



Indian Head Lehigh Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER ** Spring 2008

YARD SALE Saturday, April 19th

The Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring the annual neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, April 19th, 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.

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 - simplify your life, do some spring house cleaning, sell some stuff, buy some stuff, (recycle!) and visit with your neighbors. For more information, call Grant Gelhardt at 942-7608.



p.s. If you have items to sell, but they are too bulky to transport to the park, you are welcome to "piggy back" onto this event by having a sale at your home and posting your own signs at the park.

Other events to put on your calendar

The 2nd Sunday of each month - "Potluck in the Park" from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at Optimist Park. Bring a potluck dish to share, your own utensils, and perhaps a chair or blanket for sitting and visiting. Neighborhood musicians are always welcome for informal jam sessions.

May 11th "potluck in the park" - In addition to the usual socializing and the park's play equipment, there will be special outdoors game, such as a Bounce House, for the kids.

April 22nd - Neighborhood meeting, at 7 pm, at the clubhouse at Optimist Park. A city representative will be presenting a program on building a walkable community/neighborhood. The Crime Watch Meeting begins at 6:30 pm, please join us in welcoming our new crime watch coordinator Craig Leveen and our new TPD representative, Officer Susan Newhouse.*

April 26th - Compost Bin sale at Tallahassee Mall 8 am - 3 pm, sponsored by City of Tallahassee and Leon County

May 17th - Hazardous Household Waste Drop-Off; 9 - noon at Optimist Park*

June 1st - Official start of 2008 hurricane season

July 4th - Neighborhood bike ride and social *

* see related articles in this newsletter

Charlie Neighborhood - Crime Watch News Update

The neighborhood crime watch took shape and continued to evolve to meet the neighborhood's needs under the leadership and vision of Oxo Slayer. Unfortunately, Oxo Slayer and family have relocated to California and he is unable to maintain our crime watch program. However, we are fortunate to have a new Crime Watch Coordinator, Craig Leveen. Craig is currently updating our Crime Watch Neighborhood list. Please see the attached insert and forward your contact information to Craig. Craig can be reached at craig6101@comcast.net or by phone at 567-5687.

Join Craig and Officer Susan Newhouse for the Crime Watch meeting beginning at 6:30 pm on April 22 --just before the regularly scheduled Neighborhood meeting at 7:00.

Neighborhood Association Membership

Did you remember to renew your membership this year? In order to simply everyone's life, the IHLNA board agreed last year to a once-a-year reminder, at the beginning of each calendar year. Membership forms were hand-delivered to households in late January/early February. As of March 1, we have received membership forms back from over 150 neighbors. If you have not yet sent in your renewal, for whatever reason, please fill out the membership form that is part of this newsletter and send it in today.

Many thanks to all of you who generously responded to our membership drive in January.



Kudos to all the neighbors who....

- Lovingly care for their yards
- Keep the sidewalks in front of their homes clear and safe for pedestrians and young children on bicycles
- Drive carefully (and under the speed limit) in the neighborhood
- Pick up any trash that might fall in front of their homes
- Pick up other trash when out walking
- Clean up after their dog(s) when out for walks
- Wave and say hello to neighbors and friends
- Participate in and support neighborhood events
- Make this a neighborhood to be proud of

Award-winning neighbor

David Moynihan, a long-time neighborhood resident and former member of the IHLNA board, was given four awards by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for his photographs. In the category of "Florida's Native Wildlife", he tied for first place with his photograph of a young alligator. He won both first and third place in the "Florida's Native Habitats/Scenery" category, and first place in "Peoples Choice". Congratulations, David!

City Planning Department to Meet with Neighborhood

Cherie Horne, Special Projects Manager with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department will attend our April 22nd, IHLNA meeting to help us take the first step towards developing a neighborhood plan for walkability, connectivity, and traffic safety. She will give basic overview of the planning process, highlight some of the challenges we face, and will be available to answer questions we have about accessing City and County resources.

Cherie emphasizes that in the light of recent and perhaps further budget cuts, the prioritization of resources is very important.

What are our priorities for:

- *Sidewalks?
- *Traffic calming?
- *Star Metro routes and transportation?
- *Connecting to area businesses?

We may not be able to address all these issues in the short term, but now is the time to begin a dialog and to plan for our neighborhood's future. See you at **7:00 PM, April 22**, for our neighborhood meeting.

