

# the Columns

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

DECEMBER  
CALENDAR\_2011

UPCOMING EVENTS  
December 24\_  
LUMINARIES  
January 1, 2012\_  
ANNUAL DUES

## 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.

## MEET THE NEIGHBORS VOLUNTEER DEC. 17

Part of that tradition is the gathering of the luminary elves, wherein volunteers gather at 11:00 a.m. on December 17th at Luke & Beth Habig's (5750 Carrollton) to assemble and deliver the bags of luminaries to every doorstep in Forest Hills. If you enjoy your yearly deliveries, come join us. Contact Lara Knitter (317-251-0446, [lknitter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lknitter@sbcglobal.net)) to volunteer.

## let it glow 12/24

FOREST HILLS HAS A TRADITION OF PUTTING OUT LUMINARY CANDLES on Christmas Eve. Part of that tradition is the gathering of the luminary elves, wherein volunteers gather at 11:00 a.m. on December 17th at Luke & Beth Habig's (5750 Carrollton) to assemble and deliver the bags of luminaries to every doorstep in Forest Hills. Aside from doing your duty as an elf, which in Forest Hills is a very prestigious position, sleigh drivers (BYO sleigh) are always in great demand, so if you have an SUV, or a truck, you can bound through the streets of Forest Hills, carols bellowing from your sound system, as other elves take the bags to the doors.

When you find a bag of luminaries at your door (multiple bags if you live on a corner or a point) the idea, on Christmas Eve, is to put the sand in the bags, along with a candle (all provided) and place them on your curb, lighting them at dusk. If you're going away for the holidays, beg a neighbor to light them for you (bringing them cookies and a few bottles of wine sometimes helps). There are occasionally blocks where everyone leaves save for the heroic candle lighter, and Forest Hills is establishing a fund for the erection of "The Last Candle Lighter" statue. If the house next door is vacant, or occupied by the elderly, or someone named Jim, lend a hand.

**People really do come from all over the north side to look at our luminaries, so come, be an elf, be a sleigh driver or candle lighter. – Jim Garrettson**



# NEIGHBOR NOTES

## CONDOLENCES

TO THE FAMILY OF DENSIL COOK (Densil and Oneida have lived in FH for 45 years, and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary). Our thoughts are with Densil's family. 5769 Wildwood

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**David & Ashling Hobbs**  
810 E. 58th St.

**Larry Hamlet**  
**Steve Pestoff**  
5845 Carrollton

**Dave Schramm**  
715 E. Kessler

**Matt & Sally Dunn**  
5855 College Ave.

**Curtis & Kim Wesley**  
5658 Guilford

**William & Jamie Strange**  
5869 Guilford

**Chris & Mary Beth Reffert**  
5859 Forest

## DIRECOTRY CORRECTION

Rollie Slocum's Phone is 340-5805  
Ed Long should be Erik Long

## NEW BABIES

**Victoria and John Price welcome baby Ben**, 5833 Carrollton

**Ben and Chad Brown welcome baby Mack and baby Audrey**, 5745 Carrollton

**Angela Wood and Edgardo Luzcando welcome baby Sofia**, 5809 Winthrop

**Erica and Erik Long welcome baby Brendan**, 5725 College

# THANK YOU!

Please take a moment to thank your **Block Captain**. These volunteers work hard to deliver the Columns and to create a link of communication within the neighborhood. Your efforts are very much appreciated!



PHOTOS BY ADAM GIBSON

## HALLOWEEN PARTY WRAP

A record crowd showed up on October 29th for the Forest Hills Halloween Party. If it gets much bigger, next year's party will be held at Lucas Oil, or at Gibson's new house (whichever seats more). We haven't has a rain-out for over a decade, so the spirits must like the event.

Thanks to Lara Knitter for setting up, to Jenny Levett for providing the technical expertise for the "Scream" contest, and to Jenny, the Borme's, the Neal's, the Knitter's and Mark Lanza for providing bodies for year 21 of the haunted garage. Thanks also to our Tree Guy, Jim Clark for his annual appearance as the haunted tree. These days it's pretty brave to show up in traffic in Forest Hills dressed as a live tree. Special thanks to Terry Vahey and the entire Borme Family (including their dog) for helping our with Sunday's post party cleanup. But, of course, the biggest thanks of all goes to Jim Garrettson for creating yet another highly frightening Haunted Garage – a Forest Hills tradition anticipated all year by children big and small.

