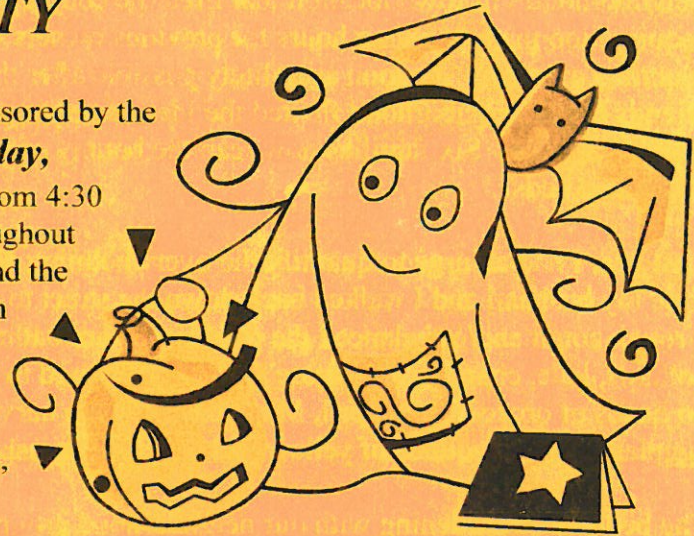


# Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER \*\* Fall 2008

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

The traditional Halloween Party and potluck, sponsored by the Neighborhood Association, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 26th**. It will be held at Optimist Park from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Live music will be provided throughout the evening by the ever-popular band Tao Jones and the Ontological Elephants. The costume contest, with its one-of-a-kind emcee, is open to all ages. As always, you and your neighbors will bring the most scrumptious foods for the potluck dinner. The Neighborhood Association will provide plates, utensils, and drink.



The party preparation and decoration of the clubhouse will take place from 11 am to noon that day. All decorating volunteers welcome! For more information on how to help with the party and its preparation, contact Grant Gelhardt before Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 942-7608.

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

The evening of November 1<sup>st</sup> (or 2 am on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, to be official) - Turn your clocks back one hour ("fall back") to adjust for the end of daylight saving time.

November 4 – **Election Day**. Vote in local and national elections at the Optimist Park clubhouse. The IHLNA will have a table at the park. Contact Mary Louise Bachman to volunteer. In addition, the "**Kids Voting**" program will be at our precinct again, so *all* are encouraged to come out and vote!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month - "potluck in the park" from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at Optimist Park. In addition to the potluck dish to share, please bring your own utensils and perhaps a chair or blanket for sitting and visiting. There will be a **special treat** at the November potluck: pony rides from 4:30 to 5:30.

October 28 – Neighborhood meeting, at 7 pm, at the clubhouse at Optimist Park

November 2 – Community Garden open house, 2- 4 pm. See article in this newsletter.

December 6 – The Winter Festival and Jingle Bell Run downtown.



## Community Gardening

By Sue Cerulean

At the corner of Chuli Nene and Hasosaw, you may have noticed a steadily expanding garden tended by a collection of middle-aged gardeners.

When Barry and Lucy Ann Walker-Fraser moved into Indianhead in 2004, it wasn't just our neighborhood's in-town location that fired the couple's imagination. The sunny, oversized yard that had required too many mowing hours for previous owners was just what this couple craved. They began planning a garden. As soon as politely possible after the Walker-Frasers closed on their new home, friends in the neighborhood floated the idea of helping to reduce the lawn by making and tending a garden together. Six families now reap the bounty of our neighbors' generosity, on about 900 ft.<sup>2</sup> of cultivated beds.

Last year I had an urge to quantify the overwhelming abundance of our portion of the garden. Every time my husband and I walked back down the street to our home with a bag or basket of produce, we did a rough count and/or balanced the produce on our bathroom scale. In the cool months, we grew all the collards, kale, chard, and Chinese greens we wanted to eat plus 28 sturdy heads of romaine lettuce, and 36 heads of broccoli. In April, May, and June, we harvested 160 tomatoes, 58 cucumbers, 40 pounds of eggplant, and 34 pounds of yellow and zucchini squash!

The benefits of gardening with our neighborhood group are many. We save a lot of money on produce. Our vegetables are incredibly tasty and as fresh as they can possibly be, and they haven't been sprayed or irradiated. Beyond bringing in soil amendments and occasional supplies, we use no fossil fuels to grow our food. We work and visit every few days with dear friends that grow more and more important to us as we grow our food together. We share recipes and planting tips, and work together to solve pest problems. And we see a lot of you walking by, maybe wishing you could do something similar.

