

February 2015 Update

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NEAR Neighbor Forum – Thurs, February 12, 6 pm

NEAR has resumed our monthly Neighbor Forums in 2015, hosting information-sharing, issue-clarifying, discussion opportunities around emerging issues critical for revitalization of the Near Eastside. Join us for **“Learning the Facts About the Angie’s List/IPS Development Proposal”** on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 6:00 pm at the John H. Boner Community Center. Upcoming topics will include: effective code enforcement for a better neighborhood, CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design), a dialogue between renters and landlords, principles & practices of asset-based community development, homesteading updates.

Near Eastside Food Summit – Sat, March 21, 11 am – 2pm

This is for you if: (1) you're a foodie, (2) you eat food, (3) you're interested in locally-grown food, (4) you facilitate a community garden (or would like to), (5) work on food desert/food access issues (or would like to), (6) work on nutrition challenges (or would like to), or (7) work with other food challenges and opportunities on the Near Eastside. The Food Summit is at the new Westminster Neighborhood Ministries Center, 2325 E. New York Street. Our hope is to identify, learn about, and link together many Near Eastside food initiatives so many more neighbors can get involved and benefit. Bring your story, your initiative, and your readiness to engage for good local food. Almost forgot: it's free and a locally-made lunch is provided.



17 Affordable Houses in St. Clair Place

We've been busy this winter building new houses and restoring older ones in historic St. Clair Place. Go to our website to see the progress (www.nearindy.org/homes/). All houses are listed for sale and are available before they're completed. All houses are affordable—available to households with incomes at or less than 80% AMI (again, see our website to see if you qualify). All are built to the exacting standards of the St. Clair Place Pattern Book. **We've already accepted offers on five houses!** Hope you will help us share the St. Clair Place story and welcome more new neighbors looking for a great house at a great price.



St. Clair Senior Apartments

We responded to the Near Eastside Quality of Life Plan's challenge to provide affordable senior adult housing by constructing St. Clair Senior Apartments. We wanted this beautiful facility to be a living place of choice for retired and retiring Near Eastside neighbors. We still do! You are welcome to call Athena Real Estate Services to tour St. Clair Senior Apartments and apply to live right at the heart of our community. 317.713.7123 or email office@indyurban.com

NEAR Annual Community Luncheon – Tues, April 21, 11 am – 1 pm

We're pumped about this year's event. It's at the Chase Legacy Center. Citizens Energy is our title sponsor. Our keynote speaker is none other than Allison Melangton – the Super Bowl XLVI guru, former Director of the Indiana Sports Corp., and new VP of Events at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Allison's work was critical for a lot of development for which our area has benefited. We hope you can join us. In addition to great food in the Legacy Center, we'll highlight our recent accomplishments and upcoming plans in "Building on a Legacy." More info soon via email, on our website, and online.



Annual NESCO Congress – Sat, Feb 21, 8 am-noon

We'll be at the upcoming Annual NESCO Congress of neighborhoods and neighbors. This year's gathering focuses on economic development initiatives that are vital to our community's renewal and vitality. There are some promising things developing that will be shared. This year's Congress is at Englewood Christian Church. It begins with a pitch-in breakfast. Bring your favorite morning recipe to share and enjoy the day.

Caulk of the Town – Sat, October 24

We're looking forward to the next Caulk of the Town. Mark your calendar: Saturday, October 24, 8 am to 1 pm. Start talking to your team. Together, we will weatherize lots of homes, help out with yards, shrubs, and trees, and a gut a house or two ahead of restoration. Learn more and register online at www.nearindy.org/initiatives/

The mission of Near East Area Renewal (NEAR) is to develop community as we create great places for neighbors. We are a nonprofit 501c3 organization committed to serve the Near Eastside of Indianapolis as a registered community development corporation (CDC). Our offices are located at 2236 E. 10th St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. Contact us via phone at 317.808.2369 or via email at john@nearindy.org. John Franklin Hay is Executive Director of NEAR. Explore our mission and initiatives and engage with us at www.nearindy.org

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