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# THE VILLAGE OF EAST CHICAGO HEIGHTS

PRESENT  
TOWN MEETING

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MARCH 13, 1976

EAST CHICAGO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER  
1647 COTTAGE GROVE

*The Village of East Chicago Heights  
and  
the East Chicago Heights Town Meeting Committee  
cordially invites you to attend the*

**Town Meeting "76"**

*on  
Saturday, March 13, 1976  
from  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
at the  
East Chicago Heights Community Service Center  
1647 Cottage Grove Avenue  
for the purpose of  
meeting the challenges of our future  
through direct citizen participation  
in  
identifying community problems  
and  
formulating objectives  
to be met and conquered  
in  
East Chicago Heights, Illinois  
for the coming years.*



## P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS the Town Meeting Committee of East Chicago Heights, U.S.A. celebrates the Bicentennial, the anniversary of the founding of this country 200 years ago.

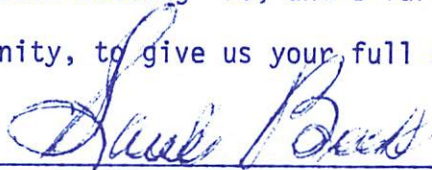
WHEREAS the Town Meeting Committee was organized to plan our East Chicago Heights Town Meeting '76 on December 12, 1975, eighteen people attending, whereas the purpose of this Town Meeting is to challenge our future thru direct citizen participation in identifying community problems and formulating objectives to be met and conquered in East Chicago Heights for the coming years.

WHEREAS the Mayor, the Village Board of Trustees, and the citizens of East Chicago Heights are deeply committed to building better relationships among peoples of all ages, races, religions, and ethnic origins, and is vitally concerned with improving the quality of our environment.

WHEREAS we in the Village of East Chicago Heights hope to continually benefit by their efforts for this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Saul Beck by virtue of the authority invested in me as Mayor of the Village of East Chicago Heights hereby proclaim March 13, 1976 as a day for our Town Meeting '76, and I further call upon you, the citizens of this community, to give us your full support.

Signed



on this day March 3rd in the  
year of our Lord, 1976.

# BRIEF HISTORY

The Village of East Chicago Heights is located in the Northeast section of the State of Illinois, approximately thirty-two (32) miles south east of Chicago, Illinois and approximately one and one half (1½) miles east of Chicago Heights, Illinois on U. S. Highway 30. Some of the tract of properties were purchased at the Chicago Exposition by lots. During the year of the Black underground movement East Chicago Heights was along the underground railroad which was Sauk Trail. Slaves were transported on this underground movement into Iowa on into Canada.

East Chicago Heights is approximately sixty years old or more, at one time a large farming area with about 15 families. In 1922 many families migrated here from Chicago, Illinois and the Southern States.

There was no city water nor sewer so quite a number of homes were destroyed by fire. One of the oldest citizens, "Grandma Greenwood", was destroyed by fire in her home. At present the oldest residents of the Village are Mary Duzek and Alberta Armstrong.

In 1945 an organization was formed for the purpose of incorporating the Community of East Chicago Heights. The County was providing very little services to the people so the citizens felt it would be to their advantage to be incorporated. The organization was named the East Chicago Heights Improvement Association. Rev. T. McMillian and Harvey Adair served as presidents of the organization until 1948.

The women of the Village saw the need for fire equipment and under the leadership of Alberta Armstrong began to raise funds to make a down payment on a fire truck. Working along with Mrs. Armstrong were Anna Harris, Lena Canada, Alberta Porter, Birdia Parr, Eliza Simpson, Luegean Fitzgerald, Vera Yates, Mae Bowden and Mr. Lee Hill.

Ninety percent of the population at this time was Black. The citizens found out that the Community was zoned up so that only certain people could operate a business and the only way this zoning could be broken up was by incorporating the Village.

An organization named the East Chicago Heights Citizens Association formed for the Incorporation of the Village. Officers of this organization were: President, Charlie Williams, who was the Sunday School Superintendent of the First Union Baptist Church; Secretary, Mrs. Mae Bowden; Chairwoman, Mrs. Celina Blake; Treasurer, Ruben Malone. Mr. George Harris served as a source of information as to the legal steps it took as far as incorporating the Village. The organization secured Attorney Morris of Chicago Heights to represent them in seeking this incorporation. After failing in the courts of Chicago, Illinois twice, Attorney Morris appealed the case to the Governor of the State of Illinois who was Governor Adlai Stevenson. After Attorney Morris presented his recommendation to Governor Stevenson, he awarded Incorporation Document to the people of East Chicago Heights on January 9, 1949.