Come early and for a "greet and meet" with our Crime Watch representatives at 6:30 PM.

Hazardous Waste "Round-up"

Clearing out your shed or garage as part of your spring cleaning and have no idea if that old can of paint/solvent/etc is still good? Or are you finished with some home project and have leftover stain, varnish, or paint? Or what about that mysterious bottle of something left behind from previous owner? All of these constitute potential or real hazardous household wastes that should not be put in your regular garbage or down the drain. You can easily and safely

dispose of those household hazardous products that you no longer use, want, or need. The county will be sending its Hazardous Waste truck to Optimist Park on **May 17, 2008**. In addition to clearing out your old collections of various paints, solvents, car batteries and more, you can also bring in old electronics. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details on the products you can "round up" from your house, garage, and yard.

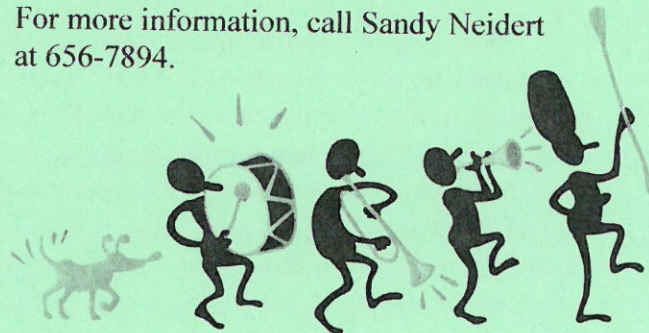
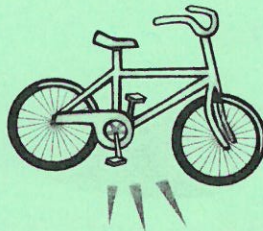
Please remember that these items should *not* be put into your trash can or left on the curbside for pickup, as they contain toxic components that need special handling. If you can't make it to the neighborhood round-up on May 17th, you can take your hazardous material to the county landfill on Apalachee Parkway free of charge.

2nd Annual July 4th Bike Parade

Last year, IHLNA sponsored a new event - The 4th of July Bike Ride Parade in the neighborhood for children and adults. It was such a success, a new tradition was born.

Meet at Optimist Park clubhouse on Friday, **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, we will 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, call Sandy Neidert at 656-7894.



IHLNA's Annual Halloween Treat

Indianhead - Lehigh Neighborhood Association celebrated the 25th Annual Neighborhood Halloween Party at Optimist Park with over 150 neighbors and friends.

In attendance were witches of all sorts (including a green one), lots of baby animals (or babies dressed up as animals), a pumpkin-head, a werewolf, some exquisite fairy princesses, assorted monsters and ghosts and vampires, James Bond, Harry Potter, lots of pirates, and even the Statue of Liberty herself.

And once again, according to tradition, TZ Jonz and the Ontological Elephants provided whoop-em-up music, putting everyone in a party mood and adding dramatic notes to the Halloween costume parade. Emcee Vicki Tauxe outdid herself as the nerdiest nerd in the world, calling herself the very embodiment of energy: Energy = Emcee Squared. Commissioner Bob Rackliff stopped by the party and volunteered to act as one of the costume contest judges. And Grant Gelhardt, President of the Association, scared everyone silly by dressing as President of the Association.

The Optimist Park building was all dressed up for the occasion, too, and the tables were barely big enough for all the good (and ghoulish) food provided by the neighborhood's great cooks.

Thanks to the City of Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department, to the Neighborhood Association, and to the spirit of Halloween. Maybe we'll haunt again next year.



Indian Head /Lehigh Acres Real Estate

Need to sell your home? Want to make it attractive for a future sale? Here are some tips from Terry Anne Kant (Broker and 18 year Indian Head resident) in this currently challenging market.

