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NPS listing on national register will protect Eastmoreland for generations to come

A six-year effort to protect historic houses from demolition and green spaces from development culminated in the listing of the Eastmoreland Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places earlier this month.

The move by the National Park Service means that Eastmoreland now joins Laurelhurst, Irvington, Ladd's Addition, King's Hill and the Northwest Portland Alphabet District as Portland residential neighborhoods on the historic register.

As a result of the designation, contributing homes within the historic district (those built before 1962 that maintain their historic character) cannot be demolished without approval after a public hearing. Homeowners may still renovate and update their homes but the practice of developers razing existing homes in order to build larger, more expensive homes should stop.

With a design inspired by the City Beautiful Movement of the early 1900s, Eastmoreland is known for its trees, gardens and landscapes. Features such as the tree-lined Reed College Place allée and homes built in an array of architectural revival styles from the early-to-mid-1900s have made our neighborhood a favorite for scenic tours for years.

The new district is comprised of 475 acres, and the boundaries are roughly Eastmoreland Golf Course on the west, Woodstock Boulevard to the north, SE Cesar Chavez Boulevard north of Berkeley Park and 36th Avenue south of Berkeley Park on the east, and Johnson Creek to the south. The golf course, park and nearby Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden are all also included in the district.

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Letter From The President

ENA President, Matthew Timberlake

Welcome to our Winter 2022 Newsletter. I hope you and yours are enjoying the holiday season as much as my family is. Holiday cookies are baking in our kitchen as I write this, and that makes the holiday just about complete in our house.

The Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association has a lot going on, as outlined in this issue, but the big news this month is the listing at long last of Eastmoreland in the National Register of Historic Places. This has been the culmination of years of effort by many of our neighbors, who have given tirelessly of their time and labor and funds to secure this important landmark.

Why is it so important for Eastmoreland to become a Historic District? Because it protects the historic homes in our neighborhood from demolition, especially the smaller, relatively affordable ones. There are many large, beautiful homes in Eastmoreland, some of them quite stately. But there are also a large number of smaller-sized homes, most of them built at the height of American home building. Portland's affordable-housing crisis is worsened, not helped, by the destruction of these older, more affordable homes and their replacement with large luxury houses.

Our unique neighborhood, with its meandering streets and variable lots, with homes of all sizes built in a variety of 20th century architectural styles, personifies the "City Beautiful" period in American history. That is why the Historic District nomination was supported by the Portland Landmarks Commission, the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the National Park Service.

The Historic District also protects Reed College Place, the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, the Eastmoreland Golf Course, and Berkeley Park from development. These beautiful green spaces are wonderful places to recreate, for kids to play, and for all Portlanders to enjoy the outdoors. They also provide significant habitat and important climate benefits, and are very important contributors to Portland's tree canopy and environment.

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association, past and present, the members of HEART, and all of our neighbors who have done so much to achieve this important designation for our neighborhood. It will preserve Eastmoreland for future generations, and that is something we can all be thankful for.

It's my sincere hope that we can recognize the effort from all of our neighbors, on both sides of this process, and thank them for their work on behalf of our neighborhood. I hope you and your loved ones have a holiday season full of warmth and joy, and delicious cookies.

With best wishes from everyone at the ENA,

Matthew Timberlake

Check Out Our Resources Webpage

Downed power lines and want to know the number to call? Need to connect to a Neighborhood Emergency Team? Want earthquake preparedness information? Need to report a problem to the City of Portland and not sure who to contact? Have questions about building permits, city planning and zoning? Interested in the neighborhood and city's crime statistics and want to know where to find them? Need to connect to Multnomah County's animal and vector control agencies? Want to learn more about our neighborhood schools, library, parks and recreational facilities? Links to all of this information and more are available on the Resources page of ENA's website: <https://eastmorelandpdx.org/resources>.

Have You Seen Our New Red Bricks?



The Eastmoreland Garden is sporting 50 new red Legacy Bricks! Why? The new bricks are replacements for a group of bricks that had deteriorated since they were installed more than 20 years ago. The new red bricks were commissioned and paid for by the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association.

ENA is committed to replacing 50 Legacy Bricks every year until all the original engraved bricks are new again. The next 50 will be ordered in January 2023. The bricks were originally donated by individuals to honor loved ones and to support the creation of the new park.

If you haven't purchased a Legacy Brick to honor someone special in your family, please consider doing so. It is a gift that will be treasured for a lifetime, and all of us will enjoy seeing it while we enjoy our special neighborhood park. The price is \$135, and your brick can be ordered on the ENA website at <https://eastmorelandpdx.org/enastore/p/eastmoreland-garden-personalized-bricks>

Preparedness Committee Offers Great Deals for Getting Ready

The ENA Emergency Preparedness Committee has safety items for sale at our cost – less than you'd pay in a store. We sold a lot of these recently at the Duniway Holiday Boutique, but we still have items available for our neighbors. Contact us to start getting prepared for an earthquake, power outage, ice storm, fire, or other disaster for just a few dollars. Available items are listed below, or please email committee chairman Rob Walton at ready@eastmorelandpdx.org or text/call him at 503-833-3366.