The boundary of the Village of East Chicago Heights became as follows: The East half of Cottage Grove Avenue from 13th Street South to the Michigan Central Railroad Tracks, East along the tracks to Deer Creek, then North along the Creek to 8th Street, West on 8th Street to the East half of Ellis Avenue, then South on Ellis Avenue to 13th Street then West to Cottage Grove Ave.

# EAST CHICAGO HEIGHTS

stand for:

E	is for Ever doing our best
A	is for Always faithful to our beliefs
S	is for Solid foundations for building character
T	is for Tough enough to endure
C	is for Caring for others.
H	is for Happiness for all
I	is for Ideals and high morality
C	is for Calm temperaments
A	is for Altogether for a good life
G	is for Goodness in our hearts
O	is for Overall cooperation
H	is for Humility
E	is for Endurance
I	is for Illinois our home state
G	is for Giving to the less fortunate
H	is for Hope for a brighter day
T	is for Time to worship God
S	is for Safety from violence

Mrs. Helen Brownfield

"Hands Across The Village:. Twenty seven years ago a group of well meaning Black Citizens felt it was time to stop being a group over which the County of Cook had control. This meant that no progress was being made toward making any improvements in the Village. Tell me where did this enthusiasm go in the more recent years.

The lack of communication between the governing bodies in our Village need a little Sparking Up. I have been a citizen of the Village for the past 16 years. There has been considerable improvements made with in the Village.

The type of Village that we all would appreciate living in, needs the support of all and I do mean all the citizens of the Village and not just a hand picked few. We as citizens elect the Officials of the Village and then go home and say let them do it.

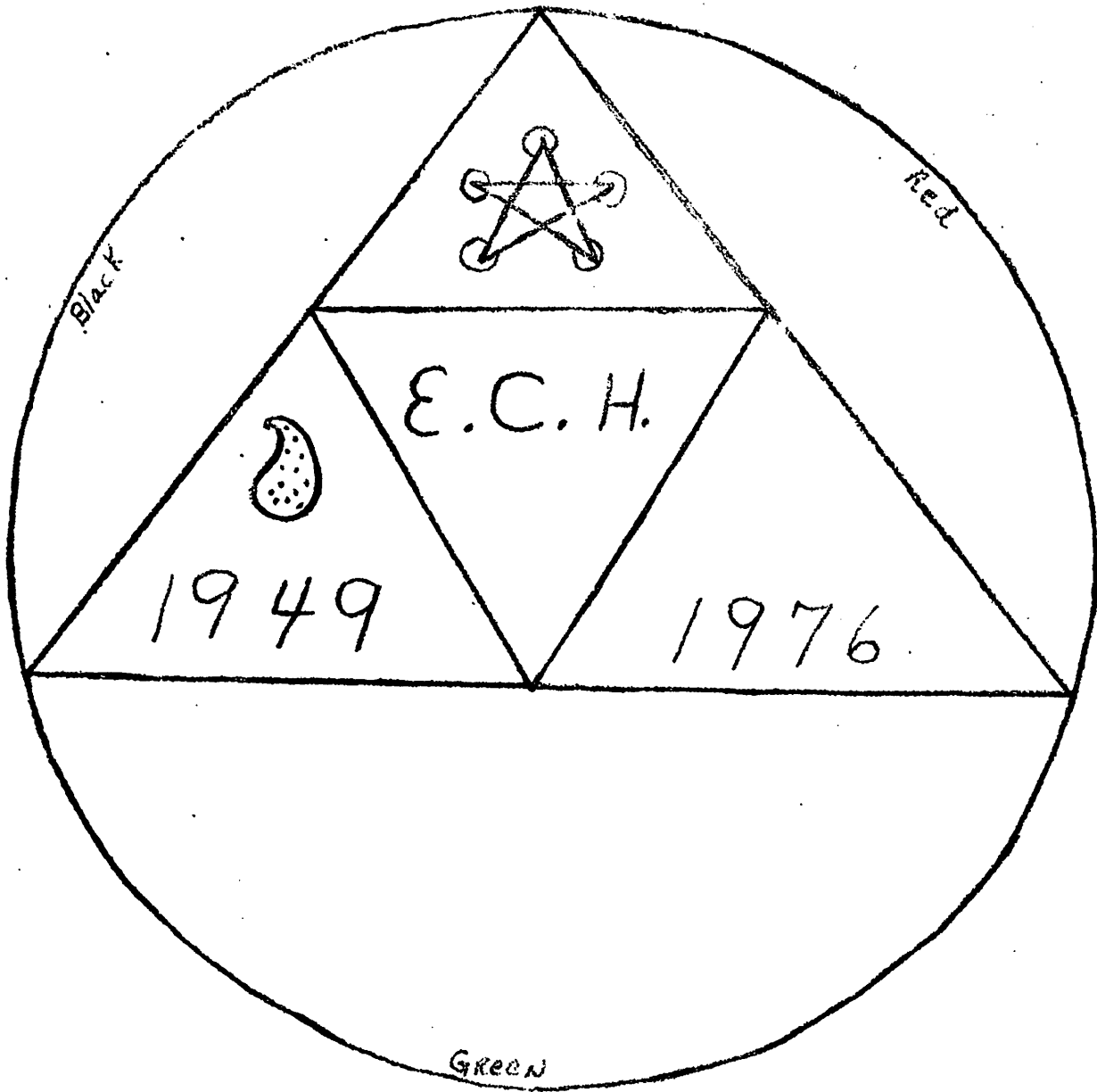
When there is a project that's been sought out for the good of all the residents and it takes the involvement of the entire community it should not be such a hard job to get the cooperation of at least a cross-section of citizens of the Village to sit down and discuss the problems of the Village.

