

# the Columns

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS OF THE FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD

**AUGUST**  
CALENDAR\_2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6\_ ANNUAL PICNIC

October 9\_ ANNUAL  
FH HALLOWEEN PARTY

## FOREST HILLS WEB SITE

[www.foresthillsindy.org](http://www.foresthillsindy.org)

Be sure to check out the FHNA website regularly for upcoming events, back issues of the Columns newsletter, neighbor forums, resources and links, our neighborhood's history, and to sign up to receive email updates on important news and announcements.

## CFI AT SCHOOL 84 RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

**The Center for Inquiry at School 84 (at the corner of 57th and Central), has received recognition as a Magnet School of Excellence. This effectively names it as one of the top magnet schools in the nation and is a wonderful resource for our community. While school placement occurs via lottery and is not guaranteed for FH youth, many FH kids attend and should be congratulated for a job well done. CFI's increasing community profile retains existing families and attracts new residents to the neighborhood and is a boon to us all.**

**This is also a good time to remind residents that school resumes soon – so watch out for kids walking and riding to school as you pull out of your drive in the morning.**

# Summer PICNIC 8.6

THE FOREST HILLS SUMMER PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, **August 6th, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the 58th, Guilford and Forest Point.** It's a bit of a special year because it's being held on poor old Mike Cole's birthday. Now if you don't know Mike, it's because he's gotten on in years — he'll be 64 this time around — and his valiant wife, Glenna, will probably have to wheel him down to the party again. He probably won't be there long — the party begins after his bedtime — so come early and drink a beer in honor of one of Forest Hill's elderly. He's not likely to make many more picnics. Oh, don't worry about him reading this — the print is way too small for his eyes.

Aside from Mike's birthday keg, the picnic features free food (burgers, dogs, brats, beans, etc.) and drinks. We'd appreciate it if you'd supply some sort of dessert. Aside from music, supplied by Forest Hill's younger generation, there will be games for the kids, including a bouncy — bounce (which has been used in the past to get Mike's heart restarted) and a climbing wall. **Picnic chairs Lara Knitter and Trisha Borme** are always in need of volunteers for everything from supervising kid's games to grilling.

The summer picnic has been a Forest Hill's tradition since the 1930's, making it almost as old as Mike, who remembers coming to the first one as a teenager. He says he hasn't missed one since, but given his fading memory...Come on out for one last fling before the kids go back to school, drink a beer, eat a burger, and make a memory for poor old Mike. — *Jim Garrettson*

**\*\* Editor's note:** *Jim writes a funny article, but should not be allowed to avoid a few birthday wishes of his own, seeing as he shares a birth date with "old" Mike Cole. So – raise a glass and wish Jim G. a very happy birthday at the picnic. He, like Mike, will be 64, so speak LOUDLY.*



# WELCOME NEW FHNA BOARD MEMBERS

THE FHNA RECENTLY WELCOMED TWO new Board members, **Tom Quinn** and **Trisha Borme**. Thanks to Tom and Trisha for volunteering their time and talents for the benefit of FH.

OFFICERS FOR THE 2011-12 TERM ARE:

**President:** Beau and Heather King

**Vice President:** Adam Gibson

**Treasurer:** Keith Lerch

**Secretary:** Jenny Levett

A heartfelt thanks to outgoing President **Julie Moeller** and Board members **Ken Steigmann** and **Rodney Dowling** for their time and commitment to the neighborhood.

## WANT TO LEND A HAND?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO the many social events that make FH the special place it is, but don't want a long-term commitment? **The social committee** is establishing event-based committees, open to all FH residents. Interested in helping with an event? Look for the "contact to help" information contained with each announcement and sign up to assist. You'll get a say in what happens and give back to the neighborhood without worrying about a significant time commitment. For a more long-term (yet minimal) investment in the neighborhood, join the social committee.

**Contact Lara Knitter at**  
**lknitter@sbcglobal.net** or **251-0446** or  
**Trisha Borme at speedmom47@aol.com**  
for more information.



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT 2011

Neighbors,

Since the annual board meeting in June, your FHNA board has already been quite the busy bunch in preparation for another successful FH year. We have already had two board meetings and a number of committee meetings in which we discussed what type of neighborhood activities we want to have in the upcoming year, who will lead the various neighborhood activities such as social events, the Columns newsletter, the neighborhood directory, the block captains squad, etc., and we also discussed what else can we do differently to continually make our neighborhood better.

