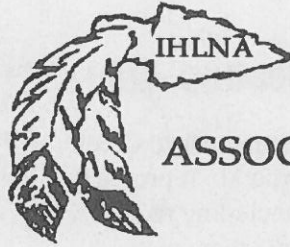


INDIAN HEAD NEIGHBORHOOD



LEHIGH ASSOCIATION, INC.

Spring 1992 Newsletter

Stormwater Update

For now, we have successfully fought off preliminary plans formulated by the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the City to construct two stormwater ponds in Indian Head Creek and our green space. Several hundred residents attended two meetings with Mayor Lightsey and staff from the City and Water Management District in November to make their opposition known. Many residents spoke, pointing out the numerous reasons why the impacts of the projects on the natural habitat and character of the neighborhood would completely outweigh the questionable benefits to stormwater management. They also pointed out alternative solutions which had not been considered. At the City Commission meeting on December 11, Commissioners instructed staff to look for alternatives. However, as there was no binding, final rejection of the project, we can't assume that the plan is dead; we must remain vigilant.

Have Questions?

Ramona Abernathy-Paine has volunteered to act as a clearing-house for any information and updates concerning the stormwater retention pond proposal. You may call her during the day at 599-1786 or at 656-6182 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tom Swihart, Chris Harper, Connie Bersok, Vicki Tauxe, Dave Jordan, Marge Coombs...the list goes on and on.

Hearty thanks to all of you who came out to the meetings and most especially to those who helped to notify and mobilize the neighborhood. Herb Marshall, Charlie Lien, Tom Ballentine, Lyn Davis, Dixie Porter, Leona La Blanc, Diane Coile, Susan and

Last but not least, we wish to thank Mrs. Irene Stead, who, with her husband, donated this land as a park in the first place. Her presence and statements at the meetings lent moral authority to our position.

Halloween Party

We had a great turnout at our annual Halloween Party at the clubhouse. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the party a success: Chris Jonas, Anita Gregory, Katie George, Laura Thompson, Charlene Burke, for our decorations, Rebecca Keith for prizes, Sylvia Bickford for trophies, Nancy Thulman for signs, Emily Ruddell, Jacki McGorty, and Steve Medina for entertainment, and Jeff Devore for being the emcee. And to anyone we forgot to mention, thanks too! A final thank you to all the parents and their children who came in great costumes and made this a fun event.

Festival of Lights

December found the Indian Head and LeHigh neighborhoods transformed into a magical land of twinkling lights and holiday displays. Neighbors truly went all-out this year! We were all proud to see our neighborhoods included in the Democrat's tour of lights and happy to see that Lee and Cindy Schlesinger's house on the corner of Kolapakin and Chowkeebin merited a Feature story in the Democrat. Thanks to all of you for your hard work!

(We apologize for the cancellation of our Holiday Decorating contest as advertised in the Fall newsletter. The stormwater issue demanded all of our time and energy. We'll try again the next holiday season!).

First Annual Creek Cleanup Day

As we were reminded this fall, Indian Head Creek is an important part of our neighborhood. It provides habitat for many birds, mammals (including recreation space for us humans), fish, and other creatures. However, this area is not free from human influence, as evidenced by the trash that finds its way there. This is your chance to do something positive for the creek that means so much to all of us. Join in the First Annual Creek Cleanup on the first full day of spring, **Saturday, March 21**. We'll meet at Optimist Park at 9 a.m. and pick up trash in the creek and on the trails next to the creek. Dress appropriately to protect yourself from chiggers and ticks. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet and bring gloves.

Also, be part of the scouting party for building a new trail along the creek. Hand tools will be needed for the trail building.

For more information, contact Connie Bersok at 942-7904.

Spring Tree Care

Spring is just around the corner. The trees are just emerging from their dormancy of winter. This is the time to give the trees that we have planted over the years some care and attention in the form of mulching and fertilizing. Set aside **Saturday, March 14** from 9 a.m. until noon for this annual event. You can help out in this endeavor in any one or more of these ways:

1. Save your leaves and pine straw in bags or boxes and bring these over to Optimist Park either

early Saturday morning (before 9 a.m.) or Friday afternoon/evening. (Please don't drop them off any earlier than Friday!) We can always use **lots** of mulch.

2. You can also offer to save your neighbor's leaves and pine straw for them.

3. Show up on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Optimist Park with gardening gloves and a hoe or such. Tools are optional, but helpful. Experience not necessary; we just need some neighbors who care about our neighborhood trees. We will break up into teams to tend to the trees near Hartsfield Elementary, in Koucky Park, and in Optimist Park.

If you have any questions, call Connie Bersok at 942-7904.