If a number of citizens who are interested in the welfare of the Village, from each section of the Village, would come together to hash out the problems in their section, then the powers to be would know just which way they should go to get some of the problems solved.

It will take the 6,405 people in the Village of East Chicago Heights, linking hands from one city limit to the other as a demonstration of determination to live together in love and peace.

Since we are in celebration of the "200th Birthday" of America let us do as one song writer says; "Reach out and touch somebody's hand. Make this World a Better Place if we can."

Edna Mason, Village Clerk  
1965---



"Hard Work: achieves Success?"



# The New Story



## THE NEW STORY

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Our Village's past has brought about great improvements; such as the community service center, remodeling of the Village Hall, communication antenna system, etc., and a degree of cooperative effort in meeting.

Some of the needs and goals of our citizens is more community cooperation and participation. We have purchased the water and sewage system, and has presently established our office of Community Development through many hours and years of unselfish work and effort to project future plans of a park district, elimination of future housing projects, and to plan for industry and a shopping center. With a continued effort to build new houses, open new business, and provide needed services to meet the needs of the people. Also, to set goals, draw up plans of objectives, and make ends meet with the continued cooperation from the Village Administration and citizens.

'ROAD TO SUCCESS'

THE NEW SONG

GUILD D

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TUNE: GOD BLESS THE CHILD

SONG: GOD BLESS OUR TOWN

The Heights May Have  
Sauk Village May Have  
God Bless the Town That's Got Its Own  
That's Got Its Own

CHORUS: Someday We Will Reach New Heights  
Working With All Our Might  
But If We Don't Do Our Best  
We Won't Achieve Our Dreams

Glenwood May Have  
Lynwood May Have  
But God Bless the Town That's Got Its Own  
That's Got Its Own

CHORUS: We'll Walk and Talk Together  
And Try to Live In Peace  
And I Know the Lord Will See Us Through  
Or We Won't Achieve Our Dreams

REPEAT: Glenwood May Have.....

"EAST CHICAGO HEIGHTS"

by

Mrs. Helen Brownfield  
&  
Miss Thelma McQuitter

Oh great white dove of peace  
Let us follow freedoms way  
Teach us to love our brother  
And let East Chicago Heights rise above petty thoughts  
Oh golden star that shines on us  
Keep us strong, and beautiful  
Oh circle of purity  
May we seek to serve rather than be served  
Let us not take our privileges  
And Village for granted  
But give thanks for all of our blessings  
Let all of our hearts  
Teach us outgoing concern for one another  
We sing to thee gold, blue, and white  
We sing of honesty  
A pure, free love  
For our Village  
A place we're blessed to be

How lovely is East Chicago Heights  
With it's shade trees, and green grass  
Remembering the mound on the hill, the Village,  
And the Community Center where we gather together  
Spreading chains of unity  
Even though we have much to overcome  
We shall ask the Lord above  
To show us how to love,  
And to let some blessings fall on East Chicago Heights  
We will strive onward, full of courage  
To reach our goals  
We sing to thee gold, blue, and white  
We sing of honesty  
A pure, free love  
For our Village  
A place we're blessed to be



THE IMPOSSIBLE TASK  
by Mr. Grant White, Trustee

Village of East Chicago Heights

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We'll do, the impossible task  
Now that we've joined together at last  
We'll make our living much better  
Than its ever been in the past

This is our wish, and we'll make it come true  
No matter how hopeless, we're depending on you.  
We will work, and we'll work  
Without stopping at all-all

