

INDIANHEAD LEHIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2013

Fall Newsletter

Halloween Party and Potluck

*October 27th from 4:30 to 7pm
at Optimist Park*

The traditional Halloween Party and potluck, sponsored by the Neighborhood Association, is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th at Optimist Park, from 4:30 pm to 7:00pm. This event is open to all residents of the neighborhood – it is not for kids only (but is for only those who are kids at heart).

The party in the park will include live music provided by the ever-popular band Tao Jones and the Ontological Elephants. The costume parade, with musical accompaniment, is open to all ages and ogres. Additionally, neighbors David and Jeanne Lebow will have a scary (but not too scary) storytime for the kids. As always, you and your neighbors will bring the most scrumptious foods for the potluck dinner. The Neighborhood Association will provide plates, utensils, and drink.

Photo: Nene Halloween Pirates of 2010



The party preparation and decoration of the clubhouse will start at 1130 am to noon that day. All decorating volunteers are welcome! For more information on how to help with the party, contact Grant Gelhardt at grant.gelhardt@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27: Halloween Party

Optimist Park, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3: Turn your clocks back one hour ("fall back")

Tuesday, January 28th: Neighborhood Watch Meeting

2nd Sunday of Each Month: Potluck in the Park

Optimist Park, 4:30 p.m. In addition to the potluck dish to share, please bring your own utensils and perhaps a chair. November potluck will have free pony rides, sponsored by the Neighborhood Association.

Every Tuesday Morning: Brain, Body, Balance Exercise Class

Optimist Park Clubhouse, 10-11 a.m. Led by certified fitness trainer. Sponsored by the Tallahassee Senior Center. \$2 donation requested.

Spring 2014: 5th Annual Nene Fest, Optimist Park

In this Issue

- Nene Halloween Party
- Cascades Park Update
- Pre-Listing Inspections
- Treasurer's Report
- Hoo's Hoo of the Hood
- Potluck in the Park



Cascades Park & Amphitheater Update

Cascades Park is the new park just S. of Apalachee Parkway, West of the Department of Transportation building and North of the Myers Park neighborhood. The original purpose of the park was to function as a water management drain facility helping flooding in the immediate area. The park has developed into much more now. There is a multi-use trail, two ponds, an outdoor amphitheater, an interactive water play plaza and the Korean War and Smokey Hollow memorials.

Cascades has a lot to offer Tallahassee. However, the amphitheater has sparked concern from its immediate neighbors. These concerns developed when the amphitheater was rebranded as a regional musical event location in 2012 capable of housing 4,500 people. Concerned citizens from the Myers Park and Woodland Drives neighborhoods started asking questions about how the amphitheater might impact the immediate neighborhoods. Blueprint 2000, the builder of the park and facilities, hired an acoustic expert to do a sound study modeling how the amphitheater might impact the immediate neighborhoods and the results of that study suggested problems.

The concerned citizens committee continued to ask questions of Blueprint and of the city and county commissions. Those questions led to a 'live' sound test on September 8, 2013. The results of the test made it clear that the amphitheater was going to have significant negative impacts on some of the neighbors.

The IA – a group of city and county commissioners-- met September 16th and looked at the findings from

the 'live' sound test. Due to the concern of several commissioners, a motion was passed allowing the creation of a committee that includes representatives from the Myers and Woodland neighborhoods. This committee is supposed to help address the concerns of the neighborhoods. There are still unresolved issues. What will be the finalized curfew hours for the amphitheater? Where will amphitheater users park? How will the noise issues be addressed?

Another issue surrounding the amphitheater is the proposed noise ordinance. The current proposal allows for special entertainment areas or SEAs. These areas would have greater flexibility for higher noise levels. One of the proposed SEAs is the Cascades Park. Another one is the Lafayette Street and Apalachee Parkway corridor just north of Indianhead Acres that runs to Blairstone Road.

Get educated on these issues and help us figure these things out! Blueprint 2000's website is blueprint2000.org. Cascade Park's website is cascadepark.org. Information on the noise ordinance is at <http://talgov.com>. More information about the amphitheater and what the neighborhoods are doing is at woodrives.com. I can be reached at Kevin@KevinHattaway.com.

The photograph was taken September 27th by Kevin Hattaway and shows the amphitheater construction. The workers seen in the picture were constructing the seating area of the amphitheater.

Selling Your Home? Get a Pre-Listing Inspection

We've all heard advice from Realtors about how to get a house ready for market: paint, stage rooms, clear surfaces of clutter, remove half your belongings, and create curb appeal. However, the most important pre-listing task may be to get a Home Inspection - especially in older neighborhoods like Indian Head and Woodland Drives. It's RARE that I've seen a home in Indian Head get an offer and not have some major -- usually unknown -- issue come up when the Buyer does his or her home inspection. Even the best maintained homes can have hidden issues in those attics, roofs, toilets and crawl spaces. Most Sellers are surprised when this happens and it can be a challenge to get agreement about who pays for these unexpected repairs.

