



Indian Head Lehigh

Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER ** SPRING 1994

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

It's that time of the year to clean the house and get rid of the stuff that you are not using. The Neighborhood Association is again sponsoring a Yard Sale on **Saturday May 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Optimist Park** to help you clear out that old stuff. We will be placing a large add in the Democrat so be sure to gather your stuff and come on down and meet your neighbors, sell that stuff, and maybe buy some new stuff.

There is no charge to set up, but each seller must provide whatever setup or display desired. **IF YOU BRING ARTICLES BY VEHICLE**, please unload your vehicle and then park your vehicle away from the main yard sale area of the park. Last year, sellers' vehicles took up many of the spaces which may have discouraged buyers, and contributed to traffic congestion.

For more information call Charlie McCoy at 878-3106 or Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

NATURE TRAIL

It's time for spring care and cleaning along our very own Indian Head Creek. The trees and shrubs planted last year between Koucky and Optimist Parks should be leafing out any day now after a cold and wet winter. We need to clear out last year's vegetation growth around these young trees and shrubs and provide them with some mulch and fertilizer. There are also some areas along this portion of the creek that have been invaded by a non-native vine called air potato; this vine is very prolific and can quickly cover and kill the trees. We need to work on physically removing this plant to prevent it spread along our greenway. If you are interested in these projects and improving our stream-side trail, please join in Saturday, April 16. Meet at the trail just north of Koucky Park at 9:00 a.m. with gloves and appropriate tools. Call Connie Bersok for more information at 942-7904. (if you want to bring any butterfly bushes to plant along the trail please do)

CRIME WATCH

A Crime Watch program has been organized for the neighborhood. There have been two meetings so far with over one hundred people showing up for the last meeting at Hartsfield School. Officer John Moreau had a lot of interesting safety tips and answered numerous questions for the audience. The next Crime Watch meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Hartsfield School Cafeteria. Please come by and learn what we can do to make this

an even safer neighborhood. For more information or to join call Pat Douglas at 656-2287 or Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM OFFICER JOHN MOREAU

Hello, I am Officer John Moreau of the Tallahassee Police Departments Crime Prevention Unit. In an effort to improve quality and personalize service to the community, the Police Department Crime Prevention Unit has divided the city up into quadrants, and I am your quadrant officer. I have been a police officer for twenty-one years, and for the last three and a half years I have been assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit. I am a Certified Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner, and one of my duties is to help neighborhoods establish Crime Watch programs.

The Neighborhood Watch Program utilizes a community approach to crime prevention by encouraging citizen involvement in preventing residential crime. Citizens are educated on how to properly secure their homes and property by trained Crime Prevention Practitioners and are encouraged to report suspicious activities to law enforcement. Its success is dependent upon communication between neighborhood participants which include residents, block captains (designated leaders), and the police.

Crime is a community problem and not just a police problem. As citizens, we sometimes provide the criminals the opportunity to victimize us. It is my job

to educate the community on how to eliminate this opportunity. If we are successful, we make the neighborhood a safer place to live.

I am currently working with Pat Douglas in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program for the Indianhead Lehigh Neighborhood. If you have any concerns that involve the police department or city government which need to be addressed before the meeting, please contact me at 891-4251.

A NOTE FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH COORDINATOR - PAT DOUGLAS

There's not much I can add to Officer Moreau's comments except to thank you for your response to the first two meetings, and hope to see you on April 4th. There are some areas of the neighborhood that need more representation - the more coverage we have, the better the program will work. Those streets are: Circle/Diamond Street, Atapha Nene, Magnolia Drive, Jim Lee Road, Chowkeebin 1400-1900 block, Semalachee/Tamiami Drive, Dacron/Myrtle Drive, and the Lehigh Area.

I know we can develop a successful Neighborhood Watch Program, with your help. This is a wonderful neighborhood, it's ours to take care of, and we can all help to keep it safe for our children.

