

INDIAN HEAD



LEHIGH

NEIGHBORHOOD
NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION INC

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REZONING - OLD ST. AUGUSTINE ROAD

After months of public hearings and workshops, the Tallahassee City Commission voted unanimously on June 12, 1984, to approve a comprehensive rezoning of Old St. Augustine Road between Lafayette Street and Blairstone Road. This action is essentially a down zoning; it is an exercise in sound planning that will benefit our community. There are three areas affected: The Hartsfield School and Parkway Baptist Church property, which will be rezoned to R-1 to help preserve the site as a school and community green space; the tract between Dacron Drive and Myrtle Drive which will be zoned R-3 (low-medium residential) to prevent high density development which could have occurred under the old zoning; and the property along Old St. Augustine, a transitional area near commercial development, is to be redesignated low-medium density to allow both single family homes and duplexes.

On the whole, the neighborhood association supported these changes as a step to preserve the Canopy road and to maintain the single family character of the neighborhood. We worked closely with the Planning Department to protect the interests of Indianhead. Hopefully, this action will settle land use on the road and preserve the neighborhood school site. It may also close a chapter in land use development around Indianhead/Lehigh. The zoning for most of the large tracts has been set and the association has successfully influenced city government to lower the density of development and protect green space.

If you have any questions about this action or other zoning matters, call Jim Antista at 878-6419.

PARKS DEPARTMENT TO FINISH BUILDING RENOVATION

During a May meeting with Dale Allen (our neighborhood association park project coordinator), the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department Assistant Director, Sue McCollum, stated that most of the final renovations to the Scout House building in the Indianhead Creek Park/Optimist Playground will be completed this summer. These renovations include: replacement of the broken-out and boarded-up windows, repair of the front doors, repair of the front sidewalk, as well as possible placement of vinyl flooring over the existing concrete slab floor. In addition your neighborhood association has asked that the bathrooms be refurbished and the old kitchen be at least partially restored to usefulness by rehabilitating the sink and faucet. Watch for these improvements!

Once these improvements are finished, your neighborhood association has offered to purchase and donate several ceiling fans to promote the building's summer usefulness. If you or your group would like to use this facility, call Dale Allen at 877-9159 with ideas or suggestions.

FINALLY, A PARK FENCE

The neighborhood association has received many positive comments about the new fence along Hokolin Nene. The Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department constructed this fence after several years of discussion and at the strong request of the association, to prevent vehicles from driving across and tearing up the open field. The fence is to be continued along East Indianhead Drive to the main sidewalk entrance into the Scout House.

If you appreciate this fence, as well as the other positive improvements in the park, please contact your neighborhood trustee and Sue McCollum at 222-7529.

NOTE: If you see any vehicle on the park grounds or persons vandalizing the building or grounds, contact the Tallahassee Police Department immediately. This is our park. We've worked hard to improve its appearance; let's not let others destroy these efforts.

PLAYGROUND TOTLOT PROJECT TO START THIS FALL

At the request of many neighborhood parents, your neighborhood association will be concentrating its park improvement efforts on the totlot playground. In addition to cleaning up the sandlot area (removing glass and digging up weeds) and painting the existing equipment, we hope to add some new playground equipment. To date the most popular idea seems to be a climbing/balance/slide piece similar to the one recently installed at the Junior Museum.

We need your ideas and assistance on this project. If you have children who use the totlot and have ever wanted to see some changes, now is your chance. Call Dale Allen at 877-9159 with your ideas or to volunteer to help.

Also, put November 10, Saturday, on your long-range calendar. Your neighborhood association plans to have a work day centered around the totlot. Every parent of young children in Indianhead and Lehigh Acres should be there. More details in the fall newsletter.

FLEA MARKETS

Our neighborhood flea market held at the Scout house in March was a complete success. This year neighbors rented tables for a nominal amount and well-placed advertising created quite a crowd. Plan on this to be an annual event! Items donated at the end of our day made their way to the city-wide CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) flea market in May. Your generosity (we had an entire truck of items) helped CONA achieve the \$840 plus in sales needed to operate more smoothly this year.

CONA REPORT

Our neighborhood association sends one voting member to the monthly CONA meetings. This year it is Kenan Fishburne, Vice President. Programs on rezoning procedures, changes in school assignments for northeast residents, and new garbage pick-up procedures have recently been covered. Our neighborhood is primarily affected by the new garbage pick-up rules which will be posted on your door sometime in June by the city. You will be asked to keep clippings and leaves bagged, and limbs stacked in designated places. Trash containers will be rolled by each resident back down into his yard after collection.

JOE KAISER - VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Association would like to congratulate Joe Kaiser upon his selection as a Volunteer of the Year by the Tallahassee Democrat selection committee for his work with civic ballet and for producing the Tallahassee performance of Mikail Barishnikov. Joe operates a personnel consulting firm and prepares our membership records on computer. Congratulations, Joe, and thanks for all your help.

AN OPPORTUNITY - RECYCLE YOUR NEWSPAPERS

Many of us are concerned about the state of the environment and yet we feel helpless to affect any positive change on our own. Larry Teich of the Environmental Action Group has provided us with the opportunity to contribute in a small way to providing our children with a positive example of conservation methods that may become vital to our future. If enough of our neighbors are willing to box, bag, or secure the daily papers that most of us have delivered to our homes, the EAG will establish a monthly pick-up day and newspapers left on the curbs will be collected and recycled. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call Debbie Gibson at 877-0448. She will in turn coordinate with the EAG and pick-up dates will be published in the next newsletter.

INTRODUCING THE 1984 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the Spring picnic last April, the Neighborhood Association annual elections were held. The nine member board consists of four officers and five at-large trustees. Each at-large trustee serves as the representative to one of the five neighborhood "districts". This year's board members are:

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We were pleased this year to have one of our neighbors, Chuck McMurray, with his band the Gulf Coasters, to provide music for the afternoon. Thanks Chuck for the good entertainment!

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