Why not repeat it all over Indianhead, a neighborhood already pocketed with patches of tomatoes and peppers, citrus and pear trees, blueberry bushes and butterfly gardens? Here are some basic steps to help you start your own communal garden:

- 1) Find two or more committed families to work with. Choose a site with at least six hours of full sun per day.
- 2) Lay out proposed beds; research appropriate dimensions for beds and paths, according to your needs. Building up raised beds works well.
- 3) Existing grass? Either cover with plastic to kill, or simply rototill and pull out the grass clumps.
- 4) Amend the beds with compost or topsoil, lots of it. It's good to have a staging area for soil amendments right next to the garden that is accessible by pickup truck or van.
- 5) Decide how you irrigate the plants. Just Fruits nursery in Crawfordville will help you design a micro irrigation system that works well, and they stock all the necessary parts. We think this is a crucial investment.
- 6) Make sure you work with the North Florida growing seasons. The Cooperative extension service is a great source of information, as are local nurseries.



**Hasosaw Garden Open House:** Please drop by 1604 Hasosaw Nene on **Sunday** afternoon, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, between **2-4 pm** to visit our vegetable garden and ask any questions you may have.



## Are you a good neighbor?

Our quality of life in Indian Head and Lehigh Acres has as much to do with our interactions with the people in the neighborhood as it does our beautiful natural surroundings.

A good neighbor is one who:

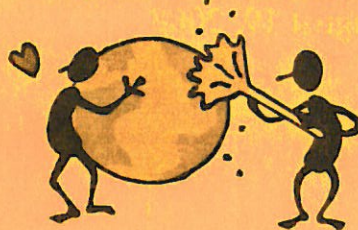
- ▲ Removes political, yard sale, other special event and lost pet signs in a timely manner.
- ▲ Does not allow the family pet to run loose.
- ▲ Returns trash and recycle containers from the street side to the house promptly.
- ▲ Observes the speed limit on neighborhood streets (and encourages family members and visitors to do the same).
- ▲ Is watchful and reports suspicious behavior to Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) at 891-4200.
- ▲ Retrieves East Side Chronicle promptly from driveway. (If you don't want this insert, call the Tallahassee Democrat at 599-2100 and let them know.)
- ▲ Cleans up after the family dog, whether on leash or not.
- ▲ Notifies the US Post Office and newspapers to stop delivery when out of town, as well as notifying neighbors. In addition, you can request that TPD keep an eye on your home while you are away for extended period of time.
- ▲ Picks up trash in front of home and on the roadsides.
- ▲ Is mindful of the special needs of our older residents.
- ▲ Controls barking of outside dogs.
- ▲ Only waters lawns and gardens in early morning or in evening.
- ▲ Maintains a clean and obstruction-free sidewalk.

Can we all be *even better* neighbors?



## Hazardous Waste Recycling

On September 6, a "neighborhood round-up" for collection of hazardous wastes was held at Myers Park offices for residents of Indian Head – Lehigh and Myers Park. The results were astounding: **7,880 lbs of hazardous waste and 5,020 lbs of electronic waste from over 176 households were collected in just one morning.**



That is almost 6.5 TONS of waste! That is almost triple what was amassed last year.

Congratulations to everybody who took the time to collect your goods, and those of your neighbors, and brought them to the "round-up" to ensure that they are handled properly. It sends an important message that we care about our environment and we want to protect the water quality of our community.

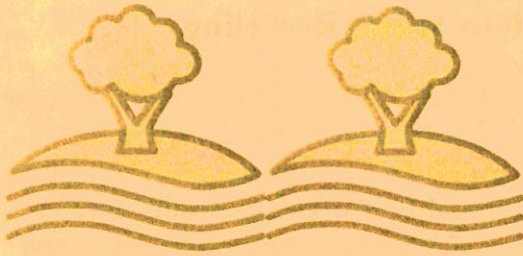
As always, remember to keep your hazardous waste materials (such as paint thinners and other solvents, leftover fertilizers and pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, and more) *and* electronics (televisions, VCRs, etc) out of your garbage can, recycling bins, and roadside trash. Please dispose of it properly at the county landfill on Apalachee Parkway, at the monthly pick-up at Tallahassee Mall, or future neighborhood events. Call ~~414-9353~~ if you have any questions about safely handling your hazardous wastes.

606-1803

## Speaking of waste...

The city has installed two doggie "poop bag" dispensers in the neighborhood for our convenience. One of them is in Koucky Park, which is a popular place for dogs and their owners to visit; the other is at Optimist Park. Please use the bags provided there to clean up after your pet. Also, if you would like to see your extra plastic bags re-used, you can simply refill the containers with clean, dry bags to make sure that they are always available for your neighbors to use.