We'll start with the problems at hand  
And we'll deal with them best as we can  
Then we'll move for a better tomorrow  
Where we'll find what we're looking for

This is our wish, and we'll make it come true  
No matter how hopeless, we're depending on you  
We will work, and we'll work  
Without stopping at all  
'til it finally comes true  
This we know we can do

# The Present Challenges

**Session One**

## POLITICAL CHALLENGES

### Guild C

East Chicago Heights, Illinois

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### ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND UNDERSTANDING

In the arena of Significant Engagement, the following blocks; People Don't Care, and Funds Pass Through Too Many Hands indicate the underlying contradiction of Lack of Education and Understanding by the Local Citizens. This is illustrated by the Lack of Follow-Through on Problems or Solutions.

### COMMUNITY'S SOCIO POLITICAL CONSENSUS

In the arena of Corporate Welfare, the following blocks; Political Backing for Funding, Coordination Between Agencies, Federal, State, and Local Government, Legislation, and Enforcement indicate the underlying contradiction of Community Not United on Issues, and No Concentrated Lobbyist. This is illustrated by the disposition of urban renewal area, and the disposition of the abandoned housing in Golden Meadows.

### COMMUNITY'S POLITICAL ECONOMY

In the arena of Common Production, the following blocks; Inadequate Tax Base, and More Citizens Awareness indicate the underlying contradiction of Lack of Awareness and Knowledge to Seek Appropriate Funds. This is illustrated by the Lack of Coordination Between Community Agencies.

### EXPANDED POLITICAL BACKING

In the arena of State and Federal Program Assistance, the following blocks; Political Project Funding Bypass, Citizen's Access to Federal Government Funding Resources, and Isolated Revenue Return's on Community's Investments indicate the underlying contradiction of a Necessary Federal Assistance Continually Needs to be Developed in the Absence of Rewarding Community Technical Resources. This is illustrated by the Delay in Water and Sewage Facilities for the Total Community, and as yet unaided Village Government Proposals through the Community Development Program.



## CULTURAL CHALLENGES

### Guild C

East Chicago Heights, Illinois

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### COMMUNITY STRUCTURAL INTERRELATIONS

In the arena of Social Structures, the following blocks; No Community Representative Meeting, and No Newspaper indicate the underlying contradiction of Lack of Leadership, Expertise, Lack of Local Communication Media, and Inadequate Local Community Social Organizations. This is illustrated by Poor Attendance at Meetings, Poor Turn Out in Elections, and Low Level Voice in Non-Local Media.

### QUALIFYING LEADERSHIP KNOWLEDGE

In the arena of Community Skills and Accumulated Knowledge, the following blocks; School Drop-Outs, Political Appointments Without Qualifications for Position, Inadequate Job Skills, and Low Wages indicate the underlying contradiction of Low Educational Motivation Rewards. This is illustrated by Local Leaders Not Knowing How To Deal With Citizenry, and High Under Employment to Community and Political Appointment Without Background and Training For The Job.

### HONORING COMMUNITY WISDOM

In the arena of Community Wisdom, the following blocks; People Will Not Strive Together indicate the underlying contradiction of Being Let Down. This is illustrated by the Saying, "I Remember When People Say They Will Be With Me, But When The Time Came, I Was By Myself."

# The Practical Proposals

Session Two

PROPOSAL FOR  
THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES

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Focus the Power  
Proposal Title

Guild B

WE THE CITIZENS OF East Chicago Heights

IN ORDER TO Focus the Power of East Chicago Heights Citizens

WE PROPOSE to Organize Block Clubs to Fact Find, and to Promote Another  
Community-Wide Town Meeting

THROUGH Keeping Steering Committee: Promoting this Consensus on All-Day  
Participation, and by Inviting More People Into the Standing  
Committee.



PROPOSAL FOR  
THE CULTURAL CHALLENGES

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EVALUATE USE OF TOTAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We the citizens of East Chicago Heights, Illinois, in order to evaluate use of total community resources, propose to evaluate the effectiveness of community programs through block club meetings, block club leaders reporting to Village leaders, periodic community forums, and implementing recommended changes.

EDUCATIONAL UPGRADING OF COMMUNITY

We the citizens of East Chicago Heights, Illinois, in order to provide for the educational upgrading of the community propose to mobilize the educational and training programs in the community through surveying the educational needs, re-evaluation of community budgets, feedback to community people from community leaders attending training sessions and seminars, and promoting training workshops for community leaders.