FLOODING ON WEKEWA NENE

The storm of March 1-2 caused flooding of areas along Wekewa Nene and washing out the culvert under the road. On the morning of March 2, Kate Morgan and Steve Augustine found themselves ankle deep in the water which had poured into every room of their house destroying carpeting, damaging the furniture, and softening the dry wall.

Kate Morgan has complained to the City for 20 years about this problem. Now they have come up with an what they hope is an inexpensive solution to the flooding problem in this area. "We would like the City not to rebuild the washed part of Wekewa Nene. Instead, we would like to work with the City to build an attractive wooden foot bridge connection the two sides of the road to allow for foot traffic by neighbors, joggers, and walkers.

The foot bridge idea would also reduce the "through traffic which has drastically increased since the reconstruction of Jim Lee Road and which results in automobiles speeding on Wekewa Nene seeking a short cut to Old St. Augustine Road or Apalachee Parkway. With the road closed the neighbors are enjoying a quiet street with kids and pets outside playing. The Wekewa Nene residents are expected to make a

formal request of the City within the next few weeks to not rebuild the culvert and leave the road closed but build a foot bridge across the creek. For more information call Kate Morgan at 877-0695.

HOLDING PONDS

The consultants for the City have not yet come up with a stormwater plan for the East Drainage Basin. They are planning to have a workshop draft of a plan soon and have a public workshop to solicit comments on the proposal in late May or early June. They are planning to have a final workshop in late June and then going to the City Commission for final approval. For more information call Sam Amantia or Jodie Cahon with the City at 891-8037.

SIDEWALKS

The City is considering constructing a sidewalk/bike path along Old St. Augustine Road from about Kentucky Fried Chicken to Blairstone Road. They are interested if the neighborhood is supportive of this idea and if the neighborhood has any preference to whether the sidewalk should be constructed on the north or south side of the road. Please let the neighborhood Board members know how you feel on this matter so we can get back with the City.

KUDZU

The Neighborhood Association has asked the City to look into removing the Kudzu along the northern portion of the Indianhead Greenway next to the power substation. We'll see what happens to the request.

BABY SITTING EXCHANGE

Pamela Engler would like to establish a baby-sitting exchange network among parents of school age children in the neighborhood, where parents could earn and use credits for taking care of each other's children. If you are interested in joining such a neighborhood network please call Pamela Engler at 877-8040.

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Neighborhood Service Directory - In our newsletter we like to print a list of services, baby sitting, tutoring, lawn care, etc., offered by neighborhood residents. If you offer you offer such a service and would like to be listed (free) in the next news letter please contact Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608 or Mary Louise Bachman at 877-6344.

Baby sitting service has own transportation - Jodie - 878-2042

Baby sitting service - 8 yrs experience - own transportation - Tommie Bulloch - 877-2602

OFFICERS OF IHLNA

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Membership in your IHLNA neighborhood Association is a good investment! You are helping support volunteers in your area who are willing to give their time and energy to maintain and support our quality of life in our neighborhood. For a minimal amount of money, \$5 or \$10, you are acknowledging that you appreciate the labors of your neighbors and friends who are concerned for all our well-being. In addition to your financial contribution, we need your active support of our activities. Your association and Board meets every third Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club House and we welcome all members to this meeting. We need volunteers to help us with our projects, including the delivery of the newsletter. Our fiscal year runs January 1 through December 31. If you have made a membership contribution since January 1, 1994, you and your family are on our membership roles. If not, please complete the form below and send to the IHLNA Treasure, M L Bachman, 1905 Wahalaw Court.

INDIANHEAD LEHIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Membership ___ \$10.00 Current resident
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**Make Checks Payable to IHLNA
Mail to M L Bachman
1906 Wahalaw Court**

I am interested in participating in the following activities of the neighborhood:
These activities are open to all residents of the neighborhood

- Halloween party Landscaping/Nature Trail Crime Watch
 Planning/Zoning Issues Neighborhood Yard Sale Deliver News Letters
 Neighborhood Association Board Member

Comments or Suggestions _____

Knowledge or skills that I have which could be beneficial to the neighborhood
