



Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER ** Fall 2003



Halloween Party



The Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring the annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 26, at Optimist Park from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Bring a cover dish for the always-great pot luck dinner. There will be a costume contest with prizes and goodies for children of all ages. Live music provided by Tao Jones and the Entological Elephants. So, come out and visit with your neighbors, listen to music, and have some ghoulish grub.

For more information, or to volunteer for decorating or clean up, call Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.

Have you noticed the changes in the parks? Thanks to the efforts of concerned citizens in our neighborhood who have brought these issues to the attention of our elected city officials, there have been some changes and improvements, with more on the way. At Optimist Park, one of the basketball hoops has been lowered to allow younger people to play, while still allowing adults to play half-court ball. There is a new set of stairs leading to the nature trail near the corner of Hokolin and West Indianhead. And, at Koucky Park, there was some overdue shrub and tree maintenance and trimming. In addition, there is a brand new set of swings for tots.

The city has proposed funding the outdoor-accessible restrooms at Optimist Park and air conditioning for the clubhouse in the draft budget for the next fiscal year. Perhaps we will see the return of our polling location to the clubhouse with these upgrades?

Put these dates and events on your calendars!

Saturday, October 25th – Greenway invasive plant removal. Meet at 10 am at the Optimist Park clubhouse. Contact Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608 and see the article in this newsletter (page 3) for more information.

Saturday, November 1st – Optimist Park. Pack up the kids and your favorite scrub brush or cleaning tool for a morning of cleaning the playground equipment. The soapy fun will begin at 10 am. Contact Grant at 942-7608 for details.

Saturday, November 15th – Nature Trail. It's time to do some maintenance on this much used and well-loved trail, so that it will be ready for your fall and winter outings. Meet at the Optimist Park clubhouse at 10 am. Bring tools, gloves, and drinking water. Call Grant at 942-7608 for information.

Every second Sunday of the month – Potluck at Optimist Park, starting at 4:30 pm. Contact Christy Gandy at 877-0294 for more information.

What do our street names mean?

When Mr. John Stead started to develop Indianhead Acres, his wife Irene worked with the State Library staff to give the streets authentic Creek Indian names.

First of all, Nene means "trail".

Jim Lee Road was originally planned to have the name Humpin Nene, meaning First Trail.

Hokolin Nene.....Second Trail

Toochin Nene.....Third Trail

Ostin Nene.....Fourth Trail

Chowkeebein Nene.....Fifth Trail

Apakin Nene.....Sixth Trail

Kolopak Nene.....Seventh Trail

Chinnapak Nene.....Eighth Trail

Ostapak Nene.....Ninth Trail

Atapha Nene.....Dogwood Trail

Heechee Nene.....Tobacco Trail

Chuli Nene.....Pine Trail

Chocksaka Nene.....Bridle Trail

Wekewa Nene.....Spring Trail

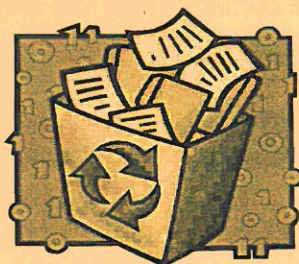
Hasosaw.....East Trail

Wahalaw.....North-South Trail

Atchena Nene.....Cedar Trail

Ohbah Nene.....Owl Trail

Now, the glamorous topic of...TRASH!



We've had a stormy summer that generated a lot of yard debris. Hurricane season is not over until the end of November, and we still have the usual autumn leaf drop and yard trimmings. In addition, fall is often a time to clean up the inside of the house, too. Here is some guidance on how to handle all this stuff.

Yard waste – Small biodegradable items like grass clippings, leaves, pine straw should be placed in trash bags or small cardboard boxes; and woody limbs should be placed in piles no higher than four feet or longer than 6 feet. Make sure that the pile does not lean out into the street and get in the way of traffic.

