

# EPHIA Newsletter

EAST PRICE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
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There are no general membership meeting minutes due to the annual election held in November

**Election Results:**

- President: John Schlagetter
- Vice President: Tom Gamel
- Recording Secretary: Tom Croft
- Corresponding Secretary: Melissa Wegman
- Treasurer: John Ridder
- Membership Officer: Ginger Boller

Congratulation to the winners and thanks to all the candidates for their willingness to run for office. Thanks to all members who took the time to come out and vote.

**EPHIA wins 2 awards at Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Clean & Beautiful Community Awards Ceremony and Reception**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Award:** EPHIA's Great American Cleanup effort of 2009 was honored with a first place award of \$500. This is the second time in two years EPHIA has been honored with the first place award. We are hoping for a three-peat (third consecutive win) in 2010. Look for news about the 2010 Cleanup within the next couple of months. Accepting this year's award were Tom and Mary Croft, Wayne and Melisa Densford, Patti Hogan, and Fran Moustakis. Thanks for everyone's efforts. This was a team victory!



**2nd Place Award:** EPHIA's gateway beautification efforts of 2009 were honored with at second place award of \$250. Thanks to Wayne and Melisa Densford for adopting the Glenway/Warsaw gateway. Thanks to Steve and Irina Klatter for adopting the Warsaw/Wilder gateway. Thanks to Dan Boller for orchestrating the installation of the flagpoles at both gateways and the flag raising ceremony held this past Spring. Accepting this year's award were Wayne and Melisa Densford. Thanks for everyone's hard work.

**EPHIA 2009 Thanksgiving Day Parade:** The parade featured 60+ floats, schools, businesses, organizations, and families. The streets of Glenway and Warsaw were lined with spectators. Following the parade everyone enjoyed festivities at St. Lawrence Church and School consisting of a petting zoo, pony rides, pictures with Santa, balloon artists, face painting, and clowns!!

This year's Co-Grand Marshalls are Frank & Joan Lenkard, owners & operators of Primavista Restaurant.  
The 2009 king and queen are Jim and Eileen Schenk





## Message from the President

As your newly elected President I am honored & humbled to represent our great neighborhood for the next two years. EPHIA has a storied tradition of service to the community with Members, Officers & Trustees whose experience, capability and counsel I will heavily rely upon.

As our City and our neighborhood continue to address the challenges that come before us we will be called upon as residents, neighbors and friends as never before to do more with less. I firmly believe that East Price Hill is poised on the brink

of a stunning revitalization rivaling that of Mount Adams' but with greater opportunity for inclusiveness and affordability. As I journey through our streets marveling at the natural wonder of our hillsides, the abundance of well-maintained parkland, the continuity of our Neighborhood Business District, the beautiful architecture of our homes, the diversity of our citizens and the commitment of our Members I am inspired and (I'm told) visibly excited about what lies before us.

As we take a look at how to best achieve the stated purposes for EPHIA (found in our Articles of Incorporation & our Constitution) we will be studying other community councils & neighborhood organizations. We will reach out to the institutions, service providers, businesses and other non-profit organizations serving our neighborhood for their ideas and input. We will rely heavily upon the volunteer efforts of our residents, schoolchildren and Members. We will seek new sources of funding to improve our operations and deliver even more programs and improvements to our parks, streets, homes and businesses. We will reach out to our residents who may be newly arrived, barely noticed or near forgotten. And we will work together with our neighboring, smaller communities to help strengthen them, benefit together and rejoice in our successes.

In the coming months we will be acting upon these goals and while your Board in general and I in particular will work together in our neighborhood's best interests, we as your City-recognized representatives are no substitute for the combined strength, and voice, of our 14,000+ residents hundreds of whom are or have been Members. We will call upon you to contribute your ideas, time, labor and financial support to help us rightly stake our claim and let our elected representatives know that East Price Hill is an equal to our peers and that while we cherish our history and heritage, our future will not be yoked to the downsides of our past however recent or distant.

For this opportunity I thank you and look forward to working with you all!

Regards, j.

### Other EPHIA news...



**EPHIA now has a blog:** <http://ephia.blogspot.com> this can be used as a more "real-time" way to communicate with our residents, members and the Greater Cincinnati community. It can be use to let the neighborhood know about:

Notices of public hearings; Membership & Committee meeting announcements; Safety/Litter CAT, Beauty CAT, Good Guys Loitering and Citizens on Patrol activities; Neighborhood Events including links to event pages; KUDOS and awards. Eventually we plan to incorporate the blog into the website



**EPHIA is on Twitter** at <http://twitter.com/EastPriceHill> As of this writing the account is following 70 (including news outlets, community organizations, non-profits, etc) and have 43 followers

**Coming events:** please visit the EPHIA website [www.ephia.org](http://www.ephia.org) for a list of coming events.

**State Representative Denise Driehaus** will be attending the January 18, 2010 general membership meeting to discuss HB 3 (Foreclosure Prevention) and HB 313 (Land Banking). Please mark your calendars.

For more information on HB 3: [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128\\_HB\\_3\\_PH\\_Y.pdf](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128_HB_3_PH_Y.pdf)

For more information on HB 313: [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128\\_HB\\_313\\_I\\_Y.pdf](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText128/128_HB_313_I_Y.pdf)

## Neighborhood Business District Support Program Planning for 2010

Our 2009 submitted projects were:

Beautification	\$6,050
Holiday on the Hill	750
St. Lawrence Gateway	100
CNBDU Dues	<u>100</u>
	\$7,000

Beautification included plant materials for the Warsaw/Glenway and Warsaw/Wilder gateways and Warsaw planters, watering at the gateways, mowing and flags.

Building on this year's work, we can probably achieve the same result for less money. If we keep existing projects and the City continues the current funding level for NBD support, we would have \$1,500 - \$2,000 for new projects.

Projects submitted to the City must include:

1. What we want to do
2. How we will do it, e.g., volunteers, contract services, materials
3. How our achievement will be measured
4. Itemized budget

Please give us your ideas now or at our next EPHIA meeting on Monday, December 21. We would like to discuss ideas further at the January meeting, and seek approval of a budget in February.

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**EPHIA's Officers, Directors and Trustees would like to wish you  
and yours**

**A Merry Christmas,  
and  
A Happy and Prosperous New Year**

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We encourage you to join the East Price Hill Improvement Association for \$5.00 per year. By applying, you agree to abide by the EPHIA constitution in all actions relating to membership. You also certify that you are eighteen years of age or older. Please complete the form and mail it (or bring it to a meeting) along with your dues to EPHIA, PO Box 5420, Cincinnati, OH 45205.

**I Want to Join EPHIA**

**Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter via email only \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/ No)

**Next Meeting: Monday, December 21, 2009**