Emergency preparedness item	Price
Safety Whistle	50¢
Emergency Sleeping Bag	\$2
LED String Lights (16.5 feet)	\$4
First Aid Kit	\$5
Clipboard Case	\$5
Emergency Raincoat	\$7
4-in-1 Tool (shut off gas/water; pry open doors, dig through debris)	\$9
LifeStraw Water Filter	\$14
High Quality hand crank Emergency Radio/Charger	\$20
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Help Us Plan Events!

The ENA Development Committee is looking for volunteers! One of the newer ENA groups, the Development Committee creates fundraising events to support the efforts of the ENA to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. These events include the ENA Garage Sale, creating popular ENA swag like totes and t-shirts, and supporting the annual Eastmoreland Gathering in the Garden. We want your ideas for even more neighborhood events!

It's a fun group to be a part of, and if you're looking for a social way to meet people while giving back to the neighborhood, please join us! Contact Ben Wright at nebpwright@gmail.com to learn more.

Remember To Maintain Your Sidewalks

The sidewalks in the neighborhood are becoming increasingly hazardous for pedestrians. Please inspect your sidewalk and take necessary steps to maintain and repair it for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Thanks to numerous property owners who have repaired or replaced their sidewalks for the benefit of us all!

Public Safety Committee Re-Forms

The ENA has re-constituted the dormant public safety committee under the leadership of board member Kristin Olson. The committee is tasked with reporting community concerns about criminal activity and other safety issues to the ENA board.

Kristin has begun the process of creating a liaison relationship with officers from the Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Team, so that information about crime and safety issues can flow more easily between neighbors and the police. She has also been talking with the chairs of other neighborhood safety committees about their practices and experiences.

We are looking for neighbors who are interested in joining the committee and working on these issues. To join, or to get in touch with Kristin about anything related to neighborhood public safety, call or text her at 503-740-7608 or email her at kolson@olsonbrooksby.com.

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New Notecards Are Virtual Store Additions

Floral and waterfowl notecards from two local artists are the hot new item at the virtual ENA store.

Featuring designs from Katy Neill and Jon Feldhausen, packets of eight cards are available at eastmorelandpdx.org for \$12. Each pack has four notecards from each artist (with two cards of each design).

The website also features packets of eight watercolor and collage notecards designed by artist Tara Centybear, also selling for \$12.

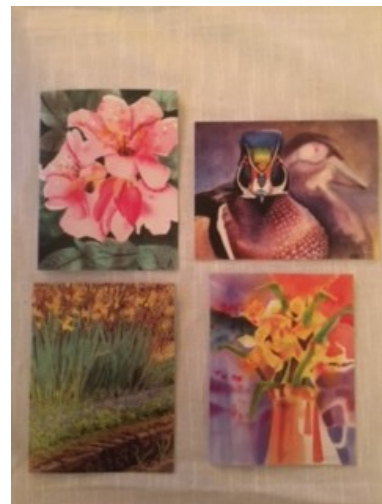
Neighborhood-loving shoppers can pick up tote bags, baseball caps, and T-shirts featuring the Eastmoreland tree logo. The T-shirt selection has been recently updated, with new colors and some long sleeves. Totes are \$12, short-sleeve T-shirts are \$20, ballcaps and long-sleeve tees are \$25.

Copies of "Eastmoreland: The Community and Its History," a booklet which chronicles the development of the area from the nineteenth century until the 1970s can purchased for \$8.

Offered courtesy of the ENA Emergency Preparedness Committee, copies of Deb Moller's book, "Get Ready! How to Prepare For and Stay Safe After a Pacific Northwest Earthquake," sell for \$20.

New personalized bricks for Eastmoreland Garden can be purchased on the site for \$135.

All items are available for neighborhood delivery. More information about every item is available on the website and all proceeds benefit the ENA.

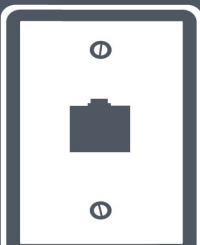


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To all of you who have already contributed this year, we sincerely thank you.

Your donations ensure that we can maintain Eastmoreland's green spaces, such as Reed College Place and the Eastmoreland Garden and the planting of new trees in the neighborhood. Because the City of Portland no longer provides for maintenance of our largest green space, on the Reed College Place corridor, funding for this important work comes from donations from neighbors like you.

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