

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 1991

Dear Neighbors,

1990 - 1991 has been very productive for our Neighborhood Association. Judging from the children's faces and all the noise, the neighborhood annual Halloween Party last October was a howling success. The Association's voting days project last fall resulted in new members and opportunities for friends to renew acquaintances. Our traditional Christmas Party with its carolling and delicious refreshments was thoroughly enjoyed by all. And at this year's Spring Celebration we lost count of the number of neighbors enjoying the horse and pony rides, games, and wonderful food.

Fall through next spring is the most active part of the year for the Association. Your Board members are identified in this newsletter. They will continue our traditional activities, and have new ideas on making Indianhead and Lehigh neighborhoods even more desirable and safe areas in which to live. If you're interested in enhancing our neighborhoods' values and having fun with a super bunch of people, give one of the Board members a call to get involved in the Association's projects.

During the time I have been active in the Association, I have had many rewarding experiences working with Board members and neighbors to insure that our neighborhoods are the high quality and pleasant places we expect them to be. It was a fulfilling year for me as President. Thanks to all of you who have called with your concerns and joined in our events.

Sincerely, Fred Calder

MORE BUBBLE, BUBBLE, TOIL and TROUBLE

Yes, indeed, its getting to be that time of year again. The time when goblins, ghosts, and other marginal folks come alive. The neighborhood Halloween Party will be October 31, Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Optimist Park. This is one of the neighborhood's big events; so, dress up, bring your carved pumpkin, change your persona, and have fun.

There will be activities, songs, refreshments, and prizes. Treat bags will be given to every child. Kids and adults of all ages can participate in costume and jack-olantern contests. In past parties, the costumes have been bewitching and the

WILDFLOWER PATCH NEWS

Hey, green and not so green thumbs, soon it will be time to take care of the trees and flower areas that make our neighborhood unique. The next time you are driving along East Indianhead Drive behind Hartsfield Elementary School, take a look at one of the Neighborhood Association's wildflower projects. Among trees planted by our members are two "garden patches", planted with an assortment of native wildflowers, that were created last fall, thanks to the efforts of hardworking volunteers. However, there were a series of setbacks this spring and summer in the form of accidental mowing by the City and subsequent invasion by serious - minded weeds. Those plants that did survive have added a burst of color in the area for the enjoyment of us humans. Also, butterflies have been frequenting the gardens.

Now that things are cooling off, its time to get the weeds under control and replant. We have learned a lot from this past year's experiences and hope to build on these experiences to make next year's wildflower patches better.

Set aside a few hours on Saturday morning, October 26, to be part of a group of happy hoers and pleasant planters. We'll meet at 9:00 am at Optimist Park and work no later than 1:00 pm. Please call Connie Bersok at 942-7904 for more information and to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING and HOLIDAY GOODIES

All neighbors are invited to join voices and share their favorite holiday treats at our annual Christmas Party. This is a happy tradition for many of our friends and neighbors, so everyone, young and old, who loves to sing Christmas carols meet December 15, Sunday, 6:00 pm at Marge Coombs home, 2205 Atapha Nene. Bring a goodie to share at the party after the carolling. Drinks will be provided by the IHLNA. If you would like the carollers to visit you or a "shut-in", let Marge know. More information on this happy event will be given out in a special mailing closer to the holidays.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

At the neighborhood Christmas Party winners of our first annual recognition of outstanding IHLNA Christmas decorations will be announced. A panel of judges will tour the neighborhood during the week of December 9 - 13 to view our decorations and make their first, second, and third place selections. Outside decorations will be judged for appropriateness, beauty, and originality. So, start planning now to get your decorations up by December 9th.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVENTS

* After letters and phone calls, the City corrected erosion and safety problems and improved the stormwater discharge system at the head of Indianhead Creek at Chowkeebin Nene. This area was unsightly had been a potentially dangerous

- * Letter and phone call to City Public Works Department regarding appearance of new bridge crossing on Hokolin Nene. In particular, we requested guard-rail materials that would blend with the natural surroundings of the Creek area.
- * Appeared at joint City/County Commission Workshop on amendments to the comprehensive plan to express our concerns regarding protecting neighborhood boundaries from commercial uses.
- * The Outdoor Volleyball Assoc. of Tallahassee and the City Parks & Recreation Dept. with approval of IHLNA have constructed two professional sand volleyball courts in Optimist Park. The courts are open for use to anyone. The Volleyball Assoc. will hold periodic clinics and 3 tournaments have already been held.

