

We are once again offering the Eastern Hills t-shirts.

Each t-shirt sold generates a few dollars for the association. We are utilizing a local Fort Worth company to handle the printing. Curbside pickup or shipping is available.

Here's the link to order the your t-Shirt now and start wearing it to upcoming events.

ORDER NOW:

easternhillsapparel.itemorder.com/shop/sale

SPECIAL ORDERING NOTE: *The women's style t-shirt does run a little small. The unisex style runs true to size.*



Eastern Hills BLOCK CAPTAIN PROGRAM



**YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
NEEDS YOU!**

**BE A
BLOCK
CAPTAIN**

The block captain program initiated by the Eastern Hills Neighborhood Association is making strides, and your participation is crucial for its success. The concept behind appointing block captains is to enhance community unity and cultivate positive relationships among neighbors. Historical evidence indicates that a tightly-knit community contributes to a decrease in crime rates and an enhancement in overall living standards.

A block captain serves as the vigilant observer and attentive listener for a cluster of houses or a specific street. As your fellow neighbor, they serve as your primary point of contact. Their role involves identifying anything unusual that may require attention, as well as disseminating information and coordinating events for the residents on their block.

If you wish to contribute to the development of Eastern Hills, kindly reach out to Volker Timm at timmvolker@gmail.com to sign up.

Eastside Info

Information from a recent meeting of the Neighborhood Alliance

Holiday Photos with Santa: December 2, 1-4 pm the Handley Neighborhood Association is hosting Holiday Photos with Santa at the Caboose. Children and good dogs are welcome.

Express Bus to Alliance: Trinity Metro continues to work on plans for an express bus that would originate at the transfer station near Oakland, with one stop downtown, and then straight to the Alliance area. Charles Edmonds, who serves on the Trinity Metro board, does not know the timeline for this service; however, it would provide a viable way for residents in this area who would like to pursue the well-paying jobs at the Alliance Inland Port with a reliable and convenient way to travel back and forth for work. Hopefully there will be an opportunity for jobs fair over here to help inform residents of the employment opportunities this express bus will open up to them.

Gateway Park: A meeting was held November 6 at the Victory Forest Community Center on the south side. Approximately 50-60 people attended, representing general interest and advocacy for the park, but those interested in disc golf, mountain biking, and skateboarding were also well-represented, among others. There were a lot of people interested in knowing more about the amphitheater potential, which is shown on the plans. Several spoke about its small size and lack of power/sound because it will sit in the floodplain. This seemed to be a key element that needs more refining. Several spoke about the importance

of using the park to generate economic growth for the area.

Of the \$8M bond money, about \$5.5-\$6M will go for improvements, with the rest being what the park people called "soft costs" (consultant fee, etc). The remainder will probably largely go for infrastructure improvements, primarily on the portion not currently open to the public (west of Beach Street). The total master plan is estimated to cost \$140M to implement. This means many of the elements in the draft plan will not be seen until more bond money is allocated in the years ahead. Park Director Richard Zavala said he will be asking for \$20M to \$25M for the park in a potential 2026 bond election.

Public Transit and Arlington: The proposed high-speed rail between Fort Worth and Dallas will be stopping in the Arlington entertainment district. The fact that these passengers will then need transit to reach their final destinations could become a catalyst for public transit to finally become a reality in Arlington. Again, this is a long way off, but there could eventually be hope for public transit for the many people -- especially UTA students -- who would benefit from it.

Courage is not staying quiet about things that make us uncomfortable.

~ Brené Brown

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C: 817-392-6032
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CITY COUNCIL MEMBER: JEANETTE MARTINEZ, District 11
O: 817-392-8811
e-mail: District11@fortworthtexas.gov

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods
O: 817-392-6201 e-mail: engagement@fortworthgov.org

MAYOR OF FORT WORTH: MATTIE PARKER,
O: 817-392-6118 FAX 817-392-6187
e-mail: mattie.parker@fortworthgov.org

FWISD TRUSTEE: TOBI JACKSON, District 2
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CODE BLUE CAPTAIN: ROGER WOERNER
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1/2 Page:	\$50 per month	• \$500 per yr
Full Page:	\$100 per month	• \$1,000 per yr

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Ad payments should be sent by mail to:
PO Box 8294, Fort Worth, TX 76124-0294

Checks are made payable to: EHNA Any ad that has not been paid within 60 days of renewal will be removed until paid. EHNA reserves the right to publish and accept or reject submissions for its publication. Acceptance of any ad by EHNA does not imply endorsement.

"News from the Hills" is published 11 times per year. Its purpose is to keep members informed of upcoming events in the Eastern Hills Neighborhood and Fort Worth area.

Newsletter Submissions: The deadline for submissions is the 1st of each month by email to: mcwattigney@gmail.com. Please include your name and phone number.

JOIN ONLINE @ www.EasternHillsFortWorth.com

2024 Eastern Hills Neighborhood Association Membership Application

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Please Select Your Newsletter Version

Digital: Emailed Interactive PDF

Printed: Delivered to Your Home

Participation Opportunity

Eastern Hills Neighborhood Association exists because residents like you volunteer to serve as officers, board members, planners, newsletter couriers, Code Blue and more. Volunteer positions are always available.

Yes, Call Me — I would like to help

No, Thank You — Maybe later

Annual Dues

Your 2024 dues are \$25.00 per household. Please make your checks payable to EHNA. Mail your application to:

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