PRIDE IN SELF-HELP MOTIVATION

We the citizens of East Chicago Heights, Illinois, in order to sustain pride in self-help motivation, propose promoting community pride and self identity through community celebrating and publication of community songs, symbols, and clean-up campaigns.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sponsored by: The Village of East Chicago Heights and The  
Town Meeting Committee;

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Alberta Armstrong | 20. Calvin Stone       |
| 2. Mayor Saul Beck   | 21. Wilbur Jeans       |
| 3. Helen Brownfield  | 22. Thelma McQuitter   |
| 4. Loretta Bennett   | 23. Juanita Charlton   |
| 5. Gloria Bryant     | 24. Doris Williams     |
| 6. J.D. Chriss       | 25. Bathsheba Hamilton |
| 7. Morris E. Cooper  | 26. Etta Simpson       |
| 8. Anither Fuller    | 27. Elliott Simpson    |
| 9. Marcella Johnson  |                        |
| 10. Doris Stone      |                        |
| 11. Rosemary Sykes   |                        |
| 12. Julia Washington |                        |
| 13. Noel Williams    |                        |
| 14. Ora Williams     |                        |
| 15. Geneva Williams  |                        |
| 16. Grant White      |                        |
| 17. Lucille High     |                        |
| 18. Louise Shannon   |                        |
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Rev. John Rice-St. Bethel Baptist Church  
Mrs. Janice Pryor-St. Bethel Baptist Church

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Registrars

1. Teresa Green
2. Julia Scruggs
3. Patricia Williams

### Entertainment

1. Versatones Choral Group
2. Golden Agers #2 Vocal Group

### Day Care Workers

James Glasper  
W.G. Waters  
John Moore  
Anthony Radcliff  
Cedric Stone

### Workshop Leaders & Co-leaders

Mike Jackson & Thelma McQuitter  
Ron Kelder & Louise Shannon  
Calvin Reams & Calvin Stone  
Mike Jackson & Ora Williams Style Guild  
Hosts: Mrs. Geneva Williams & Staff  
Emcee: Mr. Grant White

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2. Bathsheba Hamilton
3. Lula Dunlap
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Mrs. Shirley Williams

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Mary Louise Clark  
Alberta Johnson  
Veatrice Wynn  
Geneva Williams  
Jessie Brunette  
Mary Slate

### ICA Orchestrators

Mr. E. Harold Williams  
Mrs. Dawn Lingo

If we missed anyone, please accept our apologies, we thank you sincerely.

Thanks to the Children from Woodlawn School.

Gregory Parker - 6

Doreta Brown - 11

Jerome Hoskins - 11

Rosalyn Jones - 7

Nikita Cunican - 13

Bryant Wells - 13

Jeff Lee - 10

And for the Cottage Grove School exhibit,

Names and descriptions follow:

Mr. Samuel Lawrence

Ms. Brown

## DISCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS BY NUMBERS

### 1. JEANS BAPTIST POINT DUSABLE

The Eighteenth Century was a cruel time for many black men. During this period, thousands of men, women, and children were taken from their homes in Africa as male slaves in the new world. Many other men, either free or escaped slaves, came to the new world because of the opportunities they saw. Among these free men was a black immigrant whose son would become known as the founder and first settler of Chicago.

Banks, R.L.

### 2. CRISPUS ATTUCKS

The life of Crispus Attucks is known to be a brave black man who helped change the course of our American history. His actions on March 5, 19770 "The Boston Massacre, brought about the great change.

Shannon, L.

### 3. PETER SOLEM

The American Revolutionary War was fought to free the thirteen colonies from England. In the beginning of this war our country's leaders had to depend on volunteer soldie to fight its battles. One of these volunteers was Peter Solem, an ex-slave, who is remembered as a hero of the "Battle of Bunker Hill."

Santiago, C.

### 4. ROBERT SMALLS

On a quiet spring night in May, 1862, the confederate gunboat, Planter, was anchored in Charleston Harbor. The captain, officers, and crew had gone ashore for the night leaving only the black crew members aboard. Among these black men was Robert Smalls the ships pilot. Smalls had been waiting for a night like this, so he could try to use his escape plan.

5. A ten page history of Africa. Fred L. Williams
6. The roundness of beautiful people that makes up this country. Marilyn Griffin
7. AFRICAN DRUM - African Drums made from a hollow log.
8. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - Equal opportunity is what the scale of justice is all about.
9. Point and counter point on employing the jobless. Wendell Clark
10. THE FOREST OF PARADISE - The forest of paradise is an abstract of natures happiness.

Dorsey Barnes

11. HARPOON

A primitive harpoon is used to hunt hippopotamus in the Congo River area. It has a wooden point and a wooden float.