IHLNA NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our new Officers and Trustees are as follows. Please call them when you have questions and concerns about the neighborhood or would like to get involved in your Association's activities.

President: Marjorie Coombs, 2205 Atapha Nene, 656-8030 Vice Pres: Ken Woodward, 2045 Wahalaw Nene, 877-4034

Secretary: Ann Morrow, 2016 Chuli Nene, 656-8671

Treasurer: Mary Louise Bachman, 1905 Wahalaw Ct., 877-6344
At-Large: Coppie Bersol, 1905 F. Indiaphead Dr. 942-7904

At-Large: Connie Bersok, 1905 E. Indianhead Dr. 942-7904 At-Large: Bossie Hawkins, 1410 Lola Drive, 656-2578

At-Large: Susan Swihart, 1807 Chuli Nene, 878-3520 At-Large: Grant Gelhardt, 1906 Chuli Nene, 942-7608

At-Large: Frank Votra, 1337 Lola Drive, 878-3232

At-Large: Mark McClanahan, 1528 Chuli Nene, 656-2468 At-Large: Vicki Tauxe, 1501 Kolopakin Nene, 656-5525

PROPOSED IHLNA PROJECT

The Board has discussed installing bird boxes along the existing nature walk and borders of Indianhead Creek. If you have an interest in constructing bird houses, can help in locating durable wood such as cedar or redwood, or want to help put them up, please call Ann Morrow at 656-8671.

ADVICE ON CRIME PREVENTION

Judging from comments mentioned on our membership forms, crime prevention is a concern in our neighborhood. We can all take precautions to insure our safety. So remember to:

- 1. Lock windows and doors when you are away from home. When working in the yard, keep your doors locked.
- 2. Cut bushes and shrubs away from windows and entryways. Don't give unwanted visitors a place to hide.
- 3. See that entryways are well lighted.
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- 7. Stop newspaper and mail deliveries when you are away from home for more than a day or two.
- 8. When you are going to be away from home for an extended period, have someone come in to look after the house; change position of drapes, mow the grass, and make the house look lived in.
- 9, Report any crime or suspicious activity to the police.

Perhaps the most important step is the last one - report ALL suspicious activity and crimes. The police cannot help us if they are not aware of our concerns.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORY

In the Association semi-annual newsletters we like to give residents the opportunity to advertise services (tutoring, babysitting, lawn care, word processing, etc.). If you offer a service that would benefit your neighbors and would like to be listed free in the next newsletter, please contact Mary Louise Bachman at 877-6344. We also will accept paid advertising at very reasonable rates from vicinity businesses.

TRANSLATION OF THE NENES

Every so often someone comes up to us and asks if we have the english translation of the Indianhead street names. Here they are:

Humkin - first
Toochin - third
Chowkeebin - fifth
Kolopakin - seventh
Ostapakin - ninth
Atchena - cedar
Chocksaka - bridle
Wekewa - spring
Wahalaw - south

Hokolin - second
Ostin - fourth
Apakin - sixth
Chinnapakin - eighth
Atapha - dogwood
Chuli - pine
Heechee - tobacco

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TALLAHASSEE TODAY PROGRAM

If you are interested in news about City issues there is a half-hour, twice monthly program on such subjects as recycling, City services, City Commission decisions, energy audits, etc. The last we heard was that "Tallahassee Today" aired at 9:30 am Sundays on Channel 40 (Cable 12), at 5:30 pm Mondays on Channel 40, and at 7:00 pm Mondays on C-Span (Cable 20).