

INDIAN HEAD

LEHIGH



NEIGHBORHOOD
NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION INC
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These are things we are all concerned about, however few of us ever get around to doing anything about them. Although we say we can't change the weather, we can change the conditions under which we live. It takes a cooperative effort, but the results justify the effort.

A few of your neighbors have decided to make the first step to change our neighborhood to be a more acceptable place for ourselves and our children. We have organized a neighborhood Association. One of the most important goals of the Association is to listen and respond to your concerns. However, without your voice and efforts we cannot accomplish the goal of providing the most secure, beautiful and friendly neighborhood possible. We now invite you to join us (your neighbors) -- become a member of your neighborhood Association.

To join, complete and detach the form on the last page and mail it or drop it by Weston Taylor's home.

This newsletter gives you a summary of the organizational structure of the Association and a schedule of meetings. You are encouraged to attend every meeting to voice your concerns and hopefully extend your assistance. If you are unable to attend but have concerns, feel free to write or call the Association president or any of the officers.

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY: PART 1 - APALACHEE INDIAN AND SPANISH PERIOD

Following is the first installment of articles of special interest to Indian Head/Lehigh neighbors. This article deals with the history of the neighborhood during the period of its first residents - the Indians.

This area was home to the Florida Indians for at least 5000 years. During most of this time these "first residents" were the Apalachee Indians. Their area of habitation extended from the Apalachicola River easterly to the Aucilla River. The Timucua Tribe extended to the east of the Aucilla River. Actually these were not "tribes" of different Indians but language groups.

Whereas most aboriginal Indians were hunters and gatherers, the Apalachees were primarily agricultural and generally sedentary. They lived in houses and small villages. They grew maize, squash and beans - a diet which they supplemented by hunting and gathering. Since they did not fertilize their fields, the soil produced poor crops after a few years, forcing them to move from time to time. The area included game which exists today - such as deer, bear, turkey, squirrel - in addition to buffalo (bison), wolf and coyote. Although horses were common prior to this time - none existed when the Spanish first came to Florida.

After settling St. Augustine in 1513 the Spanish extended their influence toward this area. In the mid 1500's the Apalachees put up strong resistance to the first two Spanish expeditions into their territory - those of Narvaez and DeSoto. However by 1607 they had seemingly changed their attitude toward the Spaniards and were asking for missionaries to come to this area to baptize them.

The "mission era" began in 1567 when Menendez introduced the first Jesuit missionaries into Florida. Franciscan missionaries followed. This "era" lasted until 1763 although the peak influence occurred in the late 1600's. 2

In 1597, a revolt, directed against the missionaries, developed among the Indians. The revolt grew into a general uprising and many Spanish settlers, as well as missionaries, were killed. The Spanish Governor sent troops through the Indian villages to burn their houses and crops and to destroy their canoes and fish traps. Wherever a mission had been destroyed, the troops hanged any Indians they caught. In this way the Indians were finally subdued.

There was a Timucua Indian rebellion in 1656 which involved the Apalachee. The uprising was aimed against Spanish rule and the Church (which was itself a symbol of European dominance).

The Spanish extended their influence by establishing missions along the road between St. Augustine and Tallahassee (San Luis) and later to Pensacola. This road ran along the northern border of the neighborhood. There were 14 missions among the Apalachee.

The most important mission of the area was San Luis or Talimali, located two miles west of Tallahassee. It was the headquarters of the Deputy Governor and in 1675 had a population of 1400 people. The mission buildings were made of wattle and daub (small sticks interwoven and plastered with mud) and thatched with palmetto fronds.

The mission nearest our neighborhood was located somewhere between Myers Park and the Apalachee Parkway at Magnolia Drive. It was established about 1633 and first called Purificacion de Toma. It was burned by the Indians in 1655 and reestablished in 1674 as Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria de la Toma. This mission was probably destroyed by James Moore in 1704.

James Moore was an English Colonel from Charleston who came to disrupt the Spanish influence in Florida. With an "army of 1500 Creek Indians and 80 Carolina ruffians" he destroyed most of the missions in this area. In the process, he killed thousands of Indian men, women and children (sometimes burning them at the stake before his prisoners). He took thousands of captives whom he settled in villages among the Yamassee Indians of South Carolina or sold into slavery. Many captives were taken to New Windsor, near the present Augusta, Georgia. Thus, the aboriginal inhabitants of Florida, prosperous at the time of the conquest, passed out of history after only two centuries of contact with the white man.