While this is another expense for the Seller, the Pre-List Inspection will:

- Save the Seller money and angst. S/he will know ahead of time what issues will likely come up and adjust price accordingly. No surprises.

- Create more Buyer confidence in purchasing an older home. Repair items have already been identified before an offer is made. This can sometimes encourage a higher offer.
- Aid contractors in making repairs. You'll get a written email report with pictures and descriptions of problem areas. This can be easily sent to repair folks for quick and easy estimates.
- Help the transaction go more smoothly. Everyone's needs are considered upfront and issues may already be resolved at the time of the contract offer.

Home inspections generally cost between \$200 to \$450. Check with local Realtors who can give you referrals for Inspectors. Be sure they are certified and experienced. Terry Anne Kant, Realtor/Broker, CRS and Indian Head resident for 23 years.

www.indianheadacres.com

Treasurer Report – January 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013

Beginning Balance 1-Jan-13 \$4,388.44

Income

Nene Fest	\$3,276.00
Membership Dues	\$2,618.00
Ads - Spring Newsltr	\$295.00
Total Income	\$10,577.44

Expenses

Nene Fest	\$2,637.17
Newsletters/Copies	\$371.49
Insurance	\$287.68
Annual Report Fee	\$61.25
Bounce House	\$145.13
Bike Parade	\$47.62
Water Slide	\$177.38
CONA Dues	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$3,827.72

Current Balance 30-Aug-13 \$6,749.72

Many thanks to our neighbors for such an amazing membership renewal response again this year! Your renewals and contributions amounted to over \$2600. Nene Fest, through t-shirt and Nene Café sales continues to fund itself with more than enough to start the 2014 planning. Our major expense in 2014 will be for neighborhood signage at the entrances to Indianhead and Lehigh. The entire board thanks you for your support!

Join us on

facebook

www.ihlna.org

Hoo's Hoo in the Hood—The Barred Owls of Neneland

by Shelly Hatton

Walk along the creek some evening and you very well may find yourself engaged in a stare-down with a barred owl. You of course are dazzled and delighted to have happened upon her. She, on the other hand, may seem entirely indifferent. Indianhead resident and biologist, Jim Cox, gets a kick out of this, “They seem to have a certain amount of disdain for human society. As you are walking on the path, they seem to tolerate us. They don’t really care about us.”

If you are lucky, she will swivel her head a complete 270 degrees around as you pass (complements of an arterial system that oxygenates her blood even when her arteries are pinched—an anatomical position that would turn us blue).



High on her perch, she may be focused on her the evening hunt. “They are up there waiting for something to happen, using stealth to their advantage,” claims Cox. With her keen vision and hearing, she will spot her prey—an unwitting small mammal, reptile, insect... She will then open her magnificent wings (a span of up to four feet) and swoop down to snatch it. She will swallow it whole.

Barred owls are beautiful and outlandish. They are big birds with a round head, yellow beaks, yellow talons and dark eyes (most owls have yellow eyes). Their chests and bellies are streaked with bars of brown and whitish feathers. Unquestionably, this species is the foundation and inspiration for owl kitsch.

Cox claims that barred owls may have somewhat grown accustomed to urban life. “They are making a living in our neighborhoods. I have seen them at Governor’s Square Mall. They don’t just hunt small mammals but moths and insects, sitting on the light posts at the mall after everyone has left, using the light to help them hunt.” Some studies even show that suburban neighborhoods with abundant rodent population and enough foliage can be ideal habitat for these birds. Indianhead acres is one such neighborhood.

Barred owls, like most predatory birds, mate for life and raise their young as a pair. Breeding season begins early February through March, says Cox. Their courtship dance involves nods, bows and spread wings. The male may catch and offer his mate a mouse. But once together, they stay together for life.

“Big snags are their nesting structure,” says Cox. Think twice about this before you cut down that dead tree. Tree cavities as well as old crow, hawk or squirrel nests offer great nesting sites for these birds. When owlets reach 4-5 weeks of age, they perch on limbs near the nest and flap to strengthen their flight muscles. By six weeks they learn to fly. By six months, they are independent.

Some evening, when you least expect it, you will hear the primordial call of a Nene barred owl: “who cooks for you, who cooks for you all” (the mnemonic device). It will evoke in you, something nameless. What she may really be saying is: Who invited you – who invited you all?

More Than Meat & Potatoes Our Potluck

I know, you've read about it in the newsletter, you've seen the signs. You think it's a great idea for the neighborhood to hold a monthly potluck. Get to know your neighbors. Support neighborhood cohesion. All that. But you didn't make it last month. Or last year. And most of your friends didn't either.