- If you have lived in it for more than 3 years, consider a home inspection. This eliminates surprises later on and allows you to have your home in top shape.
- Curb appeal means a lot. Most people purchase homes that they've admired from the street or were drawn to by pictures of the exterior. Simple and natural landscaping, potted plants at the entry, clean home and driveway, fresh paint on eaves and trim, etc. all add to initial reaction.
- Relatively inexpensive updates like a fresh coat of paint, window treatments, light/fan fixtures, new knobs on cabinets, sometimes new flooring, all make your home stand out. Often making smaller cosmetic changes to kitchens and baths are enough to perk them up.
- Clutter may be great for that cozy lived in feeling, but buyers need to see themselves in your space, so personal pictures, a refrigerator crowded with magnets, and cluttered desks and tables are distracting. Furniture that is too large also crowds a space. If you are planning to sell soon, start packing up items you won't need every day and store them. This will also make your eventual move easier. Remove some of the personal pictures.
- Price to sell. Don't base it on how much you want for your next new house, or the cost of updates you've done. Price it to attract lookers/buyers who are ever more savvy. The current market drives the eventual price and Indian Head has slowed like most neighborhoods. Over priced homes aren't getting shown or sold as quickly. Our diversity of home sizes & amenities complicate pricing. Most Realtors will provide a free market analysis.
- Marketing. If you plan to sell your house yourself rather than use a Realtor, be sure you've consulted with an attorney about proper forms, etc. and try Craigslist for free. Virtual tours, flyers, and being quickly reached by potential buyers are helpful.



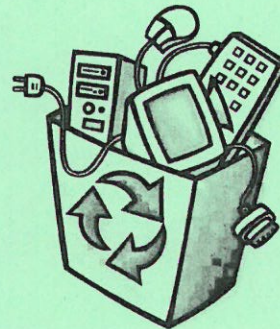
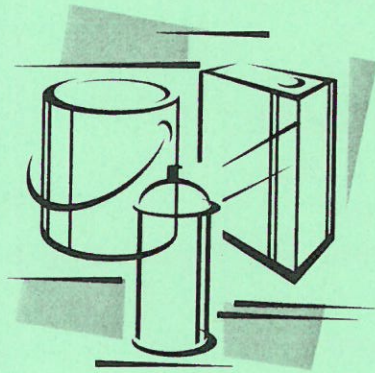
HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS ROUND UP

SPONSORED BY INDIANHEAD, LEHIGH, WOODLAND DR, & MYERS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

OPTIMIST PARK, E. INDIANHEAD AT HOKOLIN



Toxic Waste	Electronics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motor Oil, Gasoline ● Antifreeze, brake & transmission fluid ● Batteries ● Paints, Stains, Varnishes ● Pesticides ● Cleaning Agents ● Aerosols ● Fluorescent Bulbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitors ● CPU's (Hard Drives) ● Printers ● Scanners ● Keyboards ● VCR's ● Stereo, Audio Components ● Televisions

For more information call the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center at 606-1803.



Bring These Household Hazardous Waste Items to the Roundup:

50 pound limit per household

Aerosol Cans
Ammunition
Antifreeze
Rechargeable Batteries*
Bleach
Drain Cleaner
Electronics (TV, computer, stereo, telephone, etc.)
Fire Extinguishers
Flares and Pyrotechnics
Fluorescent Bulbs and Ballasts
Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel
Household Cleaners
Mercury-containing Devices (thermometers, thermostats)
Motor Oil
Paints and Thinners
Pesticides, Herbicides, Lawn and Garden Chemicals
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals
Prescription Drugs
Pressure Bottles and Tanks (oxygen, carbon dioxide, etc.)
Propane Bottles and Tanks (less than 40 lbs.)

Trash, garbage or appliances will not be accepted.

*** HAZARDOUS BATTERIES:**

Automotive Batteries
Button Batteries
Lithium Ion Batteries
Rechargeable Batteries
Sealed Lead-acid Batteries

**(ALKALINE Batteries are not hazardous, are not recycled,
and should be put into household garbage.)**

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At-Large: Nick Baldwin	877-0249	At-Large:	



2008 Membership Form Indianhead Lehigh Neighborhood Association

Please print

Name(s) (include spouse/partner)	Date						
Address	Phone (work)						
Email(s)	Phone (home/cell)						
<p>I am interested in participating in one or more of the following neighborhood activities or committees:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Association Board</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Newsletter/Flyers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> New Neighbor Welcome</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Crime Watch</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Association Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Newsletter/Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/> New Neighbor Welcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Crime Watch	
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 Current resident	Make checks payable to: IHLNA Mail to: M L Bachman, IHLNA Treasurer 1905 Wahalaw Court						



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