## Crime Data for Indianhead - Lehigh May 19, 2008 - August 19, 2008

Description	Total
Auto Theft	4
Battery	2
Aggravated Battery	1
Burglary - Auto	2
Burglary - Residential	9
Criminal Mischief	4
Disorderly Conduct	5
Drug Violation	1
Fraud	2
Loitering / Prowling	1
Loud Noise / Music / Breach of Peace	1
Theft, Grand	2
Theft, Petit	2
Wanted Person	2
Suspicious Person/Incident/Vehicle	27
911 Hang-up	1
False alarm	17
Field Interview	8
Mentally ill person/Baker Act	1
Sick/injured person	1
Crash w/o injuries	7
Crash with injuries	1
Driver license violation	3
Speeding	27
Tag/registration violation	4
Safety belt violation	2
Equipment violation	4
Stereo/boombox too loud	1
Disregard other traffic control device	1
Residence check	9
Business check	8
Problem-solving project	1
Grand Total:	161

For more information, call or email Officer Susan Newhouse at 891-1874 or [Susan.Newhouse@talgov.com](mailto:Susan.Newhouse@talgov.com)

## When and How to call the Police

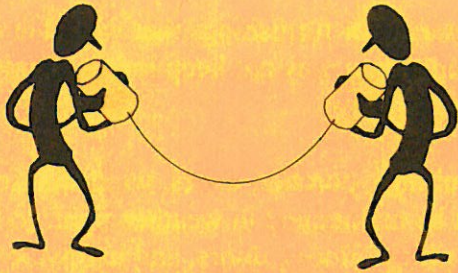
By Craig Leveen, Crime Watch Coordinator

Calling the police might seem like a simple thing. However, there are a few suggestions that might clarify long standing confusion about when to call the police. In general, 9-1-1 should be used for emergencies; meaning life-threatening occurrences such as medical emergencies and accidents with injuries. Dispatchers need to know the nature of the emergency. This is critical because the nature of the emergency will determine what type of medical personnel and equipment will be dispatched. Different vehicles and personnel might be dispatched to a broken leg than a heart attack. Don't get frustrated when they ask a lot of questions. As soon as the dispatcher knows the location, they dispatch units and continue with the questions. So rest assured someone is on the way during all of the questions.

9-1-1 should also be used for life threatening or in-progress and just-occurred crimes such as burglaries, robberies, and thefts. The police need information. They need to know what happened, where it happened, and when it happened (seconds count!). Is the person(s) still on the scene, if not, where did they go? Do you know who did it? If not, give a good physical description; skin color, gender, clothing type and color, any features an officer can easily identify when looking for the person. Did they flee in a vehicle? Give a description of the vehicle (make, model, color). Again, don't be frustrated by all of the questions. An officer was probably dispatched as soon as they knew the location. There are many more situations where calling 9-1-1 is appropriate. Use good judgment and err on the side of safety. Call 9-1-1 if you are not sure if the incident is an emergency.

Non-emergency calls are more routine in nature. Such as crimes and incidents that already occurred and no one is injured or threatened. Examples: suspicious persons and vehicles, theft that already occurred, damage to property that already occurred. The non-emergency phone number for TPD is 891-4200. There are many more situations that are non-emergency.





Remember, there are a limited number of 9-1-1 phone lines (and non-emergency lines). There is nothing more frustrating than getting a busy signal because the 9-1-1 lines are busy with non-emergency calls. This is why police departments across the U.S. stress using 9-1-1 for true emergencies. Program your home and cell phones with TPD's non-emergency number, 850-891-4200. This will save time and frustration of looking up the number when you really need to call.

**Street Names - What Do They Mean?**

When this neighborhood was founded by Mr. Stead, his wife worked with Mr. Cash, a librarian at the State Library at the time, to give the streets authentic Seminole names. One thing to know is that "Nene" means "trail".

Originally, the street we now know as Jim Lee Road was going to be named Humpin Nene, meaning First Trail. That never made it to the street maps, however. Here are translations of the other street names:

- Hokolin Nene.....Second Trail
- Toochin Nene.....Third Trail
- Ostin Nene.....Fourth Trail
- Chowkeebin Nene.....Fifth Trail
- Apakin Nene.....Sixth Trail
- Kolopakín Nene.....Seventh Trail
- Chinnapakín Nene.....Eighth Trail
- Ostipakin 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



**Code Enforcement on Agenda for October's Neighborhood Meeting** By Patty Ceci Sharp

The next neighborhood meeting will be held in the Optimist Park clubhouse at 7 pm on October 28th. In addition to a crime watch update, there will be a presentation on code enforcement and what it really means. Karl Pulvermuller, Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Tallahassee, will join us to discuss the role and responsibilities of a code enforcement officer.

