



Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER ** SPRING 1995

INDIANHEAD CREEK GREENWAY

The natural jewel of our neighborhood, Indianhead Creek and the greenspace, has been officially recognized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as a **STATE GREENWAY**. "What is a greenway?" you may ask. It is a corridor of protected open space managed for conservation and/or recreation. It is typically linear in nature, following a river or creek (like ours) or a shoreline or it could follow an abandoned railroad corridor, as in the case of the St. Marks Rail Trail. These types of areas not only provide habitat for wildlife and protect environmentally sensitive lands, they can provide a recreational function for us humans. We are very fortunate to have this creek and its floodplain in our midst.

Show your appreciation for this greenspace and join your neighbors for a clean-up along the creek on Saturday, April 22. There are a number of needs along the creek: cutting back and removing vines around the trees planted nearly two years ago; clearing out some exotic, nuisance plants; and general trail maintenance. We will meet at the Club House at Optimist Park at 9 am and will work to about noon. Bring hand clippers, gloves, etc., if you have them. If you have any questions, please call Connie Bersok at 942-7904.

YARD SALE

The Neighborhood Association is planning to have another neighborhood yard sale on April, 8, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the open field at Optimist Park. If you plan to sell stuff there, please unload your car and then move the car to the parking area by the T-ball field.

This is a great opportunity to sell that stuff you have accumulated. It is also a good way to meet your neighbors by either participating in the sale or by browsing. Hope to see you there.

If you are interested in participating or assisting please call Charlie or Grant.

WEKEWA BRIDGE

The Wekewa culvert has been replaced. The City of Tallahassee received numerous comments at the public hearings the Neighborhood Association sponsored concerning the flooding problem and traffic problem in the area. As a result of these comments the City decided not replace the culvert with the same size culvert. The City conducted a study on the flooding problem and after further public input, the City installed a large culvert under the road over twice the size of the old culvert. This new culvert should handle most all

storm events the neighborhood will ever encounter.

BATS

As summer approaches, it is time to find environmentally friendly ways to control pests. A small colony of bats can consume thousands of mosquitos. If you are interested in placing a bat box on your property or if you know something about bats, call Robby Turner at 942-6879.

KOUCKY BRIDGE

After a number of complaints from Neighborhood Association and concerned citizens about the rickety bridge over Indianhead Creek at Koucky Park the City removed the bridge. The idea was for the City to fix the bridge not to remove it. After several phone calls and a letter to the City, they agreed to replace the bridge. A new bridge was constructed in late February, boy is it sturdy. Come down to the park and take a look at it. While you are there, you may want to relax with a picnic lunch or take in a game of Frisbee.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Men and women need for Ultimate.

Ultimate, for those who don't know, is an intensely fun, non-contact, co-ed sport played on a field

roughly the size of a football field. All you need is the ability to throw and catch a frisbee and to run up and down a field a lot. No special equipment is required, although turf shoes are a plus. The game is easy to learn! beginners are welcome.

Anyone interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee on a weekly basis in Optimist Park, please contact Geoff Brock at 656-5505.

TRAFFIC IN NEIGHBORHOOD

out of respect for your fellow neighbors, pets, walkers and kids of bikes please slow down when driving along the streets in our neighborhood. Its very upsetting when cars speed by going 40-45 MPH. Lets make this a safe place to be on the streets!

CRIME WATCH

In Indianhead Acres over the last year there were:

15 residential burglaries

3 robberies

4 vehicle thefts

1 vehicle burglary

In Lehigh over the last year there were:

14 residential burglaries

0 robberies

1 vehicle theft

1 vehicle burglary

The crime rate has declined in the neighborhood over the past couple of years. This is due to both the Leon County boot camp and the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. BUT IT IS STILL TO HIGH

In the spring and summer many burglaries are crimes of

opportunity. Please close and lock your windows and doors when you are not at home.

Also, don't leave your bikes on you lawn or in an open carport!!! Put your bike behind your house, lock it up if you leave it in the carport, or put it in a shed.

Recently there have been a rash of burglaries in which the front doors have been kicked in. These burglaries are occurring in the afternoon. So if you are around in the afternoon report any suspicious activity and take down tag numbers. Also, it would make the neighborhood safer if you are home between noon and 4 pm, to take a walk for both exercise and to check up on any suspicious activity.

The best way to insure a safe neighborhood is to know your neighbors and report any unusual activities. For more information call Pat Douglas at 656-2287.

*** IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE OR ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CALL THE POLICE ***

Neighborhood Watch coordinator with the Tallahassee Police Department is John Moreau - 891-4251.

PREVENT THEFT

ENGRAVE YOUR BELONGINGS

The Neighborhood Association in conjunction with the Neighborhood Crime Watch program has purchased an engraver to lend to neighborhood residents. It can be used to engrave your driver's license number on valuable items prone to being stolen (TVs, VCRs, stereos, cameras, etc.). The engraver can be borrowed for one week.

To borrow the engraver or for more information call Charlie McCoy at 878-3106 (leave message).

