

**Charlotte East Community Partners, Inc. Calendar**  
*As of October 6, 2005*

## October

Sept. 30 – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Eastside Cultural Garden holding its first exhibition: Portraits: Artists in the Community, will be at Spirit Square and at The Capri Theatre on Independence Blvd. For info: Kim Stimpson, 704/806-7300

5 CATS Southeast Corridor Public Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm Independence Regional Library. Stations to review: Idlewild/Conference; Village Lake, Sardis Rd. North

6 CATS Southeast Corridor Public Meeting, 7pm – 9pm, Charlotte Merchandise Mart. Stations to review: Pecan, Briar Creek, Amity Gardens, Sharon Amity

8 Sat. Merry Oaks Neighb. Yard Sale, 8am. Block Party 6pm 8pm

12 CATS Southeast Corridor Public Meeting, 7pm – 9pm, Matthews Community Ctr., 100 McDowell Street E. Stations to review: Independence Pointe, NC 51, Matthews TOD, CPCC Levine Campus

12 Charlotte City Depts. Of Planning & Transportation, public mtg., to review new Urban Street Design Guidelines which they are proposing to City Council for adoption. This is one of 3 mtgs. Scheduled: 6pm- 8:45pm Univ. City Library, Harris Blvd.

**12 CECP cosponsoring with Coventry Woods, Winterfield, Plaza Partners, Merry Oaks, Hampshire Hills, Easthaven, Country Club Hgts. And other neighbors in the east area: Candidate forum for the At-Large City Council candidates, 7pm Amity Pres. Church, Sharon Amity, in Johnson Hall. For info. Contact: John Bordsen, [jfbordsen1@aol.com](mailto:jfbordsen1@aol.com) or Susan Lindsay at [lindsaysg3@peoplepc.com](mailto:lindsaysg3@peoplepc.com)**

13 Private development proposal for Central & Briar Creek properties holding a planning charette at the gov't ctr., 1 – 4pm

14 Urban Street Design Guidelines, to review: 11am – 2pm, Uptown Main Library, N. Tryon St.

**14 DEADLINE** for Voter Registration (if you want to vote in this Nov. 8 election)

15 (Sat.) Urban Street Design Guidelines, to review, 2pm – 5pm, Morrison Regional Library

16 Winterfield Neighb. Meeting, Eastway Police Station, 3 – 5:00pm

17 Shannon Park N/A Board Meeting, 7:30pm Grace Baptist Church

20 Merry Oaks Neighb. General Meeting, 7 – 9pm. Info: [nancypierce@carolina.rr.com](mailto:nancypierce@carolina.rr.com)

## November

1 Tues. Charlotte East Community Partners Board Meeting, 7pm.

8 General Elections. City and Town Council Races, School Board District Races, Bond Issues. **VOTE!**

## December

13 Tues. Charlotte East Community Partners annual holiday reception, networking.

Please add your dates to the calendar. Email: [lindsaysg3@peoplepc.com](mailto:lindsaysg3@peoplepc.com)

## **The Charlotte East Candidate Forum** **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00p.m.**

Many thanks to **Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association** for taking the lead in sponsoring this forum. They paid for the hall and will be setting up for the event. CECP is proud to cosponsor the event along with the **Neighborhood Associations of Country Club Hgts, Easthaven, Grove Park Neighborhood Watch, Merry Oaks and Winterfield**. Questions are being compiled in advance to make the best use of time. There are eight candidates for four At-Large City Council seats. The questions will focus on issues we've heard about from you.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend with friends and neighbors. We want to impress the candidates with our interest and numbers.

Additional Note: At least one candidate is asking for information on advertising in neighborhood newsletters. If you are getting a newsletter out before Nov. 8, you might want to contact candidates. Tremain Brainer, for the David Erdman campaign contacted us for info. You can reach him at 376-3822 (h) or mobile: 713-557-9941.