Why do we have a neighborhood potluck? After all, we are united mostly by geography, not because we chose to join a group based on common interests or beliefs. Yet we do meet people because we live near them, despite the many cries that modern people don't know their next door neighbors. Our safety depends in part on the cooperation of neighbors. Our sense of comfort where we live is enhanced by knowing who lives around us.

Neighborhood activities are also advertising for our neighborhood. I've met people who first came to one of our activities -- potluck, Halloween party, etc -- and decided to move here. We like the atmosphere of the neighborhood, and over time, keeping that atmosphere requires that we let others know about it.

I just want everyone to know that there's a lot of welcoming souls around, and a core of regulars at the potluck. We'd like to see more of our friends and neighbors, and we'd like more of our friends and neighbors to help in welcoming newcomers.

So if any of this sounds good to you, please join us. It's the second Sunday of every month. For October, we'll start at 4:00, and that will be the time through the winter. Next May we'll switch to a 6:00 start for the summer. A couple of times each year, we add an attraction -- on Nov 10 this year it'll be free pony rides for kids at 430. We never cancel, although on occasions the weather keeps everyone away. Our usual place in the trees next to the parking area in Optimist park is shaded from the summer sun. It's great if you bring your own plate, fork, and cup, though disposables are usually available.

If you have any ideas for making the potluck more exciting, drop me a line, or just drop by.

Edward Reid
edward@paleo.org
2014 W Indianhead Dr



Nene Time Warp

Irene Stead (left) was the wife of developer John Stead. She and her husband developed Indianhead Acres in Tallahassee and Irene is generally given credit for naming each street with a "nene," which is Creek language for trail.

Irene Stead and Mrs. Fuller Warren were photographed talking at the Governor's Mansion which was one of the stops on the "Tallahassee Trail" tour of homes and plantations.

The Florida Memory Collection is a part of the State Archives of Florida. You can view an extensive amount of their collection online at floridamemory.com.

*State Archives of Florida.
Photographer, Benjamin L. Kerce. Tallahassee, 1951.*

WANTED:

Retired ladies in the neighborhood who are interested in playing cards during the day.
Call Sharon Riffle at 339-1334 for more info on getting together.

Indianhead Lehigh Neighborhood Association newsletter coordinator. Requirements: come to 2 board meetings a year and coordinate 2 newsletters annually. Coordination requires collecting and editing short articles from neighbors and soliciting ads and collecting payment (someone else lays out articles and does graphic design). Payment: gratitude of your neighbors, satisfaction from contributing, and a truckload of good karma. If you're interested, contact Daphne at daphne.holden@comcast.net.

Stay Safe Nenelanders!

ILNHA also asks that you please:

- Program your phones with TPD's non-emergency number 891-4200 and call to request that they check out a suspicious person, incident or vehicle.
- Join our private Indianhead Lehigh Neighborhood group on Facebook for fast updates from your neighbors on incidents and the latest advice and information from TPD/LSCO.
- If you are a victim of a crime, call and report it.
- If you see a suspicious person, incident or vehicle, call and report it.



*Happy
Halloween!*



*Photos from
Neighborhood
Facebook Page*

*Halloween Party
at Optimist Park
October 2012*

OFFICERS OF IHLNA

President: Grant Gelhardt	grant.gelhardt@gmail.com	At-Large: Sandra Neidert	656-7894
Treasurer: Patty Ceci Sharp	309-0260	At-Large: Tony Biblo	656-2528
At-Large: Mary Louise Bachman	877-6344	At-Large: Connie Bersok	942-7904
At-Large: Cyndy Brantley	656-7445	At-Large: Mike Murphree	219-1223
At-Large: Daphne Holden	459-1138	At-Large: Edward Reid	edwardatpaleo.org

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES!

Terry Anne Kant, Broker (850) 877-2121
terrykant@aol.com fax: (850) 877-6342
Kant Realty
of North Florida
A four generation Real Estate Family since 1932
Indian Head Acres? Ask us, we live there:
www.indianheadacres.com
www.kanthomes.com

www.openfieldshealing.com

open fields
HEALING
mary beth mcbride


Noah's Lawn Care
Serving Indian Head and Lehigh
Reasonable Prices & Quality Service
Noah Kant-Rauch
Ph: (850) 559-5770


Kevin Hattaway
850-980-2134
www.KEVINHATTAWAY.com
Kevin@KevinHattaway.com
SFR
LINDA DIX REALTY

NAMASTE YOGA
1369 Lafayette St
Yoga for Every Body!
www.namaste-tallahassee.com
850-222-0003


Phillip Rosner
Licensed Massage Therapist
tel. # 850-570-3191
lic. # MA 72750

Join us on
facebook.
www.ihlna.org

the creative pool
exhibit } print } identity } web site } design } stationery } wedding } baby } event }
www.thecreativepooldesign.com