Nickey Adams

12. A magazine rack, etc..

Freddie Wilson

13. AFRICAN MASKS - (Expresses)

1. Away with evil spirits-----Casey Santiago
2. Celebrate with Dancing-----James Johnson
3. Black Identity-----Ronnie Williams

14. MARKET BASKET

This basket is used in the market to carry vegetables, fruits, etc.. on the head.

Celeste Turner

15. Scrap Book of Black Athletes

Cederick Stone

16. Placemats of Famous Blacks

Frederick Williams  
Varndell Clark



## DIGNITARIES

1. Mayor Saul Beck - Village of East Chicago Heights
2. Mr. William Hawkins - Mayor, Village of Phoenix
3. Members, Board of Trustees, Village of East Chicago Heights:
  - Luitant Shannon - Chairperson-Police & Fire Department
  - Moses Cole - Chairperson-Health & Sanitation
  - Grant White - Chairperson-Finance
  - Mrs. Mattie Blakemore (Representing Mr. J.D. Blakemore, Chairperson-Building)
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5. Mrs. Edna Mason, Village Clerk
6. Mr. Woodrin Kee, Director of Community Development, Department of Housing & Urban Development
7. Mr. Lorenzo Martin, Sponsor of Prairie State Black Student Union; Director, Afro-American Studies Department
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Village of East Chicago Heights
18. Ms. Lillie Turner-Head Start Director
19. Mrs. Thelma McQuitter-Village Deputy Clerk

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East Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Dr. Murray Leon-----	\$ 15.00
Klines Department Store-----	10.00
Francis Sons Produce-----	10.00
John Ray Certified-----	50.00
Rush's Grocery-----	5.00
Rep. L. Michael Getty-----	10.00
14th St. Currency Exchange---	25.00
Lobue, Inc.-----	25.00
Law Office of Anthony Scariano & Associates---	25.00
Diguilio's Grocery-----	25.00
East Side Wholesale-----	10.00
Chicago Heights National Bank	10.00
Feldman Brothers Uniforms----	50.00
East Chicago Heights Pharmacy	25.00
Lovelace Insurance-----	25.00
Ernie's Liquors-----	50.00
Chicago Heights Lumber-----	20.00
Murphy's Service, Inc.-----	5.00
East Chicago Heights Sanita- tion-----	100.00
First Union Baptist Church---	20.00
Tivoli Restaurant-----	10.00
Technical Land Development---	
Corporation-----	10.00
Village of Phoenix-----	
Mayor Hawkins-----	25.00
Mr. Nick Pagoria-----	15.00

## REFRESHMENTS

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Mr. Luitant Shannon  
Mr. Grant White  
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Mr. Calvin Stone  
Mrs. Geneva Williams  
Mrs. Helen Brownfield  
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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Mrs. Wallace  
821 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Ceren H. Ware  
924 E. 14th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Cynthia Washington  
1027 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Ron Watson  
1422 Diplomat  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
N.Y.C. Worker

Sara Watts  
1302 Ellis  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Matron

Amos White  
1401 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Water Supply Operator

Mrs. Grant White  
937 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Hope White  
937 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Shawn White  
937 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Mollie Wilkerson  
928 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Geneva Williams  
907 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
I.B.M. Operator

Marie Williams  
1935 Cambridge  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housing Consultant

Patricia Williams  
907 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Julia Washington  
1027 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Field Representative

Alonzo Watts  
903 Ellis Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Jelliner Wells  
1547 Hammond Lane  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Secretary

Deanna White  
937 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Mr. Grant White  
937 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Butcher

Robert White  
999 E. 14th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Willie White  
999 E. 14th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Brenda Williams  
1418 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

E. Harold Williams  
4750 N. Sheridan Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60640  
Urban Sociologist & Minister

Ora Williams  
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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Social Service Counselor

Ronnie Williams  
1645 Berkeley  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student



## IV

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333 Mayfair  
Laborer  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Bernice Woods  
1024 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Nurses Aide

Ameda Gray  
272 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Teresa Green  
818 E. 10th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Katie Grinner  
930 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk

Bathsheba Hamilton  
302 W. 34th Street  
Steger, IL 60475  
Clerk Typist

Anne Hill  
1158 8th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Senior Citizen

Lee Jackson Sr.  
1118 Park Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Electrician

Michael Jackson  
4750 N. Sheridan Road  
Chicago, IL 60640  
Institute of Cultural Affairs

Alberta Johnson  
918 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Morris Johnson  
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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Shirley Williams  
1418 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Office Manager

Charles Gordon  
1108 Drexel Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Joe Gray  
272 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Custodian