Note: Styrofoam packing material is *not* yard waste and should either be recycled at a shipping store or placed in a tightly closed bag in your garbage bin. Bottles and cans, especially "Natural Light," belong in our recycling bins – not in our streets or yard waste piles.

Bulky Items – These are large items that are too large or bulky to be placed into your garbage can, such as appliances, furniture, lamps, bikes. They are also placed curbside for pickup every two weeks. Remember that you must remove refrigerator doors or place the refrigerator with the door side down so children cannot get trapped inside. Don't mix bulk waste with yard waste!

Recyclables - Every home in Indian Head has a green recycling Smart Cart in addition to a garbage can. One side of the Smart Cart is for recycling of metal, glass and plastic containers; the other side is for paper products. When non-recyclable items are mixed with items that are, they can contaminate an entire load, so please follow the city's guidance on recycling.

Household Hazardous Waste – Common household products such as bathroom cleaners, herbicides, pesticides, solvents, paints, gasoline and used oil can become a serious environmental problem when thrown in the garbage or washed down the drain. The county has a hazardous waste collection facility at the landfill on US 27 to handle these types of wastes. Better yet, try to reduce the amount of hazardous materials that you bring into your home.

Trash – The garbage can is for anything that does not go into the yard trash pile or the bulky item pile or in the recycling bins and is not hazardous.

If you have any questions about how to handle any type of trash or waste, contact the City at 891-4YOU.

The Invasive Exotics of Indianhead

They're here. Some were invited and then escaped. Others simply "showed up." Some might seem "pretty", while others are seen as pests. They are invasive, exotic (non-native) plants. Many of these plants were originally planted for agriculture or landscape purposes. But, they don't have any natural insect pests or diseases to keep them in check, they spread easily, and grow really well in our climate. In fact, they grow so well they can take over our natural areas and kill our native trees and other plants.

Don't forget! The IHLNA will be conducting a workday on Saturday, October 25th, to get rid of some of the invasive exotic pest plants in our greenway. Meet at 10 am at the Optimist Park clubhouse with gloves, tools, and drinking water. Contact Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608 for more information.

In addition to this clean-out effort, you can help by removing as many invasive exotics from your *own* yards and keeping them out. If you are not sure if you have these problem plants or not, give Grant a call and he will arrange for someone to identify them for you. Here are a few of the more common ones in the neighborhood and some suggestions on how to get rid of them:

Air potato (*Dioscorea bulbifera*) is an aggressive deciduous vine that is becoming as common as Kudzu. It is known by its large heart-shaped leaves and tubers ("potatoes") that grow from the vine. Mowing or cutting the vine at its base will kill this year's growth, but it will grow back from the root unless treated with a stump-killer. If it is a thick growth, try spraying Round-up* on the lower 6 feet of leaves. You may have to treat it a couple of times.

Green wandering Jew (*Tradescantia albiflora*) is a creeping succulent plant with simple, very glossy leaves. It can have clusters of small white flowers at the stem tips. It will form dense mats in shady areas, especially where there is a lot of mulch. This plant is very easy to weed by hand, but it has the ability to grow back from any piece of root left behind. So, make sure that you place it in sealed bag or box for disposal. You can also spray this plant with Round-up*.

Skunk vine (*Paederia foetida*) is known by its distinctive disagreeable odor, similar to a "sewer gone bad". This is a perennial twining vine with oval-to-heart shaped leaves and clusters of small lilac-colored flowers. If you pull or mow this vine, (a word of warning: crushing the leaves and stems make it smell worse!) follow up by treating the base or stump with a bit of stump-killer such as "Brush-b-gone". You can also spray the leaves with Round-up.

Coral ardesia (*Ardisia crenulata*) is an evergreen shrub with waxy leaves that have scalloped margins. Its flowers are not very noticeable, but the clusters of red berries (fruits) are. Some people call this the "Christmas Berry" plant. This plant can be pulled up by hand or dug up.