IHLNA Spring Festival: May 2

Don't miss It! A great afternoon is planned for all neighborhood residents at our annual Spring Festival held in Optimist Park from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Activities include games, horse and pony rides, tumbling lessons for preschoolers by Junior Gym, the election of your new neighborhood association Board of Trustees, and food. Bring your favorite dish and sample your neighbor's best cookin' at the potluck supper. Students from FSU will supervise games from 2:00 to 5:00; free horse and pony rides will run from 2:30 to 4:30, and the potluck supper will start at 4:00. The IHLNA will provide drinks, eating utensils, plates, and the opportunity to discuss neighborhood issues, make new friends, and acquaint your kids with other neighborhood children.

If you want more information, call Ann Morrow at 656-8671. In case of rain, the Spring Festival will be held Saturday, May 9, at the same time.

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New Road: Obah Nene

Indian Head Acres is expanding with a new cul-de-sac road off Mountbatten. The new road will be called Obah Nene, translated as Owl Trail. McComb Construction, the builder of the new homes on Chocksacka Nene, will also be developing homes on 15 of the 16 lots along the new road. The new homes will be of similar design and construction as the Chocksacka homes, preserving as much of the wooded look as is practical. Terry McComb anticipates beginning the first home in March or April.

Most of the construction thus far has been by Gab Construction for building the road, sidewalk, roadside underground utilities and the stormwater treatment facility. When completed, the city will assume responsibility and maintenance of the road, utilities, and stormwater facility.

So, what is a stormwater facility? (By the way, this facility is not related to the controversial stormwater holding ponds.) Most of the neighborhood was developed before city and state laws required runoff waters to be retained and treated onsite before discharging into the creeks, ditches, and storm drains. Now, regulations require that all new developments, from the smallest quickie-market to massive residential developments, provide an area large enough to collect the runoff waters from the entire developed area and hold it until it can more naturally seep into the system. There are a number of different designs for these facilities. This one is designed something like a bathtub to retain waters after a rain and then slowly discharge the water through a sand filter and drain at the bottom. There will also be a overflow outlet to prevent flooding.

The "bathtub" area will be maintained as a city easement in the backyards of the lots at the end of the cul-de-sac. The neighborhood association is interested in working with the city and the property owners to plant and maintain the area as an amenity to wildlife and to the neighborhood. If you have any ideas concerning such a plan, or if you are familiar with the city rules and regulations, please contact one of the association board members.

Thanks

A special thanks goes to Marshall Johnson and the students at Rickards High for printing the Newsletter.

Volunteers Needed At Hartsfield

Love Books? Share the Joy!

The IHLNA is involved in the Partners for Excellence program with Hartsfield Elementary. In addition to a cash donation to the school, we try to help them find volunteers to proctor exams in the spring. We would like to hold a "Joy of Reading Week" (date to be determined), where volunteers from our neighborhood come in and read to third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. Sharing your love of books means so much to both pupils and teachers, especially in those grades where there are few opportunities to hear a story read aloud. Please check your schedule and see if you can spare a half-hour to an hour to share in a very rewarding activity. Call Ann Morrow at 656-8671 if you'd like to help with proctoring or reading.

Help Center

Also, volunteers are needed at Hartsfield every Monday from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. to help 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who are having trouble finishing their work. Call the school at 488-7322 to sign up.

Speeding

Recently, while walking through the neighborhood, a resident came upon a sad sight. A beautiful calico cat, obviously well cared for, lying ahead in the road. It was apparent that it had been hit by a car. We have noticed a fair amount of cars, which tend to drive a bit too fast, on our travels through LeHigh-Indian Head. Please! Slow down when driving on our streets. It is a great neighborhood and the roads are lovely. Don't endanger the area's children and pets. Save the speed for the highway. Let's make this a great place to live!

Join the Neighborhood Association: We need you!

The threat of the stormwater ponds project points out the need for a strong Neighborhood Association. Even though we are an established neighborhood within the city, we are not immune to the pressures of growth. To a great extent, it was the presence of so many concerned, articulate residents that helped persuade the City Commission to look elsewhere. We need a larger active membership and new Board

members to give of their time, energy, and talents. We also need a new President, as our current President, Marge Coombs, is moving to Washington, D.C. Together, we can preserve our quality of life and make our neighborhood even more special. Please feel free to attend our monthly Board meetings on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Optimist Park Clubhouse.



Membership Application

Please complete the following and mail with a \$10.00 check (\$5.00 if resident 20 years or longer) payable to:

Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Mary Louse Bachman, Treasurer
1905 Wahalaw Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

I, _____,

am a resident or own property within the Indian Head Acres or Lehigh neighborhoods and am at least 18 years of age.

Resident how many years? _____ New Member _____ Phone No. _____

I would be willing to help with the following activities:

- Tree planting/landscaping
- Springtime Festival
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Caroling
- Planning and Zoning issues
- Partners in Excellence
- Planning/Design/Enhancement of a Nature Trail

Do you have any suggestions for other activities?

Do you have any neighborhood concerns that you want addressed by the Board of Trustees?

Would you be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees?

Would you like to be listed in our services directory or run an ad in the newsletter?