Derrick Grinner  
930 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Laura Grintle  
936 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Task Force Worker

Lucille High  
833 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Family Activity Coordinator

Irvin Irons  
1433 Ellis Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Disability

Lucille Jackson  
1544 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Volunteer Worker

Henrita Jackson  
1407 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Betty Johnson  
1437 E. 15th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
N.Y.C. Worker

William Jones  
6714 East End  
Chicago, IL 60649  
Community Development

Woodrin Kee  
8357 Drexel  
Chicago, IL 60619  
Department of Housing & Urban  
Development

Dilcy Lacy  
1515 Deer Creek  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Senior Citizen

Edna Mason  
1318 DeForest  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Village Clerk

Gloria McCann  
1029 Park Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Education Coordinator

Latonia McQuitter  
1105 Cottage Grove  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Irene Miller  
901 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Senior Citizen

John Moore  
1025 Park Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
N.Y.C. Worker

Laverne Parker  
1434 Wallace  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Postal Clerk

Terence Patterson  
1436 Regent  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Parcel Post Worker

Calvin Reames  
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Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
District Sales Supervisor

Edna Rippy  
928 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Ron Kelder  
3444 W. Congress  
Chicago, Illinois 60624  
Institute of Cultural Affairs

Samuel Lawrence  
1305 Werline  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Teacher

Mary Mason  
1209 E. 11th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Senior Citizen

Joanne McQuitter  
1105 Cottage Grove  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Thelma McQuitter  
1105 Cottage Grove  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Deputy Clerk

Linda Moody  
1018 Park Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Johnnie Nelson  
907 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
School Board Member

Karl Ratcliffe  
1102 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
N.Y.C. Worker

Zelodius Patterson  
1436 Regent  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Mr. Reed  
1428 Diplomat  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
U.S. Steel Worker

Mrs. Reed  
1428 Diplomat  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

# VI

Avis Robinson  
1107 Werline  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
N.Y.C. Worker

Jacqueline Rush  
911 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Teacher

Julia Scruggs  
824 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Dawn Lingo  
4750 N. Sheridan  
Chicago, Illinois  
Teacher

Lonnie Bridges  
1303 E. 11th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Unemployed

Helen Brownfield  
1023 Park Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk

Morris Cooper  
1021 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Lift Operator

Samella Dawson  
809 E. 11th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
State Employee

Lula Dunlap  
1249 Lincoln Avenue  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk

Donald Gordon  
1108 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Eb Hadley  
1533 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Elizabeth Blackwell  
1229 Center  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Librarian

Ruth Rush  
911 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Nurses Aide

Jerome Sanders  
Park Forest South, Illinois 60466  
Innovator Press

Elliott Simpson  
1406 E. 14th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Parcel Post Handler

Edith Brooks  
1203 E. 11th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Receptionist

Jesse Cooper  
1021 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Nurse

Briget Dawson  
809 E. 11th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Allen Drake  
1031 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Landscape

Verdia Finley  
1407 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Church Person

Silas Graves  
1328 Werline  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Cement Mason

April Johnson  
1036 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

## VII

Corine Johnson  
1107 Park  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Terrell Johnson  
1036 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Craig Leonard  
5046 S. Blackstone  
Chicago, IL 60615  
Urban Planner

Lorenzo Martin  
159 Lester Road  
Park Forest, IL 60468  
Instructor

John Matejek  
166 Terrace Drive  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Tax Adjuster

James Sprewer  
1109 Seeley  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Marisa Stone  
949 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Maggie Williams  
995 E. 14th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
East Chicago Heights Community  
Service Center Employee

Randall Charlton  
2326 E. 70th Place  
Chicago, IL 60649  
Student

Alecia Charlton  
2326 E. 70th Place  
Chicago, IL 60649  
Student

Louise Shannon  
1329 Park  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Key Punch Operator

Nate Johnson  
1401 Regent  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Factory Worker

Senator Lane  
236 Pleasant  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
State Senator

Carrie Lloyd  
1015 Cottage Grove  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Patricia Martin  
159 Lester Road  
Park Forest, IL 60468  
Teacher

Virgis Mixon  
1405 Hammond Lane  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Truck Driver

Julia Stone  
949 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Domestic

Gladys Williams  
813 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Charles Wise  
9526 S. Halsted  
Chicago, IL 60628  
Contractor

Juanita Charlton  
2326 E. 70th Place  
Chicago, IL 60649  
Program Coordinator

Tony Charlton  
2326 E. 70th Place  
Chicago, IL 60649  
Student

Doris Williams  
1140 5th Avenue  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Administrative Secretary