**Note:* For plants with glossy or waxy leaves, the addition of some liquid dishwashing soap (such as Ivory or Dawn) to the Round-up solution can make a big improvement in the effectiveness.



Celebrate with one of our NATIVE plants! In late summer, there is an abundance of black elderberry along the creek greenway. These berries can be picked, washed, and cooked into a delicious sweet jelly. (See the recipe on the inside of packages of "Sure Gel" pectin.) Thanks to Julius Heinis for this note!

And while you are out in the yard this fall, why not try out a new native plant or two in your landscape? There are many options available in the nurseries – regardless of whether you have a sunny or shady yard.

City Kicks Off Street Address Numbering Program

On July 8, the City of Tallahassee announced plans to implement a new residential and commercial Street Address Numbering Program. Missing address numbers for both commercial and residential properties can pose a serious problem for public safety response agencies; i.e. police and fire departments, as well as personal convenience such as food delivery persons. (Don't you just hate it when the pizza delivery person can't find your house? Imagine how much worse it could be if the ambulance or fire truck could not find your address!)

Here is the new requirement for residential structures: Numbers (or alphabetical letters, spelling out the address) need to be of contrasting color to the structure and no less than three inches high. They may be posted on a mailbox, a fence, or a sign, just as long as they are highly visible from the street. This new ordinance takes effect on October 23.

The City's Neighborhood & Community Services Department will be implementing the program along with the Tallahassee Police and Fire Departments. The IHLNA, working with the city, wants to make meeting this new ordinance easy for you. If the street numbers on your house or mailbox don't meet the new requirements, let us know what type of numbering system you would like to use, give us your address, and we will get those numbers for you. Please fill out the form below and deliver/mail it to Mary Louise Bachman *no later than October 15*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

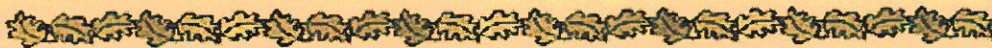
Check your choice in number style (choose only one)

Mailbox/Adhesive style? _____

Wooden post or house frame/Metal style? _____

Do you need assistance with installing the numbers? _____ yes _____ no

Send this information to Mary Louise Bachman, **1905 Wahalaw Court**



Some useful numbers (or who to call when you've got a problem)

Barking dog or stray or lost pet? 891-2950

Electric power out? 891-3000

Water, sewer, or city gas problems? 891-5101 (work days); 891-5250 (nights and weekends)

Street or drainage problem? 891-5300 (work days); 891-4200 (nights and weekends)

To contact Mayor John Marks, call 891-2000; all city commissioners can be reached at 891-8181.

As always, call 911 for all medical/fire/police emergencies.

Officers of IHLNA

President: Grant Gelhardt	942-7608	At-Large: Ann Kemp	877-3419
Vice-pres: Christy Gandy	877-0294	At-Large: Tony Biblo	656-2528
Secretary: Robin Colson	671-2132	At-Large: Connie Bersok	942-7904
Treasurer: Mary Louise Bachman	877-6344	At-Large: David Moynahan	656-5506
At-Large: Ramona Abernathy Paine	656-6182	At-Large: Vacant	

We are on the look-out for just a few more new voices and faces on The Board. Volunteer today!



Want to stay informed and get periodic updates on what is happening in the neighborhood? Got e-mail? Please either fill out the e-mail address on your membership form or e-mail a note to cbersok@msn.com. and you will be placed on the neighborhood e-mail distribution list. No solicitation, no spam – just news! ☺



INDIANHEAD LEHIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please print)

Membership __ \$10.00 Current resident
 year 2003/4
 __ \$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 Landscaping/Nature Trail Crime Watch
- Planning/Zoning Issues St. Augustine Road cleanup Deliver Newsletters
- Monthly Potluck at Optimist Park
- Neighborhood Association Board Member** - we always appreciate any help and ideas

Comments or Suggestions _____