It's pretty amazing to see the rich history of this neighborhood and all of the yearly traditions that we have. Along with preserving the neighborhood traditions, the board has come up with one more primary goal/theme for the upcoming year and that is to increase overall neighborhood participation. By increasing overall participation we will undoubtedly get new ideas for different activities and things to do in the neighborhood, new friendships will be made, our neighborhood safety will be increased due to more people looking out for one another and our property values will continue to be strong as Forest Hills will continue to be a desired neighborhood to live in.

If you want to become more involved with the neighborhood or have any suggestions, feel free to call me at 248-797-7269 or email me at [beauking100@yahoo.com](mailto:beauking100@yahoo.com).

Have a great summer neighbors!

*Beau King*

FHNA President



## SPREAD THE WORD!

DO YOU LOVE SOCIAL NETWORKING? **Then FH needs you!** The FHNA seeks a volunteer willing to manage a FH neighborhood Facebook page and Twitter feed. If such a role interests you, please contact **Beau King** at [beauking100@yahoo.com](mailto:beauking100@yahoo.com) for further information.

## BE RED CROSS READY

ARE YOU READY IN THE EVENT A TORNADO OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTER strikes? The Red Cross provides information regarding emergency kits at its website, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Take a look to ensure you are ready in the event disaster strikes.

**Recommended items:** water, food, medications and special items, tools and supplies, sanitation, clothing and bedding, emergency car kit, important documents, and a first aid kit. The website also provides a link to report you and your family as "Safe & Well" following a large-scale emergency.

## FHNA ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The FHNA Annual Meeting was held on June 12. At the meeting, the FHNA decided that voluntary *association dues will increase from \$25 (plus an additional \$10 for snow removal fees for residents living on neighborhood streets) to \$30 (plus an additional \$15 for snow removal fees)*. Such an increase responsibly budgets for increased costs since the last dues increase more than 20 years ago, but remains low in comparison to many other neighborhood association dues. The new dues structure will take effect in 2012.

## TORNADO SIREN CHANGES IN EFFECT

RECENT CHANGES TO MARION COUNTY'S POLICY REGARDING THE SOUNDING OF TORNADO SIRENS SEEK TO REDUCE COMPLACENCY in proper response to the sirens. **Effective July 5, the sirens will only sound in the event of a tornado warning, where a public safety officer sees a funnel cloud, or where some other imminent danger of harm is detected.** Sirens will be tested only on the first Friday of every month, rather than weekly, as previously conducted. *The takeaway?* If you hear the sirens, take immediate shelter and check the weather.



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## CRIME REPORT

TEMAILS ARE CIRCULATING CONCERNING THEFTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD and nearby homes. IMPD shows no reported crime in Forest Hills in the past few months. To view reported crime in the vicinity of your home, go to:

<http://imaps.indygov.org/publicsafetymaps/>.

These thefts have supposedly been from unlocked cars and garages during both day and evening hours. While some thefts are always possible, don't make it easy.

**Remember to lock your cars and garage, even during daytime.** Most importantly, if there is a crime, report it. IMPD assigns resources based on reported crime in an area, and even if a report doesn't result in catching this bad guy, it might help catch the next one. — *Jim Garrettson*

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

WOULD YOU LIKE THE CHANCE TO SEE some beautiful FH homes while enjoying delicious food? Then join your neighbors on **September 17, from 5-9 pm** for a progressive dinner. Cooks, hosts, and appreciative tasters are required!

**Please return the enclosed flyer to Jenny Levett by Friday, September 2,** if you would like to host or to attend the dinner (attendees will be asked to bring a dish with a provided recipe).

If you would like to be even more involved, a co-chair for the evening is needed.

Please contact Jenny to let her know you would like to help at [jtlevett@hotmail.com](mailto:jtlevett@hotmail.com) or **251-1711**.

## NEIGHBOR NEWS

### NEW BABIES

**Jennifer and Derek Payne,** 5697 Winthrop Ave., are the proud parents of a new baby girl: **Julianne**

**Pat and Holly Sedlack along with siblings Aidan, Kate and Sara,** 5741 Winthrop Ave., welcomed baby daughter **Audrey Jane.**



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