As citizens and neighbors, we know it is not an easy balance between the rights of individual property owners and the welfare of the general public when enforcing codes. Karl will help us learn about what we can do and how to take the appropriate action when needed.

The most common code violations, as detailed on [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com), include the following:

- ▲ **Fences** must be constructed of approved materials and must be kept in good repair. Use of materials such as barbed wire, razor wire, and electrified fencing are prohibited within residentially zoned areas.
- ▲ A **derelict/inoperable vehicle** is one that does not display a current license tag and/or is not equipped with all parts required to legally and safely operate on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power. Derelict/inoperable vehicles cannot be stored except in a fully enclosed, legally constructed building.



- ▲ **Open storage** is prohibited. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors. For example, you may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts, or building materials outside.
- ▲ All wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens and any other exterior parts of **residential structures** must be maintained in weather-tight, rodent proof, sound condition and in good repair. Interior walls, ceilings, floors, doors, and hardware must be in sound condition and in good repair. Electrical, heating and plumbing fixtures shall be installed in accordance with local codes and maintained in good and safe repair.
- ▲ All **swimming pools** shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Residential pools must be enclosed by a fence at least 4 feet high with self-closing or self-latching devices on gates or doors.
- ▲ **Yard** maintenance pertains to any untended growth in excess of 12 inches in height.
- ▲ **Junk, trash, and debris** are prohibited from being left in the yard and must be disposed of properly. This includes, but is not limited to, junk, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, trash such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc., and debris such as tree trimmings and fallen limbs.

### Did You Know? The City of Tallahassee Offers an E-Mail News Service

With the Talgov.com E-mail Subscription Service, you can have emergency information, press releases, or job vacancies from the City of Tallahassee delivered to your e-mail as soon as the items are released. Whether it is a news release from the Tallahassee Police Department or the next City Commission agenda, you can select the subscriptions that matter most to you. During tropical storm Fay, the updates from the City about road closures, power restoration, and flooding proved to be very valuable resources for many residents.



Go to <http://www.411notify.com/tallahassee/> and sign up. Areas of interest include the following:

- **CapitalAir Newsletter:** a quarterly publication of the Tallahassee Regional Airport
- **City Commission Agendas:** agenda for the next meeting
- **Employment Opportunities:** latest job vacancies
- **General News Release:** Important news, events, road closings, emergencies & more
- **Golden Review:** bi-monthly newsletter of the Tallahassee Senior Center
- **Insight:** monthly utility bill insert in a digital format
- **Parks and Recreation News:** general updates and newsletters from TPRD
- **TFD News Releases:** standard updates from the Tallahassee Fire Dept.
- **TFD Newsladder:** a bi-monthly publication of the Tallahassee Fire Dept.
- **TLCPD Agendas:** agendas from the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Dept.
- **TLCPD Notices:** rezoning and Comprehensive Plan amendment notices
- **TPD News Releases:** standard updates from the Tallahassee Police Dept.
- **Woodville Area Water Line Updates:** keep up with the latest news



## IHLNA membership

Thanks to all of you who so generously responded to our membership drive last January. We will again be sending out reminders to renew or join the neighborhood association in January, 2009.

## IHLNA website

Are you tech-savvy, with a creative streak? Would you like to help out your neighborhood? Here is a great opportunity. The IHLNA website that was provided by Jo Maglino for the last couple of years is no longer on line, since Jo moved to south Florida. We would like to establish a new website. If you are interested in establishing and maintaining a website for the neighborhood, please contact Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608 for details.

In the meanwhile, you can be on Grant's e-mail list to get the latest breaking news for the neighborhood by contacting him at 942-7608.

## Officers of IHLNA

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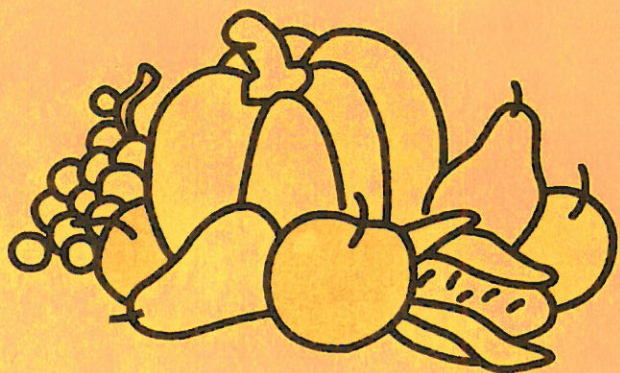
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