



Indian Head Lehigh

Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER ** SPRING 1993

SPRING FESTIVAL

SUN AND FUN IN THE PARK

The annual spring festival will be held on **Saturday the 24 of April** at the clubhouse at Optimist Park from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Music will be provided by Jimmy Loman (Loman Crozier Band) and other neighborhood musician. Bring a blanket and relax in the spring sun, play some volleyball, ping pong, shoot some hoops, or throw a frisbee.

There will be games, and free horse and pony rides from 2:30 to 4:30. The Neighborhood Association will provide the hot dogs, drinks, eating utensils, plates. If you wish, bring a snack or your favorite dish to share with your neighbors.

If you have any ideas or could help please contact Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

STORMWATER POND UPDATE

The City has contracted with Dyer, Riddle, Mills, and Precourt, from Orlando, to do a study on the East Branch Drainage Area. The study will involve soliciting neighborhood input on the flooding problem in the neighborhood and along Orange Avenue and possible solutions to the flooding. For more information on how you can get involved you can call Sam Amantia with the city at 891-8037 or Grant Gelhardt with the neighborhood association.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

We had a great halloween party, over 100 children of all ages showed up. There was plenty of excellent food, thank you. The costume contest was a hoot and again it was very hard on the judges in that there were so many good costumes. We would like to thank the judges: Ion Sancho, Roxanne Dow, and David Gregory. Also we would like to thank Jane Jordan, Anita Gregory, Susan Swinhart, Karen Lowewen, Bossie Hawkins, and all the others that made this party such a great success.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We would like to thank all the neighbors that joined in the Christmas caroling. It always adds to the holiday spirit in the neighborhood.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We would also like to thank all the neighbors who put on what must be the best neighborhood light show in the city. The neighborhood was again written up in the Tallahassee Democrat. A special thanks to the houses on Chuli Nene, Wahalaw Court, Mountbatten and of course Kolopakin Nene.

BANK REZONING

The old CNCB bank building is being considered for the location of the new Pier 1 Imports. The neighborhood association has sent a letter to the City County Planning Department requested that we are kept informed of any development plans for this site to insure that any development on this site would be appropriate and not negatively impact the neighborhood or Hartsfield school.

INDIAN HEAD CREEK NEWS

On the morning of November 21, 1992, a group of neighbors gathered to build a bridge across the creek along the northern portion of the Indian Head Creek Nature trail. They moved three telephone poles into place for one of the bridges and moved two poles in place for another bridge. The bridge was finished up later that month by Ken and Grant. Work on the second bridge was completed in late February.

We want to thank all the people that showed up for both the bridge projects.

MORE NATURE TRAIL NEWS

Over the Christmas holidays the neighborhood association constructed a set of stairs on the northern segment of the nature trail. It is hoped that these steps will make that segment of the trail more accessible. If anyone has any more ideas of what we can do to the trail to improve it, please let us know.

EVEN MORE NATURE TRAIL NEWS

The Neighborhood Association would like to thank the Parks and Recreation Department and Charles Salter for the donation of the 70+ native plants for the improvement of the Indian Head Creek Greenway. Approximately 20 members of the neighborhood showed up Saturday January 28 to help plant. Everyone had a good time and the weather cooperated, it was a warm and sunny day.

We believe that this type of cooperation between the Neighborhood Association and the city is a classic example how the public and municipal government can work together where both parties benefit along with the improvement of the general community.

SECOND ANNUAL CREEK CLEANUP DAY

It's been nearly a year since the creek clean up... remember that fun morning spent pulling debris out of the creek and along the trail between Optimist and Koucky Parks?... and things are still looking good. Thanks to all of you who work to keep the trails clean.

The new trail that was cleared that day has been only getting better. There have been wonderful contributions of mulch for the trail. Grant Gelhardt was responsible for getting that sign on Hokolin that clearly shows the entry to the trail. He has also been working on the steps and

bridges that make the trail safer and easier for everyone to use.

Just last month, approximately 80 native trees and shrubs donated by the City of Tallahassee were planted along the trail between Optimist and Koucky Parks. This is part of an effort to restore the natural woods along the creek. Some of these trees and shrubs just look like bare sticks right now, but they are marked with orange or green tapes for greater visibility. Please help out with this restoration effort by making sure that you, your children, and your dog are careful around these plants.

If you want to become involved with management and care of creek and trail system, and want spend a morning with your neighbors working on this good cause, please join us for this spring's work day: **SATURDAY, MARCH 27**. Meet at 9:00 AM at Optimist Park clubhouse. This year, there are two projects planned: (1) additional cleaning out of debris and (2) weeding out some vines and other pests. The cleaning effort will focus on the upper end of the creek, where a lot of trash has been dumped over the years. The weeding will focus on sections of the trail between Optimist and Koucky parks where the vines are taking over and killing some of the trees. Bring gloves and tools and dress appropriately. If you have any question about this, please contact Connie Bersok at 942-7904.

See you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

The Neighborhood Association would like to put together a pamphlet on the history of the neighborhood: what was here before the neighborhood was developed, how it got started, what happened during the development, and anything of interest that has taken place in the neighborhood. I would like to ask anybody with any of this information to please write it down and sent it to me at 1906 Chuli Nene. I hope to put together a little pamphlet to inform current or new residents of the unique and varied features of this beautiful neighborhood.

GEEZER GUILD

A Geezer Guild is being formed in the neighborhood for people that are retired or have extra time and would like to get together during the week for socializing and improvement of the neighborhood. Activities such as picking up along the nature trail, caring for plants along the public right-of-way, providing rides for some of our neighbors, providing assistance in case of medical emergency, and generally helping out. There is a

possibility of using the clubhouse for social activities during the week. If you may be interested or would like more information please call John Schorger at 877-4794 or Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

If you are aware of events that need a response or action, please contact Grant Gelhardt or other board members.

CRIME WATCH

Everyone needs to stay vigilant to keep the neighborhood safe. Although the neighborhood has not experience a rash of crime we continue to experience scattered outbreaks. Remember to lock your door and windows when you leave the house and notify the police of suspicious activities.

Last year the following crimes were committed in the neighborhood:

- Burglary 19
- Auto theft 4
- Auto burglary 2

KEEP VIGILANT

COME SEE THE BRAND NEW YMCA

The Parkway Family YMCA is opening the new YMCA building with many new features, equipment and amenities. With members' support, they plan on this being just the beginning of a series of capital improvements: a volleyball court and basketball court will be erected this spring. A heated lap pool and a gymnasium are the next goals. The YMCA is more than a gym or a pool: they have many classes programs and activates for all ages from racquetball to children's summer camps and after school sports. The facility is just around the conner at 2001 Apalachee Parkway and is open seven days a week. For more information call 877-6151.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EVENTS

Your neighborhood association has been busy listening to your concerns, taking action, and working to keep this neighborhood a great place to live. Here are some of the recent actions:

Letters and phone calls concerning an accident along West Indian Head in which a boy was injured.

Letter and phone calls to the city concerning the bank rezoning and the development of the site.

Letter to the city on the status of the stormwater pond.

Constructed northern segment of the nature trail.

Construction of three bridges across the creeks along the trail.

Construction of steps along the nature rail.

Neighborhood halloween party.

Letter and phone calls to the city concerning the clearing of the canopy along the Old St. Augustine Road Canopy.

Provided coffee and soda at the Optimist Park voting precinct.

Planted native vegetation along the southern portion of the nature trail.

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