



# Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER \*\* Spring 2007

## ***YARD SALE Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>***

The Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring the annual neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 neighbors who wish to sell, 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, find new loving homes for your gently used goods, improve your fung shei, and make some extra cash along the way. This is also an opportunity for neighborhood artists to show and sell their work and for young people to set up a lemonade stand.



Please unload your sale goods, set up your table and move your cars to allow parking for the shoppers. Come be a part of this traditional spring-time event - sell some stuff, buy some stuff, (recycle!) and visit with your neighbors. For more information, call Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.



### ***Other events to put on your calendar***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month - "Potluck in the park" from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at Optimist Park. Neighborhood musicians are always welcome for informal jam sessions.

May 13<sup>th</sup> "potluck in the park" - In addition to the usual socializing and the park's play equipment, there will be special outdoors games for the kids - either a Bounce House or Water Slide - depending on weather.

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Neighborhood meeting, at 7 pm, at the clubhouse at Optimist Park - there will be a special presentation on invasive exotic plants found in the neighborhood and how to remove them.\*

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Official start of 2007 hurricane season

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Neighborhood bike ride and social \*

\* see related article in this newsletter



## **Charlie Neighborhood - Crime Watch News Update #1**

This is from an e-mail from Officer Dunphy to Oxo Slayer, who passed it on. (*Italics and underlines added*):

This e-mail is to inform you that I am no longer your Crime Prevention Officer. I have been reassigned to the Northeast district as of March 3rd. *Your new officer is Officer Tommy Tennison*. His office number is 891-6977 and his e-mail address is *tennisot@talgov.com*. If you would, please e-mail him all of your contact information so he can add you to his contact list. Please put Charlie Neighborhood in the subject line.

It has been a pleasure being your Crime Prevention Officer and I will miss meeting with you. However, I am still in the unit and I am available if you need me for anything. I hope to hear from you in the future and thank you for all of your time and efforts.

Ofc. Ryan Dunphy  
Tallahassee Police Dept.  
Crime Prevention Unit- Charlie District  
891-1877

## **Neighborhood Crime Watch update #2**

The on-line bulletin board that was introduced last fall for residents of Indianhead-Lehigh (see [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indianhead\\_lehigh/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indianhead_lehigh/)) has proven to be a good forum for exchange of crime-watch information. Please check it often and use the site as a way to post suspicious activity in our neighborhood.

And remember to CALL TPD AT 891-4200. Every detail you can remember helps the police solve crimes.



## **Notes from your neighbors**

Something should be done about the cars speeding on Chocksacka Nene. EVERY day from early a.m. through the day they zoom off Jim Lee Road and E. Indian Head...There is no 25mph sign coming off Jim Lee...there is a stop sign coming from Mountbatten down to Chocksacka at the triangle..so they HAVE to SLOW down and stop there. If police could station there a few days at the triangle and give out some tickets, MAYBE it would slow some down. I note alot of kids come from Rickards and park at Koucky Park speeding by.

I'm sure there are many speeders also coming off Magnolia and St. Augustine....that downhill is too tempting.....

Just a reminder to parents and children to obey the speed limit!

It would be great if people would carry a plastic bag while walking and pick up trash along their stroll....I do when I walk and everytime it is full!!

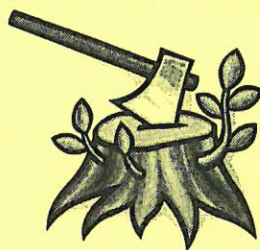


## Accentuate the good (plants), Eliminate the bad

You may recall the article in last fall's newsletter ("Goodbye, exotics. Hello, natives") about some of the problematic invasive exotics plants in our greenway and neighborhood. This is a follow-up with some seasonal advice about a few of those plants (some depicted on last page of this newsletter).

The Chinese Tallow Tree tends to get attention in the fall when its aspen-like leaves change color and its white seeds are so obvious. The seeds of this tree are eaten and spread by birds to native woodlands, where this tree can outcompete many of our native plants. Once it is established, this tree is hard to eradicate, so pull out any seedlings you can before they grow any larger. And they do grow *very* quickly.

If you have one that is tree-sized, there are several approaches to eliminating it. Girdling (cutting the bark all the way around the base of the tree) should kill the tree, which can then be cut down. The live tree can also simply be cut down. This trees from the roots that are still alive, combined with the use of an appropriate herbicide on the stump. You may not think that getting rid of one tree in your yard will make much of a difference, but it will - it will prevent thousands of



new seedlings every year.

Nandina is also known as Heavenly

common, established landscape plants in this region. But there is nothing heavenly about the way this shrub-like plant spreads into natural woodlands. Again, its seeds are spread far and wide by birds and rainfall. This is another hardy plant that is not easily removed, as it also readily re-sprouts from its roots.

The best way to get this plant out of your yard is to dig it up, roots and all. The seeds may be on the plant at anytime, so cut off, bag, and discard any seeds to make sure that they don't get scattered throughout your or your neighbor's yard while you are digging out the plant.

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Coral Ardesia (Christmas berry) is such a common evergreen shrub in our greenway that some people think that it is a native. It is not. It is very prolific, though, and it only takes 2 years for a seed to sprout, grow its glossy, leathery leaves, and produce many more red seeds. This plant is one of the easiest invasive exotics to remove – simply pull it out! Again, please make sure to bag it up so its seeds are not spread any further.

Skunk vine is fairly new to our neighborhood and looks innocuous with its delicate heart-shaped leaves, but is spreading rapidly – in the greenway, along the roadsides, in yards. This vine may also appear as a groundcover when young or if regularly mowed. You may notice an unpleasant “sewer-like” smell around this plant (another good reason to remove it). Japanese honeysuckle vine may have sweet-smelling creamy flowers, but this vine can be just as invasive. Both of these vines can be hand-pulled and then any new sprouts treated with an appropriate herbicide.