Winners of this year's "Scream" contest were Zoe Toran for the girls, and Elliot Kolbus for the boys. In the absence of Brian Auer, our usual garage 'haunter,' noise within the garage was slightly down while destruction of props hit a new high. Catch Brian baking at Rene's in Broad Ripple.

If you missed the party, you can catch some video of the Haunted Garage on the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Facebook page. – *Jim Garrettson and Shannon Cohen*

# ANNUAL DUES

ANNUAL DUES FOR 2011 ARE \$45 PER HOUSEHOLD (\$30 FOR HOMES ON COLLEGE AVENUE AND KESSLER AVENUE).

Please pay online at [www.foresthillsindy.org](http://www.foresthillsindy.org) or by returning the envelope included with this issue. If you have not already registered on the website, click **Sign Up** from the home page and complete the registration process.

Then click **Neighbors Only>Pay Dues**. Please contact FHNA Treasurer Keith Lerch, [keith.w.lerch@hud.gov](mailto:keith.w.lerch@hud.gov), with any questions.

Thanks to the following households for their support! (Through November, 2011). \* — Denotes donations above recommended dues. \*\* — Denotes donations above \$100.00.

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# PAYING YOUR DUES

Attached to this month's issue of the Columns, you will find a dues envelope for your 2012 Forest Hills Neighborhood Association dues. Fill it with money and either mail or deliver to the address on the front — honest, it's within walking distance.

Those of you who've lived here a while will notice that dues have increased. Dues, both for Association fees and Snow Removal Fees, were increased by \$5 each at the June Annual Meeting (which, other than the food, the wine, and the fabulous guest speakers, ought to inspire you to attend next year's Annual Meeting). Dues were raised largely because of the increase on snowfall the past few years, which wiped out our snow removal fund and found us dipping heavily into our reserves. Still, it's worth noting that this is in fact the only increase in dues for Forest Hills since William Henry Harrison converted dues from wampum into cash.

Your dues are good for all of 2012. Don't pay the snow removal portion if you live on College or Kessler. Other than snow plowing, what do you get for your money? An annual meeting, a neighborhood garage sale, a progressive dinner, a summer picnic, a Halloween party, a printed directory, a website (which is full of cool stuff, go visit it), a Facebook page, and even these fabulous issues of the Columns, six or more times a year. We'll start publishing a list of those who paid in the next issue of the Columns. Pay extra and we'll even include a really fancy asterisk next to your name.

— Jim Garretson

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## DON'T BE A VICTIM

A LOT OF PEOPLE IN FOREST HILLS LEAVE HOME FOR AT LEAST PART OF the holidays. Other than remembering to have someone deal with your luminaries, it's also a good idea to let your neighbors know that you're going to be gone, to cancel your mail and newspaper, and put some lights (and something that makes noise) on timers. Same with the outdoor Xmas lights. Have someone shovel your walks and driveways. The holidays are always a mixed bag for burglars. Kids tend to be home over the holidays, so more parents are at home during the day. Snow is usually a problem for burglars as well. Still, there's lots of neat stuff appearing under trees, and with the escalating price of metals, we've even had break-ins to get at your copper pipes, so get a neighbor to check your house — copper thieves aren't very careful about shutting off the water first. — *Jim Garrettson*

## SAFE PARKING

With winter rapidly approaching, try to minimize street parking as much as possible. I understand how many of us have two car storage sheds, but we pay a lot to have our streets plowed, and it's really, really hard to do a decent job plowing our streets if they're filled with cars, not to mention what a pain it is when the plows bury your car. If the Broad Ripple drivers don't get you, the plows will, and with Broad Ripple designated as an official Super Bowl Satellite Site, expect even more fun on our streets.

— *Jim Garrettson*

## RECYCLE YOUR TREE

Don't forget to take advantage of Christmas tree recycling services offered at several Indianapolis parks (typically including Broad Ripple Park). Dates for this year's services have not yet been announced, but the city typically accepts trees from the week after Christmas through the end of January. The trees are mulched and used in city landscaping. Check local media for this year's dates.



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