

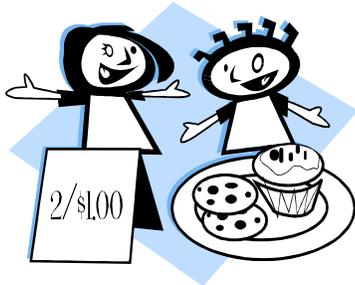
YARD SALE Saturday, April 8th



The Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, April 8th, at Optimist Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The yard sale is open and free to all members of the Neighborhood Association. For all other sellers, there is a charge of \$10, but that also buys you a 1 year membership to the Neighborhood Association.

Simplify your life, do some spring house cleaning, improve your fung shei, and make some extra cash along the way. This is also an opportunity for neighborhood artists to show and sell their work and for young people to set up a lemonade stand.

Please unload your sale goods, set up your table and move your cars to allow parking for the shoppers. Come be a part of this annual event - sell some stuff, buy some stuff, (recycle!) and visit with your neighbors. For more information, call Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.



But wait – there’s more! A Bake Sale, too!

During the annual Spring Yard Sale, an IHLNA table will be selling hot and cold drinks and baked goods to help raise money for park and trail improvements. If you would like to donate baked goods for this sale, bring it by the park to the IHLNA table by 8 am. For more information, or to help out, call Christy Gandy at 877-0294.

Regularly scheduled events to put on your calendar

The “potluck in the park” continues on the 2nd Sunday of *each month*, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at Optimist Park.

Neighborhood meetings are held *quarterly*, on the 4th Tuesday of January, April, July and October, at 7 pm, at the newly improved clubhouse at Optimist Park. Come out and hear what’s happening in the neighborhood as a whole, including the latest crime watch report. In addition, various committees provide updates and opportunities for your involvement.

And this year’s annual Halloween Party at Optimist Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th.

The Greenway needs you!

Many of us really like and use the greenway. Unfortunately, it is also well liked by a variety of undesirable and invasive exotic plants, such as Chinese Tallow tree, Nandina, Coral Ardesia (also known as Christmas Berry), and Skunk or SewerVine, to name just a few. Some of these “escaped” from trash piles while others became established because birds carried the seeds from our yards to the greenway. And some might have even been initially planted, with good intentions, because they are “pretty”. However, they all crowd out our native plants, and are very aggressive growers. Some even smell bad.

Grant Gelhardt will be heading up a group of people to remove as many of these plants as we can, and to keep them under control. If you are interested, please join him and your neighbors on **Saturday, April 22** at 10 am at the Optimist Park clubhouse. Bring gloves and large plastic trash bags. Children are welcome, too, to help pick up air potatoes and to hand pull weeds. If you have any questions, give Grant a call at 942-7608.

Our Website

Have you visited our neighborhood website recently? You can find crime alert updates, a calendar of events, membership form, and a plethora of links. Check it out at www.indianhead-lehigh.com.

Roadside clean up

Approximately 15 neighbors participated in a clean-up on a beautiful sunny Saturday, January 28th. After meeting at Optimist Park, the neighbors volunteered for different routes.

Our “Other” Neighbors

Our greenway and wooded yards provide a good bit of habitat for a variety of native animals. Raccoons, possums, hawks, and owls are familiar residents here and a wild turkey has moved in since last fall. Please remember that these are wild animals and should not be treated like pets. Also, please be careful and slow down when driving at dusk and dawn, when many of these animals are more active. In addition, turtles, frogs, toads, and snakes become more active in warmer weather. They do not move as fast as our cars, however, so watch out for “critter crossings” on our roads.

Shortly after splitting up into work groups, the group on East Indianhead was treated to a rare daytime sighting of the wild turkey that, apparently, has grown quite fond of our neighborhood. Unfortunately, all of the groups also sighted quite a bit of trash! Together, they picked up trash along East and West Indian Head Drive between Optimist Park and Hartsfield school and along the greenway, on Magnolia Drive, and the section of Chowkeebin Nene between the church and Magnolia. They collected bags and bags of trash, much of which was “fast” food and drink packaging, in addition to old tires, car batteries, and street signs.

