



# Indian Head Lehigh

Neighborhood Association, Inc.

## Halloween Party *Sunday, October 29*

The annual Halloween party will be held on Sunday, October 29 at the clubhouse at Optimist Park from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be a costume contest with prizes and goodies for kids of all ages. If you wish, bring a pot luck dish to share.



Again this year for the adults, we will have Tao Jones playing from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. So come out and meet your neighbors, listen to some music, and have some ghoulish grub. We could always use more volunteers for decorating the clubhouse. We end up with the same people every year and they could use some relief. If you have any ideas, donations, or could help us set up the party please contact: Grant Gelhardt 942-7608.

## Yard Sale *Saturday, September 30*

The Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The yard sale is open and free to all members of the Neighborhood Association. For all others it will be \$10 but with it comes a 1 year membership to the Neighborhood Association.

Do some fall house cleaning and make some extra cash. Come on down - sell some stuff, buy some stuff, and meet your neighbors. For more information call grant at 942-7608.

## Be Sure to Vote

*Vote on October 3 and November 7.*

### Lets Make Sure That We Have The Highest Turn Out In The County



The Indianhead Lehigh neighborhood always has one of the highest percentage of register voters going to the poll. Congratulations to everyone. Lets try for highest percentage turnouts in the County.

The neighborhood association will once again be there with coffee and drinks for all voters. Also, if you have any comments or suggestions please stop by our table and chat awhile.

If you have any questions on which of the local candidates is neighborhood friendly - give us a call at 942-7608.

## Sidewalks

The hot and dry summer of 2000 is nearly behind us now. It was not a great summer for growing plants. But the weather was just fine for new sidewalks to sprout up in and near our neighborhood.



As part of the Lafayette Streetscape plan, the city has installed a sidewalk in the green space on Lafayette Street between Loopers Subs and Rally's. The sidewalk continues in the narrower green space across from B. Merrell's and Pier One. In the future, the city will extend the sidewalk eastward, along the wooded area between KFC and Blair Stone Road.

The city is currently constructing a sidewalk on Circle Drive, west of Magnolia Drive. This will eventually provide a safe path for pedestrians going to Myers Park and downtown.

The city has also installed a sidewalk on a portion of Chowkeebin Nene. If you have any concerns about getting a new sidewalk in front of your home, you should take a look at the creative layout of this sidewalk. It is not simply a straight slab of cement. This sidewalk curves around many trees and helps preserve the landscape. The homeowners along this area are also to be commended for the way their yards compliment the sidewalk design.

Indian Head - Lehigh neighborhood is known for its walkers, runners, and bike-riding children. But, it is also known for sidewalks that "lead nowhere". The city will be working in the future to extend and connect these sidewalks to provide a user-friendly network of safe paths. So, if you hear of a sidewalk coming your way, don't worry. It's an opportunity to creatively work with the city to make sure that the sidewalk meets your needs and that of your neighbors.

## More Sidewalks !!

The City has received funding in the budget to install a sidewalk along Mountbatten. The Neighborhood Association has also asked the City to investigate other sidewalk opportunities in our neighborhood.



## Guardians of the Paved Paradise *Sunday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.*

The Guardians, consisting of all interested persons from the Indianhead Acres and Meyers Park neighborhoods, invite you to join the litter pick-up along Lafayette and Old St. Augustine Roads. Meet at the corner of Apakin Nene and Old St. Augustine Road on Sunday morning, October 15, at 9:00 a.m. Garbage bags, plastic gloves, and orange safety vests will be provided. Children must be over 12 to participate. If it is raining or some other act of nature blocks us, the back-up date will be Sunday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m. Please call Ellen Gwynn at 878-5796 if you need to know more.

## Playground

The City has finalized their plan for an upgrade of the existing play ground and are planing to start installing the new playground equipment in the near future. Along with the new play ground equipment they will be fixing up the club hose and installing picnic tables. They are seriously considering installing outdoor restroom facilities at the park - but can't find the necessary funding at this time.

## Tree Art

There is a dead oak tree in the park - we were thinking of getting a chainsaw artist to do a carving on the stump - any ideas?

## Block Party

A block party is a great way to meet newcomers and reconnect with busy neighbors. Four ladies in our corner of the neighborhood have organized a few block parties over the past several years, and you can do it, too. We have found that a low-key street party can be done cheaply and with little effort.

The first step is to round up a few organizers. We gather in someone's kitchen or on a deck with calendars and notebooks. You'll have to agree on a date (game days are probably out, unless it will be a football party) and also on the boundaries of your party zone. This has been fairly easy for our group, since we live on an actual block, but it may cause agony for those who live on some of our longer streets. It's best to be flexible and to error on the side of inclusiveness.

Our group of party volunteers has found that we need to cover four major tasks: 1) the design and production of an invitational flyer for each household within the party zone; 2) delivering the flyers to each household; 3) drafting and mailing a letter to the police department; and 4) picking up picnic supplies such as cups, utensils, napkins, plates, etc.

The flyers we have produced announce the date, time, and location. They invite people to bring a covered dish and a lawn chair and provide numbers to call with questions or to request help in carrying things to the party. The flyer should also give an alternate location in the event of rain. A couple on our street with a double carport has graciously offered their place in the past. The flyer should also inform people that a portion of the street will be blocked off with barricades, and that you are obtaining police permission to do so.



The letter to the police department must be addressed to Sgt. Ray Crew. It must provide details of the party, and state that all of the neighbors have been notified and invited. The letter must request permission to block traffic (if applicable) for a specified section of the street. You must request that Sgt. Crew arrange to have the city deliver barricades so that you can block traffic.

Other practical considerations include a large trash barrel, some card tables, and games for youngsters such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, balls, etc. Consider whether you want to provide any entertainment. One of us usually provides a CD player, and we invite everyone to bring their favorite party CD. You can be as elaborate or as simple as you please. You'll need to decide whether you will provide beverages or let each family bring their own. We generally place a collection bottle on the table so neighbors may chip in toward expenses.

I would be pleased to answer questions about our experiences organizing and holding block parties. Please feel free to call me at 942-1652. Good luck and go have fun with your neighbors!

Frances Hartnett Angara

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WE Really Need Some People on The Board - We only meet every two to three months - that is 4 -6 times a year.

E-mail

If you would to get periodic updates on what is happening in the neighborhood - we are putting together an e-mail list where we would inform you of issues of important to the neighborhood. If so, fill out the e-mail address on the membership form.

INDIANHEAD LEHIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership \_\_\_ \$10.00 Current resident
year 2000
\_\_\_ \$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:

- \_\_\_ Halloween party volunteer \_\_\_ Landscaping/Nature Trail \_\_\_ Crime Watch
\_\_\_ Planning/Zoning Issues \_\_\_ St. Augustine Road cleanup \_\_\_ Deliver News Letters
\_\_\_ Neighborhood Association Board Member - we always appreciate any help and ideas

Comments or Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_
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