Air potato vine and Kudzu have been around the area for a while. Both can grow to be very large woody vines that take over trees, powerlines, and entire homes. Air potato vines also produce aerial tubers or “potatoes” that then fall to the ground and sprout to create new plants. Please collect and discard these potatoes whenever you see them. Both of these plants can be cut at the base of the vine, thus killing the rest of the vine. However, cutting does not kill the root, which will need to be treated by an herbicide or completely dug out.

These are *just a few* of the invasive exotic plants in our neighborhood. If you want some help in identifying these, or any other, invasive exotic plants in your yard, you can contact Geoff Brown (656-2141) or Connie Bersok (942-7904). The Leon County Extension Service (606-5202) is a wonderful source of information on these plants and the best treatment for your situation.





It may difficult to make the decision to remove a plant, especially a well established one, from your landscape. It might be easier to think of it as a remodeling project and a yard upgrade. There are native plant options to fill in the void. There are also some familiar plants you can use, such as azaleas and camellias, that may not be native, but are not invasive. Information on developing a landscape plan that does not include invasive exotic plants can be found at [www.FloridaYards.org](http://www.FloridaYards.org)

## Let's Give A Neighborly Welcome

We all have wonderful reasons for choosing to live in our neighborhood. Just talk with your neighbor about why they live here and you will most likely hear that we are a welcoming community. A desire to offer that welcome to every new comer has become the focus of the IHLA Welcoming Committee. The committee joins each individual in welcoming their next door neighbor, but your help is needed for it to be a success. The committee needs neighbors who will help with locating new neighbors throughout our large neighborhood, assembling welcome baskets, and visiting our new comers. If you are interested in joining this fun and lively committee, please contact Maria Goodman at 510-5212 anytime. New members are always welcome!



## A New July 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Last year, a group of friends got together for a bike ride parade with their children in the neighborhood on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They had such a good time, it was suggested that IHLNA sponsor this as a new family event, so here it is. Meet at Optimist Park clubhouse on **the 4th of July at 8 am** to safely decorate your bike, or you can bring your bike already decorated. At 8:30 or so, go on a leisurely bike ride/parade in the neighborhood, then return to the clubhouse for a pot-luck brunch. The IHLNA will provide decorations and drinks; you provide your bike, cover-dish for the potluck brunch, and the fun. For more information on what will hopefully be a new neighborhood tradition, call Melanie Watson at 402-1679.

## New Solid Waste/Recycling Service

As you know, the City will shift our garbage and recycling pick up services to *once a week* for each service in May, 2007. In addition, residents will be responsible for getting the cart to the curb and returning them to their place in the yard.



Residents with physical limitations will continue to receive free backdoor garbage pick up service through the City's Helping Hands Program. Residents may make application for this program online by accessing [TALGOV.com](http://TALGOV.com). The applications also can be downloaded to complete. If an application for the Helping Hands Program cannot be accessed on computer, residents may call the City Solid Waste and Recycling office at **891-4968** for more information and to request an application. To be eligible for this program, the resident must have a statement from a physician that the individual is medically unable to participate in the garbage pick up service. Backdoor pick up is available to **all** residents for a \$20 monthly fee. Information on this service is also available online or at the Waste/Recycling office, 891-4968. The City will be sending out revised pick up schedules in April, so watch your mailbox!



## IHLNA membership

Thanks to all of you who so generously responded to our membership drive in January. We heard from over 225 new and renewing members (28% of the households in our neighborhood)! We appreciate all of you who took the time to make comments. Be assured that all your comments are read, discussed, and acted upon. You can also download the membership form from the IHLNA website ([www.indianhead-lehigh.com](http://www.indianhead-lehigh.com)) anytime.

## IHLNA by-laws

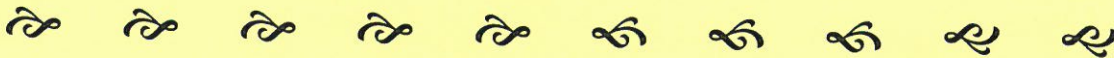


As mentioned last fall, the IHLNA by-laws have been redrafted for the first time in many years to reflect our organization and functions at the current time. The Governing Board has reviewed this new version and voted to proceed with neighborhood-wide adoption. This new draft set of by-laws is posted on our website (see [www.indianhead-lehigh.com](http://www.indianhead-lehigh.com)). Please take the time to read this draft – it is really quite short – and let Grant Gelhardt know of any concerns or comments that you may have. A vote on the adoption of this set of by-laws will be taken at the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, neighborhood meeting.

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@nettally.com](mailto:cbersok@nettally.com) *or* sign up on our website, [www.indianhead-lehigh.com](http://www.indianhead-lehigh.com) and you will be placed on the neighborhood e-mail distribution list. No solicitation, no spam – just news! ☺

## Officers of IHLNA

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Fig. 133. *Sapium sebiferum*: a, fruiting branch



## Common Invasive Exotic Species

Figure 133: Chinese Tallow Tree  
Figure 76: Japanese Honeysuckle  
Figure 65: Nandina

All figures from the book  
Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of  
Northern Florida and Adjacent Georgia  
and Alabama (1988)  
by Robert K. Godfrey; with a  
majority of illustrations by Melanie Darst



Fig. 76. *Lonicera japonica*: a, flowering branch



Fig. 65. *Nandina domestica*: a, leaf with infructescence from its axil; b, flower.