Andrea Griffin from the city neighborhood services department assisted with the clean-up and arranged for the trash to be hauled away. She also brought gloves, bags, and trash pick-up sticks. The day not only resulted in the



beautification of our wonderful neighborhood but also provided an opportunity for neighbors to talk and get to know one another better while walking their routes. (see photos on our website: www.indianhead-lehigh.com) Do you think that your street needs some cleaning up? Why not get together with your neighbors every week or two and conduct your own cleaning? Alternatively, the IHNLA will work with you and the city to coordinate another clean up along a number of problematic streets. Give Sandy Neidert a call (656-7894). In the meanwhile, do all you can to *prevent* trash on your street!

Toxic Round-up

Old used motor oil, worn-out car and boat batteries, ancient computers, snippets of leftover paint and fertilizer – all these and more were cleaned out of our homes and brought to the county’s Hazardous Waste truck at Optimist Park on November 19. A couple of *tons* of stuff were collected for safe disposal that day. Please remember that these items and more (see list below) should not be put into your trash can or left on the curbside for pickup, as they contain toxic components that need special handling. You can round them up yourself and take them to the county landfill on Apalachee Parkway. The center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions about how to handle any of these items, call the county’s Hazardous Waste office at 414-9353.

Toxic waste includes...

- Aerosol Cans, Antifreeze, brake & transmission fluid, Ammunition,
- Batteries – Automotive, Button, Lithium Ion, Rechargeable, Sealed Lead-Acid
(*non-rechargeable batteries can be disposed in regular trash pickup)
- Bleach, Fire Extinguishers, Flares and Pyrotechnics
- Electronics, such as TVs, computer monitors, printers, scanners, VCRs
- Fluorescent Bulbs and Ballasts
- Household and Drain Cleaners, Pool Chemicals
- Mercury-containing Devices (thermometers, thermostats, manometers)
- Motor Oil, Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel
- Paints, Stains, and Thinners
- Pesticides, Herbicides, Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Pressure Bottles and Tanks (oxygen, carbon dioxide, etc.)
- Propane Bottles and Tanks (less than 40 lbs.)
- Tires (limit one per household)



IHLNA membership drive

Thanks to all of you who so generously responded to our membership drive in January. A special thanks to many of our neighbors we hadn’t heard from in a while. We hope that settling on annual membership renewal (or joining) each January will make it easier on everyone. By mid-February, over \$750 of dues were paid.

We are a volunteer organization and depend upon our volunteers to provide many of the services that benefit us all, such as delivering newsletters, staffing the coffee table at our polling place on election day, serving on Crime Watch, etc. Our expenses each year include membership in the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA), an incorporation fee, sponsoring the Halloween Party, printing signs, flyers, and newsletters, and special projects such as improvements to the nature trail and parks. The total yearly expenditure has varied from \$1,200 to \$1,800 depending up on the needs of the neighborhood, so you can see how important it is that we have active participation and membership from all of our neighbors.

If you didn’t get around to renewing or joining in January, and you have don’t know where that membership form is, don’t fret. You can either download the membership form on the IHLNA website (www.indianhead-lehigh.com) or call Mary Louise Bachman at 877-6344.



Speaking of budgets...

Leon County's public hearings for next fiscal year budget are currently scheduled for September 12th & 19th. The budget development begins in earnest with staff in March and there will be workshops between now and September for your input.

The City of Tallahassee's budget public hearings are currently scheduled for June 28th, Sept 13th, and Sept 27th, also with workshops in preceding months. Budgeting for the next fiscal year can make a difference in what projects actually will get implemented. Examples of recently funded projects include Optimist Park improvements to the clubhouse and the new restroom facility. So, if you are aware of any particular need in this neighborhood and its associated funding, please get involved and contact Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

Have you heard?

The clubhouse at Optimist Park has recently received a much-needed acoustic renovation, thanks to the City Park Department.

Want to stay informed and get periodic updates on what is happening in the neighborhood? Got e-mail? Please either fill out the e-mail address on your membership form *or* e-mail a note to cbersok@msn.com *or* sign up on our website, www.indianhead-lehigh.com and you will be placed on the neighborhood e-mail distribution list. No solicitation, no spam – just news! ☺

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