This area was agriculturally fertile which was an advantage to Spanish settlers. Foodstuffs from the Apalachee province were shipped by sea from St. Marks to St. Augustine or by the overland, St. Augustine Road.

After the Spanish departed in 1763, a new group of Indians occupied this area. These were the Seminoles, who were the remnants of several tribes (mostly Creek) which had drifted into the peninsula from the north. The name Seminole means "separatist" or "runaway".

A new era began in which the English were to extend the greatest influence over this area, now called East Florida. The area of present day Florida plus land which extended to the Mississippi River had been given to England through the Treaty of Paris, following the French and Indian War.

Relatively few Indians returned to this area following the destruction of the missions in 1704. This left a void to be filled by English traders and settlers. The history of this area will continue with introduction of these early Englishmen.

Future articles will include recent history and interesting occurrences within the neighborhood. We are especially interested in recording this history as seen through the eyes of the first residents. If you know of any persons who would talk to us about the "good ole days", have stories or material of interest or suggestions, please contact Barry McAlister at 877-3558.

Tidbits of history to come: Would you believe that the Indian Head Area was once the site for an airplane landing strip, a sawmill, tobacco farming, and a horse race track; that Jim Lee Road was once Humkin Nene; or that city officials in 1947 said that this area was too far from town to ever be developed?

TRANSLATION OF STREET NAMES FROM SEMINOLE

Hum-kin - first	Ho-ko-lin - second	Too-chin - third
o-tin - fourth	Chaw-kee-bin - fifth	A-pa-lin - sixth
o-lo-pa-kin - seventh	Chin-na-pa-kin - eighth	Os-ta-pa-kin - ninth
Atapha - Dogwood	Chocksaka - Bridle	Hee-chee - Tobacco
Chuli (creek) - Pine	We-ka-wa - Spring	Ha-so-saw - East
Wa-ha-law - South	Ne-ne - Road or Trail	

EVENTS OF NEIGHBORHOOD INTEREST: PAST AND FUTURE

1. The first neighborhood picnic was held in Optimist Park on April 26th. An enjoyable time was had by the 250 or so that attended. We hope that more neighbors will attend future events.
2. Meetings were held at Hartsfield school on April 27th and May 18th to discuss the rezoning proposal for the land along Orange Avenue. It was decided to oppose the rezoning as proposed.
3. The rezoning was approved by the city Planning Commission but included revisions negotiated by the Association. There will be no vehicular access through the neighborhood, the ample natural, buffer zone will be left and adjoining homes will be single family structures.
4. The City Commission (on May 26th) approved the rezoning and a planned unit development (PUD) for the land along Orange Avenue. Since the developers agreed to the conditions negotiated by the Association, we did not oppose the rezoning. However, we voiced concern over the density (which is greater than the comprehensive plan) and the risk of increased flooding. To our relief, the Commission required the developers to conform to the density consistent with the area comprehensive plan and required certain safeguards to be met to reduce the chance of downstream flooding. The Commission praised the Association and the developer for their cooperative compromises made during the plan development. They stated that the Association was to be especially commended for its achievements.
5. Note: A very important meeting is to be held June 7th at Optimist Park at 7:30 P.M. to review proposed improvements and changes in the park.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED ABOUT
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

1. Is the Association an official organization? Yes, the Association is incorporated as a non-profit corporation called the Indian Head/Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.
2. Where is the office of the Association? The "office" is located at the residence of the current president.
3. What area is included in the Association? The region is bounded on the south by Orange Avenue (excluding those residents on Orange Avenue); on the west by Magnolia Drive and Jim Lee Road; on the north by Old St. Augustine Road; and on the east by Blairstone Road (excluding those residences on Blairstone Road).
4. What are the qualifications for membership? You must own residential property or live in the neighborhood, be 18 years of age or older and have paid the membership dues. All dues paying members have a vote in the affairs of the Association. (A dues paying member representing a household may assign his vote to another member of that household for his or her own convenience.)
5. How much is the dues and how will the dues be used by the Association? The annual dues is \$5.00, payable by January 1st for a full calendar year, although a person could join at any time. Monies collected through payment of dues are used for: (1) postage and mailing of notices and newsletters; (2) purchase supplies; construction of signs or other structures; neighborhood improvements and other expenses authorized by the Board. For example, \$35.00 was utilized to incorporate the Association.