## **Eastside Yard Sale Date Selected Eastside Treasures, Sat. April 29<sup>th</sup>**

A few neighborhoods have already selected a chair person to coordinate with Charlotte East Community Partners. Diane and Vickie are working on the information and sign up with the City (a \$5 permit is required for each location). They are working on the joint publicity for everyone. Although it is only October now, start your organizing early so everyone will be included.

Also planned as part of the Yard Sale effort is contacting Realtors to encourage Open Houses for that same day. We want everyone to see what great neighborhoods we have in the East.

Contact: Vickie Fewell, [kearse@perigee.net](mailto:kearse@perigee.net) (704/537-5066) or Diane Langevin, [dlangevin809@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangevin809@yahoo.com) (704/536-7809).

### Recap of the

#### **Charlotte East Community Partners Meeting Sept. 14th**

Approx. 15 officers came with Police Chief Stephens and his Captains from the 3 police districts that cover the East Area: Eastway, Independence and Hickory Grove. Chief Stephens gave an over all presentation about the crime statistics for Charlotte and the comparisons to past years. Numerous questions were fielded.

My apologies for the planning of the event as we ran out of time before we could get to individual district presentations by the Captains. We encourage neighborhoods and businesses to follow up by scheduling meetings to hear about their specific areas.

Guest Speaker, Ed Gilliam, from the non-profit Alliance Credit Corp. gave an overview of 2 new federal laws that will dramatically affect many families and could lead to an increase in foreclosures and destabilization of some of our neighborhoods. The laws take effect Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: new minimum credit card payments on principle (going up) and new restrictions and higher costs to declare personal bankruptcy. He brought lots of literature and we have some for your information. You can contact Ed at: [Ed@knowdebt.org](mailto:Ed@knowdebt.org) or 341-1010 x 385.

Stanley Watkins, Head of Neighborhood Development attended and answered a few questions on code enforcement and Section 8 housing vouchers (we'll cover more on this soon). Our thanks to all.

#### **EAST END: 90/10**

If you haven't yet contributed to this effort, please do so. We'll give you an update on progress as soon as we hear news.

#### **The Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting**

The MTC meeting held on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> was attended by Louise Barden (Central Ave.) and Ed Garber (Eastway/Sheffield). As reported by Nancy Carter, District 5 City Council, they spoke very ably in support of light rail for the Southeast Transit Corridor (Independence Blvd.). As many of you are aware, much of the Charlotte East leadership has been working hard to promote this form of transit. It is believed to be less expensive to operate in the long run; promote higher quality redevelopment and serve a broader range of ridership. We'll keep you posted.

#### **Neighborhood Development Offering Classes for Neighborhoods**

Five classes (Power Hour workshops) on different aspects of neighborhood organizing are being offered and registration is taking place now. Contact Beth Summers at Neighb. Development: 336-4161 or [bsummers@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:bsummers@ci.charlotte.nc.us) for information and dates. All are on Monday evenings, Oct 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 17 and Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **We Hear . . .**

- A new Minor League Basketball team will be playing out of Cricket Arena
- Postponed again, groundbreaking for the new CATS transfer station at Eastland, coming in January?
- State employees are now working out of Charlotte East Business Center, WELCOME!
- Spooky goings on at the Charlotte History Museum, Shamrock Drive. Family fun! Check it out.
- Check out Eastland events at their website: [www.eastlandmall.com](http://www.eastlandmall.com)
- Taste of the World will be returning in April, want to help? [louise@lbarden.com](mailto:louise@lbarden.com)

#### **Voting Schedule for General Election, Fall 2005**

*Early Voting runs 10/20 – 11/5 (11:00am – 7:00pm) and includes 2 Saturdays (10:00am – 1:00pm)*

Monday, October 10, 8:00 AM, First Day Absentee (By Mail)

Thursday, October 20, 8:00 AM, First Day Absentee (In-Person/No Excuse)

Tuesday, November 1, 5:00 PM, Last Day Absentee (By Mail)

Saturday, November 5, 1:00 PM, Last Day Absentee (In Person/No Excuse)

Monday, November 7, 5:00 PM, Last Day to Return Absentee Ballots

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:30 AM- 7:30 PM GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 15, election certified