**3.25.24 Eastwood TNT Notes: Meeting opened at 7:00 pm**

Facilitator - -Lisa Matthews – 31 people in audience
FB LIVE Meeting – Social Media Mgr. – David Haas – 21 people on line
Notes Taker – Lisa Matthews

***(Space here for all who attended) – City Officials – Jimmy Monto, Captain Metz, Shavel Edwards, Chantikia Richardson***

**Ground Rules were read by Lisa Matthews**

No meeting minutes were available for Feb ’24 Meeting

**Speaker: Captain Metz –**Robberies are down (4 total)
Violent Crime is down 11%
Auto Theft is down
Burglaries are up which include juveniles
Call 911 no matter how small you feel the issue is or the police do not show – it is part of statistics.
Jimmy Oliver (PAL) division is who you reach out to sponsor game in the park or school

**What are Cops doing while in Eastwood:**83 property checks – Please add Huntington Skate Park to the late night checks.
Proactive Policing 159 of them
Follow Ups on crimes - Assault – Most arrests (11) followed by incidents involving drug use

**Speaker: Claire Carney – Community Forester – Syracuse Parks Dept.**She is working with dealing with the major issue of decreasing urban tree canopies and how to expand our trees in Eastwood and surrounding areas.

Working on Tree Modernization of Tree Ordinance from 1980, how can we protect our current tree stock?

Fall Only Tree Plantings due to the poor success rate when planting in spring.

If you see any issue with your tree in your yard or the right of way, you can call the city arborist(Stephen Harris) or Claire to come out & check the health of your tree. You can also send pictures which may show broken limbs, cavities, root suckers, die back canopy or witch broom.

The Parks Dept. along with Onondaga Earth Corp with be looking to increase the amount of residential trees when the sidewalk project is being implemented. No owner will be forced to take a tree against their will.

**Speaker: Melissa Piper – National Grid Company – Discussion on Smart Meters**

The meters on homes now in Upstate NY are old and need to be changed out. A customer can opt out of a Smart Meter and just get a standard meter if they want that. (Extra charge associated with Opt out Option) 90k done so far.

Smart Meters are more efficient when it comes to monitoring power usage and when your personal usage spikes during the day. You will be able to monitor your usage on your phone and create a plan
to use your power wisely.

**Process for changing over the meters:**2 months out you will receive a letter telling you about the change (renter – letter could go to owner)
1 month out – someone may call or you receive a postcard.
The day of – The installer will knock on your door and advise that the power will go off for up to 5 minutes as they install the meter and then it will go on. If you say no, they will come back later date.
For those that have the meter inside your house, NM will call & schedule the change to ensure that you
are home. They are aware of those that have meter inside the house.
For those that have a health issue indicated on your account, special concern will be placed on turning
off your power, it will be organized with NM, Installer and Owner to place new meter.

**Questions/Announcements by City Officials: None**

**Committee Updates:**

**Lisa Matthews – Beautification Committee –** Welcome to Eastwood Flags will come down due to damage during repeated storms and American Flags will go up after Inventory (4/23rd) is taken at
Skinner Realty. Growing Good Works and Skinner employees will be placing the flags along James St.

**Announcements:**

**Free Smoke Detector Sign Up** for 1 & 2 family Homes: Sign up online: <https://www.syr.gov/Departments/Fire/Fire-Prevention-Bureau/Smoke-Detector-Installation-Program>
Call 1-315-448-4777
Fire Dept. will install Smoke Alarms in your home within the City of Syracuse.

**Eastwood Memorial Parade on Monday May 27th at 9am. Corner of Nichols & James Street.**Sponsored by ENA and American Legion Post 1276 – ***NO TNT Meeting on that day due to holiday, we ask that you attend the parade in place of attending a TNT Meeting.***

Home & Garden Tour 7/13
Eastwood Market Day 8/3
Eastwood Run 10/20

*Adjourn Meeting at 8:30pm; Motion was 1st and 2nd*