



Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER ** Spring 2005

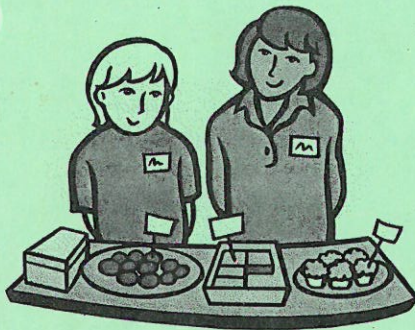


YARD SALE Saturday, April 2



The Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, April 2nd, at Optimist Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The yard sale is open and free to all members of the Neighborhood Association. For all other sellers, there is a charge of \$10, but that also buys you a 1 year membership to the Neighborhood Association.

Simplify your life, do some spring house cleaning, and make some extra cash along the way. Please unload your sale goods, set up your table and move your cars to allow plenty of parking for the shoppers. Come be a part of this annual event - sell some stuff, buy some stuff, (recycle!) and visit with your neighbors. For more information, call Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.



Calling everyone who loves to bake or to eat baked goodies!

During the annual Spring Yard Sale, there will be an IHLNA table selling hot and cold drinks and baked goods to help raise money for park and trail improvements. If you would like to donate baked goods for the yard sale, just bring it by the park to the Association table by 8 am. For more information, or if you would like to help out with staffing the table, call Christy Gandy at 877-0294.

Optimist Park Upgrades

While you are at the park, check out the brand new restroom facility that was installed by the city this winter. And admire the new matching green metal roof on the Clubhouse! The park is looking much spiffier due to efforts of Randy Trousdell and David Chapman of the City's Park and Recreation Department. Feel free to give them a call of thanks (891-3866) and to encourage future improvements to our parks and greenway.



The "potluck in the park" continues on the 2nd Sunday of each month, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. See you there!

Care & Feeding of the Greenway Trail

The trail along the greenway has evolved over time and now is used by walkers, runners, and dogs and their owners. If you are one of these, come on out on **Sunday, March 20** with Grant Gelhart to do some much-needed maintenance work on the trail so that it is a safe and pleasant trail for all. We need people with a chainsaw, one of two with “weed eaters,” and assorted pruners and clippers. Also, bring drinking water, so you don’t get dehydrated. Meet him at the Optimist Park Clubhouse at 11 am. Questions? Give him a call at 942-7608.

Springtime along the Greenway

Its time to do some “spring cleaning” along the creek greenway. Our greenway has more than its share of invasive exotic species, such as Chinese Tallow tree, Coral Ardesia (also known as Christmas Berry), and the quite stinky Skunk Vine, to name just a few. Some of these became established because birds carried the seeds to the greenway. Others came in because they



“escaped” from trash piles. And some might have been initially planted, with good intentions, because they are “pretty”. However, they all crowd out our native plants and are very aggressive growers.

Grant Gelhardt will be heading up a group to remove as many of these plants as we can, and to keep them under control. If you are interested, please join him and your neighbors on **Sunday, April 3** at 11 am at the Optimist Park clubhouse. Bring gloves and large plastic trash bags. Children are welcome, too, to help pick up air potatoes and to hand pull weeds. If you have any questions, give Grant a call at 942-7608.

Also, if you live on the greenway, perhaps you can “adopt” a section of the greenway and work with Grant on keeping it invasive-free.

Good dog! Good dog owner!

Please make sure that when you are out walking your dog(s), that the dog is either on a leash or is under voice control at all times. It is not only good for the safety of your dog and us humans, but it is required by city ordinances. Although not required by the city or county, it is a “nice neighbor” thing to clean up dog poop and not leave it on the side of the road.

Other Neighborhood Animals



Our greenway and wooded yards provide a good bit of habitat for a variety of non-domesticated animals. Racoons, possums, hawks, owls, and foxes are not uncommon here. There has been a report of coyote, also. Please remember that these are wild animals and should not be fed. Also, please be careful and slow down when driving at dusk and dawn, when many of these animals are more active. In addition, turtles and snakes become more active in warmer weather. They do not move as fast as our cars, however, so watch out for “critter crossings” on our roads.

Safety is everyone’s business

In response to neighborhood concerns about a series of burglaries, attempts, and suspicious incidences in January, a meeting was held at Hartsfield Elementary School on February 7th. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Sargeant White of the Tallahassee Police Department Crime Prevention Unit provide updated information about these incidences, answered questions, and gave some insightful tips on how to prevent personal crime (see the next page for some of these). In addition, Oxo Slayer is resurrecting a Neighborhood Watch Program. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, call him at 656-2545



Crime Prevention and You

Here are some things you can do to keep your home and family safe.:

- Make sure that doors and windows are closed and secure when you leave home.
- Do NOT leave a spare key "hidden" outside.
- Make sure your locks work. If not, replace them.
- Trim shrubbery so that your house can be seen by your neighbors and from the street.
- Have sufficient outdoor lighting
- Use "see-through" fencing to your back yard, rather than solid privacy-style fencing
- If you have a garage door, keep it closed.
- If you have recently purchased your home, re-key/replace/re-set the locks and security codes.
- Stop your mail and newspaper delivery if you are going out of town.
- Also, let your trusty neighbor know if you are going out of town.

Take advantage of some of the services provided by the Tallahassee Police Department.

Did you know that the Tallahassee Police Department Crime Prevention Unit provides
FREE residential security surveys?

Give them a call at 891-4251 to schedule one for your home.

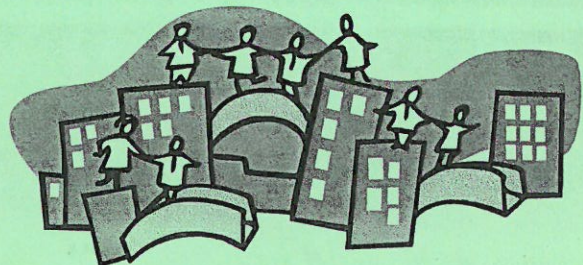
In addition, you can notify the police when you will be out of town for an extended trip or vacation and they will keep an eye on your house/drive by more often.

What if you see something that seems suspicious or out of the ordinary to you? Should you report this? According to Officer White, any of the activities listed below are good reasons for calling the police.

- Anyone forcibly entering a car or home
- Someone running away from a home under unusual circumstances
- Someone carrying a weapon
- Someone screaming
- Stranger offering candy or a gift to a child
- A loiterer who doesn't belong in the area
- A person carrying items that could have been stolen
- Person looking into cars or windows of homes
- Anyone ringing doorbell/knocking on door without an explanation
- Person loitering around a schoolyard
- Strange vehicles parked for several days
- A clean car with dirty or damaged license plates

Who to call at the Police Department?

- Emergencies – 911
- Non-emergencies - 891-4200
- Crime Prevention Unit – 891-4251
- Officer Ryan Dunphy – 891-1877



Ann Kemp has resigned from the Neighborhood Association Board.
A warm and heartfelt THANK YOU to Ann for her many years of service!!



Officers of IHLNA

President: Grant Gelhardt	942-7608	At-Large: Oxo Slayer	656-2545
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: Sandra Neidert	656-7894

INDIANHEAD LEHIGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Please print)

Membership ___ \$10.00 Current resident
year 2005

___ \$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

___ Neighborhood Association Board - we always appreciate any help and ideas

We welcome your comments and suggestions