ARBOR DAY

At the urging and recommendation of the Neighborhood Association, the city conducted an Arbor Day planting along Lafayette Street. Approximately 25 people showed up to plant 30 oak trees. This planting will improve the appearance of Apalachee Parkway and the entrance to the neighborhood at East Indianhead Drive.

If you have any other ideas on how to improve the neighborhood please let us know.

CHINESE TALLOW

Many people are familiar with the problem of invasive exotic plants such as Brazilian pepper, Australian pines, and melaleuca colonizing native forests and eventually destroying the native plant community and replacing it with a monoculture of invasive exotics.

In North Florida we have an invasive exotic that is starting to have a drastic effect on our North Florida ecology, this plant is the Chinese Tallow, also called the popcorn tree. These trees will colonize wetland areas and eventually out compete and destroy the native plant community.

Members of the Neighborhood Association noticed that the Indianhead Creek greenway had a few Chinese Tallow scattered through the greenway. The Neighborhood Association contacted the state and received help to kill these invasive exotic trees. While out in the greenway with the state staff it was discovered that there were quite a few more of the exotic trees out there than originally thought.

Although many Chinese Tallow were killed last year there are still many more that need to be killed. This will restore the greenway to a more natural condition to improve the habitat for our native birds and wildlife.

If you think you have one of these exotics in your yard and would like help in identifying it or removing it the Neighborhood Association would gladly help.

For more information you can contact Grant.

CHURCH PROPOSED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Tallahassee Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is considering buying a house in Indianhead Acres for use as a Quaker Meetinghouse. The Meetinghouse would be used for Sunday morning worship services for about 25 people, and for various church committee meetings. Worship services are held in silence, without music. The meeting house would not be used for non-religious purposes, such as entertainment, day-care, etc.

The Quakers are asking for input from the Indianhead Acres residents on the issue of a Meetinghouse in the neighborhood. It is their wish to be on good terms with the neighbors. To express your opinion on this issue, please call Leslie Adams at 942-1954 with the Quakers or Grant Gelhardt with the Neighborhood Association at 942-7608.

If you know of another house in the City that could serve as a Meetinghouse please call Leslie.

STATUS OF CHURCH PERMIT

The Quakers have requested and already received a Land Use Compliance Certificate. This certificate basically states that a church can go on the property. The site will still have to go through a Type B Review and a site plan review by City staff and approval by the Development Review Committee (city staff). For more information call the City Planning Department at 891-8629 or Grant.

HOLDING PONDS

The study on the East Branch Drainage District has been on hold for much of last year due to the major flooding that occurred throughout the City. City staff priorities were directed to resolve the major flooding impacts from last year's storms. One of the results was the decision to acquire a trailer park and houses adjacent to Jake Gaither Golf Course, which had major flooding problems. It is

likely that they will be using this land to create some holding ponds, which should relive some of the flooding problems in the East Branch Drainage basin.

For more information call Chuck Blum with the City at 891-8037.

ORANGE AVENUE WIDENING?

The consultants are putting together a draft report on the traffic patterns along Orange Avenue. Public workshops are planned in the future to receive input into the process on how to address the existing and future traffic problems along Orange Avenue.

For more information you can call Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608 or Sally Dowlen with the county traffic program at 488-8003.

THE CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse at Optimist Park is available on the weekends for children birthday parties. If you want to use the facility call Grant.

VOTE


In last November's election the Indianhead Lehigh Neighborhood had the second highest percentage of register voters going to the polls. Congratulations to everyone.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Neighborhood Association Halloween Party was a great success. About 150 people showed up in some great costumes. There was plenty of food and good times for all. The band Tao Jones play some good tunes in the afternoon (Tao Jones recently released a CD). At sunset the costume contest was held and all the children received a goodie bag full of candy and toys.

SIDEWALKS

The City has a program to put sidewalks along neighborhood streets if the residents of that street want them. If you and your neighbors are interested in getting more information on this program give Grant a call.

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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 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 - has own transportation - Jodie - 878-2042
 Baby sitting - 8 yrs experience - own transportation - Tommie Bulloch - 877-2602

Sewing and Dressmaking - Dee Emery - 656-7757

Accounting and Tax Preparation Services - Jim Brown - 877-4463

Professional Photography - individual and family portraiture, in the Park or at your home - Mike - 942-6827

OFFICERS OF IHLNA

President: Grant Gelhardt 942-7608
 Vice-pres: Ken Woodward 877-4034
 Secretary: Vacant
 Treasurer: Mary Louise Bachman 877-6344
 At-Large: Connie Bersok 942-7904
 At-Large: Charlie McCoy 878-3106
 At-Large: Anita Gregory 878-5293
 At-Large: Robby Turner 656-5525
 At-Large: Vacant

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. 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, 1995, 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 LEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Membership 1995 _____ \$10.00 Current resident
 _____ \$5.00 20 year resident
 Make Checks Payable to IHLNA
 Mail to M L Bachman
 1905 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 - we always appreciate any help and ideas

Comments or Suggestions _____

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