6. Who are the officers of the Association? The officers are:

<u>President:</u>	<u>Vice President:</u>	<u>Secretary:</u>	<u>Treasurer:</u>
Dori Carrado	Dale Allen	Cassie Harwood	Weston Taylor
1807 Atapha Nene	1510 Chuli Nene	1207 Mountbatten Rd.	1810 Atapha Nene
877-4015	877-9159	878-5464	877-9138

Representatives:

Barry McAlister	Anne Marie Erdman	Ralph Cook	Jeanne Alderson
1609 Hasosaw	1819 Tamiami Drive	1101 Mountbatten Rd.	2311 Mavis Circle
878-3558	877-2562	877-2089	877-7942

Joe Doker
2012 East Indian Head Drive
878-6718

7. How and when are the officers elected? Officers are elected by membership ballot at each annual meeting.
8. When does the Association meet? General membership meetings are held each quarter (the meeting in the 2nd quarter is the Annual meeting), Board meetings are held approximately each month and periodic special meetings are called to address issues of special interest to the whole neighborhood.
9. What are the committees of the Association and who could I contact to offer assistance and make suggestions? The committees are:
- A. Neighborhood Security: Bill Penrose
1910 Chuli Nene
878-5533
- B. Parks & Recreation: Dale Allen
1510 Chuli Nene
877-9159
- C. Planning & Zoning: Jim Antista
2302 W. Indian Hd. Dr.
878-6419
- D. Neighborhood Improvements: Joe Doker
2012 East Indian Dr.
878-6718
- E. Publicity & Membership: Merv Rosenberg
1914 Chowkeebin Nene
877-5873
10. What are some examples of what the committees have accomplished to date?
- A. Neighborhood Security: (1) had Police Department representative on crime prevention talk to neighbors on 3 occasions, (2) had chief of police attend neighborhood meeting, (3) organizing a neighborhood crime watch system.
- B. Parks and Recreation: This committee is currently working with city and state officials to improve the existing parks (Optimist and Koucky). Some of these discussions involve: (1) jogging trails, (2) maintenance of park along the creek, (3) nature trails, (4) tennis courts, (5) better lighting, (6) attractive fencing around Optimist Park, (7) improvements to building in Optimist Park, (8) development of a linear park along creek, (9) use of building in Optimist Park for neighborhood cooperative, daycare facility.
- C. Neighborhood Improvements: This committee has gotten the city to install new street signs. They are surveying needed improvements in: drainage ditches, streets, traffic flow, street lighting, traffic noise.
- D. Planning and Zoning: (1) negotiations with the developer of the area off Orange Avenue, (2) organized 2 meetings with residents to discuss the proposed development, (3) participated in city planning and commission meetings, (4) arranged for the developers to speak to the residents at the picnic.
- E. Publicity and membership: (1) organized the neighborhood newsletter, (2) polled the interests of the residents.

For a copy of the Association By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation you may contact: Cassie Harwood (Secretary).

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Name	Phone	Service	Name	Phone	Service
Kelly Cochran	878-1083	Babysitting	Roger Keen	877-3827	Handyman
Bill Collins	878-3223		Randy's Lawn Serv.	877-3010	Landscapeing
Maryanne Collins	878-3223	Typing, Editing	Randy & Sylvia Sharron	877-3070	House sitting
Sue Doker	878-6718	Math tutoring	Susan Stratton	877-4252	Tutoring
Debbie Fritts	877-0870	Babysitting	Jennifer Sullivan	878-1845	Babysitting
Anne Gagnon	878-7710	Babysitting	James Sullivan	878-0202	Appliance Repair
Patrick Gagnon	878-7710	Lawnmowing			
Kay Gallop	878-3204	Weekday babysitting			
Vicky & Lyn Groenweld	878-2043	Lawn & home care			
Suzanne Hancock	878-2659	Babsitting			
Jimmy Hawkins	877-0128	Lawn Care			
Julius Heinis	877-1465	Lawnmowing			

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INDIAN HEAD/LEHIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NAME

ADDRESS

am a resident or own residential property within the neighborhood and am at least 18 years of age. Please make \$5.00 check payable to: Indian Head/Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc. and mail or drop by: Weston Taylor, 1810 Atapha Nene. Note: You are not limited to one member per household.