## VIII

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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Self-Employed

Henry Simmons  
1406 E. 14th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Machine Operator

Calvin Stone  
1610 Berkeley  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Doris Stone  
1313 Werline  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Cafeteria Worker

Lacy Sylvester  
1421 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Truck Driver

Ophelia Taylor  
1501 Deer Creek  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
School Activity Director

Delores White  
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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

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Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housing Consultant

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Chicago, IL 60649  
Social Worker

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1560 Lincoln Highway  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk Typist

Winifred Pratt  
1022 Werline  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Sam Showers  
1431 Ellis  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Etta Simpson  
1406 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Teacher

Cedric Stone  
949 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Aaron Sutherland  
2782 E. 17th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Annette Taylor  
923 E. 11th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Teacher

Francis Vaughn  
15535 Paulina  
Harvey, IL 60602  
Coordinator

Mary Slater  
1406 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Senior Citizen Worker

James Vaughn  
1405 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Painter

Willie Rush  
1416 E. 13th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Ford Worker

Colvin Roberts  
6145 S. Eberhart  
Chicago, IL 60637  
Water Superintendent

Evelyn Nathan  
1020 Kennedy Lane  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student



Lillie Turner  
1025 Campbell  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Head Start Director

Chuck Tieri  
116 McKinley  
Steger, IL 60415  
Chief of Police

Edman McGowan  
1013 Lexington Circle  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Joe Beck  
1305 Werline  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Sillierine Bennett  
1324 DeForest  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Outreach Worker

Mattie Blakemore  
1443 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Secretary

Richard Bradford  
918 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Truck Driver

Jeanne Carroll  
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Steger, IL 60415  
Deputy Clerk

Geraldine Coleman-Asst. Bookkeeper  
1401 Ambassador  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411

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18813 Oakwood Court  
Chicago, Illinois  
Teacher

Dora Fleming  
1103 Cottage Grove  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk

Tommy L. Thompson  
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Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Mail Carrier (Rural)

Douglas McGregory  
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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Frances Loman  
1433 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
CPA

Dorothy Bentley  
917 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk Typist

Robert Banks  
1637 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Laborer

Regina Bryant  
1544 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student

Ruthie Burnette  
1117 Seeley  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Nurse

Cliff Cole  
501 E. 17th Street  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Water Ward

George Green  
818 E. 10th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Willie Franklin  
1511 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Electrician

Willie Drake  
1401 E. 15th Place  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Landscaper

Elizabeth Stokes  
1129 E. 103rd Place  
Chicago, IL 60627  
Housewife

Nancy Gulgie  
26 W. 35th Street  
Steger, IL 60475  
Secretary

Curry Viverette  
918 E. 14th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Cator

Jimmy Viverette  
1037 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Janitor

Luvert Listenbee  
928 E. 14th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Barber

Ersle Ross  
1301 E. 11th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Outreach Worker

Amos White  
1401 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Water Supply Operator

Judy Hood  
1405 Diplomat Lane  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Microfilm Analyst

Thomas Dillard  
1412 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Clerk

Orun Harper  
1436 Senator  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
NYC Worker

Nadine Smith  
1424 Woodlawn  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
East Chicago Heights Community  
Service Center Employee

Andrea Holecek  
3736 Sangamon  
Steger, IL 60475  
Reporter

Rev. Booker Rodgers  
1418 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Minister

Marcella Johnson  
1036 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Community Coordinator

Agusta Smith  
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Phoenix, Illinois  
Mayor

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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Supervisor of East Chicago Heights  
Community Service Center

Evelina Hood  
1449 Regent  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Inspector

Doralee Bennett  
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East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Domestic

Walter Daugherty  
1108 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Retired

Robert Bennett  
1019 Park Avenue  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Inspector

Delores Moutry  
1600 S. Ellis  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Mattie Buckner  
1520 Diplomat  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Saleslady

Vergia McCary  
1016 Drexel  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Postal Clerk

Bill Collins  
1429 Regent  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
College Student

Clarence Lewis  
1532 Park Lane  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Mechanic

Terrence Luman  
1433 E. 15th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Robert Bank  
1637 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Laborer

Louis Brown  
1015 Cottage Grove  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Ink Maker

Rose Torand  
1020 Berkley  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Mack Newson  
1421 Hammond  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Joe Franklin  
80 Elm  
Park Forest, IL 60466  
Laborer

Lucille Conwell  
918 E. 16th Street  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Telephone Operator

Eula Owens  
1507 Lexington  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Teacher

Earlene Louis  
1532 Park Lane  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Housewife

Regina Bryant  
1544 Greenwood  
East Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Student