

ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues for 2012 are \$45 per household (\$30 for homes on College and Kessler)

Pay online at www.foresthillsindy.org or by returning your dues envelope. 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. Contact FHNA treasurer Keith Lerch, keith.w.lerch@hud.gov, with any questions.

Thanks to the following households for their support! (through April 25, 2012)

* denotes donation above recommended dues

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

May 2012

Calendar

Ongoing Pay 2012 Dues

May 19 FHNA Garage Sale

June 10 Annual Meeting

FOREST HILLS WEB SITE

www.foresthillsindy.org

Pay dues, see upcoming events, access back issues of the Columns, FHNA board contact information, and neighbor forums.

FOREST HILLS GARAGE SALE 5.19

MAY 19 IS THE ANNUAL FOREST HILLS GARAGE SALE.

Participating in the garage sale is a great way to clear your closets, meet your neighbors, and allow others to reuse things you no longer need while making a little money to fill all of that newly empty space. Official sale hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Remember, people come from far and wide to attend the sale, so if you don't want early shoppers, please be sure to store your sale items out of sight until you are ready to open for business.

Not sure you have enough stuff? You might consider a joint sale with one or more neighbors. A large variety of goods for diverse interests drives more traffic and encourages more sales. You can also work shifts with these neighbors, if needed. Don't want the money? Donate it to the FHNA!

Houses that register will be included on a neighborhood map distributed to shoppers – the FHNA provides these maps as well as neighborhood sale signage and classified ads. Participation is free – this is one of the benefits provided by our annual FHNA dues. If you would like to participate (or would like to help or have any questions), please contact Lara Knitter (251-0446 or lknitter@sbcglobal.net). Happy selling!

NEWSLETTER LOOK DIFFERENT?

Our highly talented graphic designer, Kathy Davis, is unable to continue her work on the Columns. If you share her talent and would like to volunteer your time to help, please contact Beau King (beauking100@yahoo.com) or Shannon Cohen (Shannon.cohen@me.com) to get more information. We extend many thanks to Kathy for her hours of dedicated work to the neighborhood.

FHNA ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for the FHNA Annual Meeting – to be held at the point by Jim Garrettson’s yard (57th and Guilford). Are you interested in becoming a FHNA Board member? Contact Beau King at beauking100@yahoo.com. Remember to check the Forest Hills website, www.foresthillsindy.org, for information regarding upcoming social events.

Christmas in the Hills

A short recollection of the beauty of the Season

For the first year in memory, every house in the interior of the neighborhood sported Christmas Eve luminary candles. There were a few blank spots on College and Kessler, but along our winding streets, there was perfect coverage. Neighbors helped out the elderly and the vacationing. A last minute scurry of bagging helped out the Priests on 58th St. and the Habigs, who spent the holidays

in Texas with daughter Katie being fitted for boots after insuring for another year that luminaries were prepared and delivered to every home in the neighborhood.

There was a huge turnout for luminary assembly at the Habigs, and thanks to the record number of volunteers, work was done in under an hour - so quickly in fact that most volunteers had left before

Santa Claus arrived and distributed new BMW’s to those still remaining. If you missed yours, show up next Christmas and he may return.

Whether because of the warm weather, the improving economy, or even the still not-so-good economy, there were more holiday lights in the neighborhood this year.

Homes that hadn’t been lit in

Every house in the neighborhood sported luminaries.

decades glowed brightly, and the rest added new ones. There seems to be a rule that all pre-lit reindeer lose some portion of their body lights as the season wears on, so if we do a lighting contest next year, it may well relate to most unique reindeer body parts still lit by New Year’s.

CANTERBURY CLEANUP

The Canterbury Neighborhood Association is hosting a Canterbury Park Cleanup on **May 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Please support these efforts to maintain the park we all enjoy just to the east of the Monon.

SPRING CLEANING

OR – BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Spring has sprung yet again, and it’s a good time to remind neighbors to pick up after your pooch (no doggie bags on corners, please), and to clean your curbs and street drains.

THANKS FOR THE TREES, KIB!

Once again, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (“KIB”) has donated trees to Forest Hills homeowners. These gifts benefit not only the homeowners, but also every Forest Hills resident and visitor who enjoys walking or driving our tree-lined streets. Thanks to KIB and thanks to those FH residents who volunteered their time to assist with tree planting.



Meridian-Kessler Home and Garden Tour The 2012 Annual Twilight Tour & Silent Auction

Friday, June 15, 2012
6:30pm - 11:00pm

Gather up your neighbors and join us as we kick off this festive weekend with the **Twilight Tour & Silent Action**. This year’s Twilight Tour will once again be held on the grounds of Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Twilight Tour is the marquee event for Meridian-Kessler residents and supporters. This is your opportunity to celebrate our historic neighborhood, enjoy time with your neighbors, and raise money for nonprofit organizations in the Meridian-Kessler community.

Your ticket purchase gives you the opportunity to tour two stunning homes – just blocks from this year’s Twilight event. This year’s Twilight Tour homes belong to Kim Thomas (5673 Pennsylvania) and Charlotte and Alan Lewis (5620 Pennsylvania). After the tour, you’ll also enjoy a

delicious dinner, live entertainment, and a fun and fabulous silent auction, all under a beautiful white tent.

All Twilight ticket proceeds go towards the costs associated with the event. However, **100%** of the proceeds raised during the silent auction will be granted directly to local groups who work hard to help improve the quality of life in our wonderful neighborhood. The auction historically features upwards of 50 items, such as vacation home rentals, gift certificates to popular local restaurants, as well as goods and services donated by local businesses and residents. Your attendance and generous bids

are critical to the success of our neighborhood.

Past silent auctions have raised as much as \$17,000! Past silent auction proceeds have been granted to such organizations as Second

Helpings, Girls Inc. and local schools, such as CFI 84.

Twilight Tour tickets are available online at MKHomeTour.com or you may contact Mason and Jenni Hughes at 416-8929. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$440 to reserve a table of eight). This event does sell out so be sure to get your tickets right away!

The Meridian-Kessler Home and Garden Day Tour takes place on Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17, from 11:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Once again, the Tour features a FH home, that of Adam and Kathie Gibson, 5870 Carrollton.