



Indian Head Lehigh

Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Nene Land News

Spring 1997

YARD SALE

It's that time of the year to clean the house, get rid of the stuff that you are not using, and make room for more new stuff. The Neighborhood Association is again sponsoring a yard sale to help on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Optimist Park. We will be placing a large ad in the Democrat, so be sure to gather your stuff and come on down. Meet your neighbors, sell that old stuff, and maybe buy some new stuff. For more information, call Charlie McCoy at 878-3106 or Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

Residents Submit Playground Proposal to City

On March 19, a proposal was submitted to the City of Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department for improvements to the Optimist Park playground. The proposal was based on the consensus of area residents who shared a concern about our playground and how it could best serve the children in our community.

In a meeting last summer, Parks Superintendent David Chapman expressed a desire to use input from neighborhood residents in the City's plan to improve our playground. They had recently completed similar improvements to other area parks and had received a donation from Tallahassee Friends of our Parks Inc. to help fund improvements to our playground.

Afterwards, area residents got together to review our options and share ideas on how best to improve the playground. The result was a proposal that reflected the group's desire for a new playground that combines the good qualities and character of the

existing one with the advantages of up-to-date equipment and ideas. The proposal addressed three areas of concern: 1) overall playground concept, 2) landscaping, and 3) equipment.

We agreed that a new or improved playground should encourage safe, creative, open-ended play through spread out play areas that are separate for young and older children. It should also be environmentally-friendly and appealing. There were many excellent suggestions from the group including:

- * a bridge from the playground across the creek to the nature trail;
- * a paved path encircling the play area to keep children off the sidewalk next to the road;
- * toddler slides and swings with separate, higher swings and slides for the older kids;
- * a shaded sandbox with a sand table;
- * play decks and platforms that are spread out and joined by single, visually appealing bridges instead of networks of walkways as in some of the newer playgrounds;
- * new cement tunnels/conduits that

neighborhood residents could decorate.

We are now awaiting word from the City regarding the approval of our proposal and the anticipated timetable for the project. If this proposal is incorporated into the City's plan for improving the playground, we should have an excellent playground that will be custom designed to suit the needs of our community.

For more information, please contact Bill Gallo at 671-3187

Road Widening

Apalachee Parkway

A study is being conducted on traffic improvement to Apalachee Parkway. The preliminary plan is to convert Apalachee Parkway into a limited access highway with parallel service roads. The design would incorporate flyovers at both Blairstone and Magnolia, bike lanes, side walks, underground utilities, stormwater ponds, and vegetative plantings. The planned stormwater ponds would treat all existing stormwater coming off the existing Parkway and all additional stormwater. The idea of treating all the stormwater would result in the improvement of the water quality in Indianhead Creek. Originally the consultants were planning on putting the stormwater facility in the Indianhead Creek Greenway. The Neighborhood Association voiced objections to this and the consultants have relocated the ponds to the area between Chowkeebin and Lafayette Street. If you have any questions, call Grant or the consultants at 309-0896.

Orange Avenue

The County is in the process of finalizing the report on traffic improvement on Orange Avenue from Monroe to Blair Stone Road. The proposed recommendation is to four

lane this stretch of road. The preliminary design of the road includes a median, retaining the vegetative buffer along the Lehigh Blair Stone Forest segment, inclusion of sidewalks and bike lanes, and the construction of a traffic circle at the intersection of Jim Lee and Orange to keep people from speeding through area and give the road a more neighborhood atmosphere. The negative side of the project is the increased traffic noise. The positive side is it will probably reduce cut traffic coming through the neighborhood. If you have any questions or comments on the proposal, contact Grant Gelhardt or any member of the neighborhood board. The County contact is Mike Willote 488-8003.

Stormwater Retention Structures in the Greenway

At this time, no funds have been appropriated for work on the proposed stormwater retention structures in the Indian Creek Greenway. Any work will be several years off. We'll let you know, through this continuing series of newsletter articles, about any design plans as they become available. If you have any comments contact Connie Bersok (942-7904).

Hi-ho, Hi-ho, it's off to work we go

Once again the Forest Gnomes have helped out the neighborhood by mulching the wet parts of the trail and the steps by Hokolin. Also, check out the new loop on the northern segment of the trail.

Thanks to a special person for the donation of the chain saw for use on maintaining the trail.

The neighborhood association has asked the City to eliminate the kudzu from the park area behind the church and electric sub station. Call or write the city asking that they eliminate the kudzu from this area

before it starts taking over the rest of the park.

The neighborhood association has also asked the City to keep the southern part of the trail mowed.

Cost Cutting

We need help in delivering the news letters on the 1400 and 1500 block of Chowkeebin, 1500 block of Chuli, Apikin, Myrtle Drive, Circle Drive, Diamond Street, and Lehigh Drive. This is a good way to get exercise and meet your neighbors.

Road Names

Once again for the new residents and for those that may have forgotten the Nene Land road names:

Hokolin - second	Toochin - third
Ostin - fourth	Chowkeebin - fifth
Apakin - sixth	Kolopakín - seventh
Chinnapakín - eighth	Ostapakín - ninth
Atapha - dogwood	Atchena - cedar
Chuli - pine	Chocksaka - bridle
Heechee - tobacco	Wekewa - spring
Hasosaw - east	Wahalaw - south
Ohba - owl	Nene - trail

If anyone has any history on the names of Circle Drive, Diamond Street, Dacron Drive, Myrtle Drive, Doris Drive, Tamiami Drive, Semlachee Drive, Mountbatten Road, Lola Drive, Nancy Drive, Susan Boulevard, Mavis Circle, Eleanor Drive, and Lehigh Drive please give your board members a call and let them know the history.

Slowing Traffic

After years of asking the city to come up with a solution to slow traffic down in the neighborhood, the City has finally come up with a plan. The City may be willing to incorporate traffic circles at Wekewa and

W. Indianhead and one at Hokolin and West Indianhead. These traffic circles are intended to slow traffic down as the cars and trucks have to slow down to go around the circles. It has been documented to work in other areas. What do you think? Contact one of the board members on your thoughts.

Gazebo

There has been some discussion on putting up a small gazebo at Koucky Park and a larger gazebo at Optimist Park. The gazebo at Optimist Park would be approximately 16' x 16'. It could be used for small family picnics, relaxing, acoustic music, etc. What do you think? Where would we put it in the park and why would that be a good place? Call any of the board member and let them know what you think.

Koucky

George Koucky, one of the original developers and a resident of the neighborhood, passed away recently. He left a great legacy in the way the neighborhood was developed and the beautiful park that bears his name.

Trash Pickup - Pilot Program

A note from the City: The City of Tallahassee extends a big "Thank You" to Indianhead Acres for participating in the solid waste pilot project to "test market" alternative solid waste collection services and equipment. These include having a menu of services to choose from and a new larger recycling container, which should make recycling boxes easier than the current brown paper bag system. An independent survey company will conduct another survey after completion of the pilot project to find out what residents think about the new service and equipment. Call 891-5250, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., if you have any questions about the pilot project.

Support your neighbor's business

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or
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Courtesy of Your Neighbors...
Eric & Tina Goff
Not valid with any other coupon or special offer.
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CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Help maintain 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. If you have made a membership contribution since January 1, 1996, 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
1997
 \$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:

- Landscaping/Nature Trail Crime Watch Neighborhood Yard Sale
 Deliver News Letters Halloween party Planning/Zoning Issues
 Neighborhood Association Board Member - we always appreciate any help and ideas

Comments or Suggestions
