

INDIAN HEAD

LEHIGH

NEIGHBORHOOD
NEWSLETTER



ASSOCIATION INC

Winter, 1987

ARBOR DAY: NEIGHBORHOOD STYLE

Your neighborhood association will be sponsoring its third annual Arbor Day celebration on Sunday, February 8 from 1pm until 4pm. We will be planting dozens of cypress, live oak and red maple trees provided to us by the City of Tallahassee. Bring a neighbor, a shovel and some gloves, and meet at the Scouthouse building in Optimist Park at 12:45 pm. The City is going to auger planting holes for us, so the work will not be strenuous. This is always an enjoyable way to spend a February afternoon. In case of rain, our Arbor Day celebration will be postponed one week exactly. Children over 4 with parent supervision are welcome. For more information, call Dale Allen at 877-9159.

ARBOR DAY: CITY OF TALLAHASSEE STYLE

Your neighborhood association will once again participate in the City's Arbor Day activities, scheduled this year for Saturday, February 14, from 8:30 am until noon. Indianhead-Lehigh has been assigned a specific area to plant around Lake Ella, so the more hands that help, the faster the work will go! We will gather at the Scouthouse building in Optimist Park at 8:10 am and carpool to Lake Ella. Bring a shovel, gloves, and a different neighbor. Please, no children under 6 for this activity. For more information, call Dale Allen at 877-9159.

FIGHTING TO KEEP OUR BUS

On January 15, several of our freinds and neighbors spoke at a City of Tallahassee workshop to save the Indianhead/Lehigh bus route. Ion Sancho, an IHLNA Board member, Dick Porter, Mark Hannum, Tom Swihart and his son Ben, all proposed alternatives to Taltrans' recommendation that our bus route be terminated. When pressed, Taltran officials admitted that no consideration had been given to improving the routes' service area and attracting new riders. This issue will probably have to be brought before the City Commission in the near future. For more information, call Ion Sancho at 877-9620.

CONA DISCUSSES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PLANNING FAILURES

Meeting at the Tallahassee City Commission chambers, the Council of Neighborhood Associations (of which IHLNA is a member) held a panel discussion about our local governments failure to solve, or plan to solve, the major problems neighborhood residents face, such as traffic congestion and safety, stormwater runoff and flooding, and lack of development controls.

By bringing together representatives from every neighborhood in the County, it became obvious to us that our problems are not being confronted. The answer is for our neighborhood to become involved in planning for growth. We can't afford to let the other fellow do it for us, and we sure can't let local public servants continue to duck on growth issues!

At CONA's next meeting, discussion about growth management planning is also going to be on the agenda. If you want to find out what you can do, or if you just want information, please call Ion Sancho at 877-9620.

PLANNING BEGINS FOR YOUR SPRING FESTIVAL

Don't miss it--reserve April 11 now for the Indianhead-Lehigh Neighborhood Association Spring Festival! Because of last year's success, we're planning the biggest Festival ever. Activities will include live music and special fun for kids of all ages (adults, too). We do need a little help, especially from the cooks in the neighborhood. The Cake walk has always been a favorite, so we're looking for a few friends to bake a cake, brownies, some cupcakes, etc. If you can help, please call Pat Grambling at 877-5504. And mark the afternoon of April 11 on your calendar.

SPOOKS, CAROLS ARE IHLNA FAVORITES

The 1986 Halloween Party was a big success: almost too big in fact, as about 150 people came out in a suitably drizzly night to display their creative talents in the form of costumes, stories and appetites! Special thanks are due to Good Times Pizza for their generous donation, to Emily Ruddell for coordinating it and to all the neighborhood spooks who helped. Next year we're planning a few changes to better accommodate the crowd for the most popular Halloween Party in town!

Christmas Caroling has also become a favorite, as evidenced by the neighbors who came to our Third Annual Evening of Carols on December 18. The weather was cooperative this year, and we especially thank Martha O'Leary for being song leader. Next year, we're going to have the party first, though, so we can practice!

THE PLACE IS GOING TO THE DOGS

The members of the IHLNA Board of Trustees have been hearing a lot of complaints lately about the behavior of some of the neighborhood dogs. We would like to remind pet owners that there is a City ordinance requiring all pets to be under control at all times, and to urge you to be aware of the concerns of your neighbors. The most frequently cited issues are the walking of dogs in the parks, where other people walk and children play, and the unleashed dogs who run with their owners, but not alongside, and frighten other runners and walkers. We are discussing improved animal control with the county and the City Parks and Rec department, but the easiest way to resolve this situation would be for neighbors themselves to make sure their dogs didn't soil our parks, or frighten other people on public property. Please keep your dog fenced in, leashed, or under your voice control within your sight to keep IHLNA a safe and happy neighborhood.



Jacki & Kevin McGorty
1919 Atapha Nerie
Tallahassee, FL 32301