

the Columns

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

CALENDAR July 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13 **summer picnic**

July 9 **infrastructure meeting**

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 neighbor-hood's history, and to sign up to receive email updates on important news and announcements.

FOREST HILLS SUMMER PICNIC

THE FOREST HILLS SUMMER PICNIC WILL BE HELD **July 13th from 4 to 7 p.m.** AT THE Forest, Guilford and 58th Street point.

As a special treat, this year's entertainment will be provided by future Nashville recording artist and local resident Haley Kempself, and her band, Helm. If you live anywhere near the 5700 block of Guilford, you've probably heard her group practicing into the wee hours of the morning in between gigs around town.

Other entertainment will include the ever popular bounce house and a climbing wall, as well as face painting and maybe water balloons. Food will include burgers, brats and dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips & pretzels. Neighbors are requested to bring some form of dessert or a side dish. We'll also have soft drinks, water, and of course, excellent beer.

Our picnic is one of our oldest neighborhood events, dating back to the 30's, and is always well attended. We're trying it a bit earlier this year to see if it works better in vacation and back-to-school schedules.

Army's and kids run on their stomachs, while summer picnics run on volunteers. We're looking for a few brave souls to both help with the grilling (one hour shifts, two people each) and to help set-up (3:30 - if we get enough help, it won't take over half an hour). **Contact Jim Garrettson at sjudge@aol.com, or 253-7257 if you can help.**

The picnic is a great way to meet folks if you're new to the neighborhood, or also a great way to reconnect if your not, and it's paid for by your dues. We hope to see you all there.

– Jim Garrettson

7/9 INFRASTRUCTURE

There will be a meeting regarding Forest Hills Infrastructure (everything from potential roundabouts to new sidewalks) at Jerrey Finnegan's House (5720 Carrollton Ave.) on **July 9th at 7 p.m.** If you'd like to join the discussion, or just learn more about the conversation that began at the Annual Meeting on these issues, please attend. The more residents who participate, the more likely everyone's concerns will be addressed.

DUES 2013

There may have been some confusion surrounding the last issue of the Columns when dues envelopes were distributed. Forest Hills dues run from the first of the year to the end of the year. A list of who paid, as of mid-May was also published, so if you already paid in 2013, you don't need to pay again until next year. If you weren't on the list, or haven't paid since then, your dues would be appreciated, as they fund all of our neighborhood activities. **You can either use the envelopes, or pay online at www.foresthillsindy.org**

GARDEN TOUR

A group of at least 40 spent the morning of **June 15th** touring the very best of Forest Hills' gardens. Many thanks to Angie Wethington, Bob & Debbie Falk, Hal & Theresa Shoen, Barb & Jerrey Finnegan, Judy & Mel Goldstein, David & Katrina Seitz, Ron d'Avis & Paula Hoover, and Brad & Jennifer Jefferis for inviting neighbors into their yard for the tour. Special thanks to Board Member Tom Quinn for organizing and hosting the event.

2014 DIRECTORY

Sometime in the fall, the Board is going to begin the process of updating the Forest Hills directory in paper form. It would be helpful if neighbors would sign up on the Forest Hills website, foresthillsindy.org. That will save the Block Captains some work. We know some of the phone numbers are incorrect, as well as e-mail addresses that have changed, so ALL residents should check the website to make sure your information is current. We'll also be selling ads for the directory to keep down the cost, so if you're interested in advertising your business or know of a prospect, contact Adam Gibson at advertise@foresthillsindy.org. Forest Hills residents receive a 10% discount.

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CRIME
INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY
EDITORIAL

In their "Crime" issue, *Indianapolis Monthly* reported on a fairly high crime area which they titled "Forest Hills/Chatard." Oddly, that area ran from College to Keystone, and from Kessler to 52nd St. When contacted about both the area and the name, the Editor of *Indianapolis Monthly* told us that he was unable to get crime statistics for Forest Hills, so basically created an area in which he could get statistics. He also noted that he'd publish a correction if we could supply him with actual statistics.

It took all of a week to get Forest Hills crime statistics, and we're happy to report that we're virtually crime free, averaging about one crime every couple of months, and those almost always involve stuff taken from cars left outside. The correction, if you saw this month's *Indianapolis Monthly*, wasn't much of a correction, but it did accomplish one good thing.

For the past few months, and in the future, we'll be publishing our monthly crime statistics in the General Topics Section of the Neighbors Only part of our Website:
www.foresthillsindy.org

So, if you want to keep up on crime in the Hills, or what there is of it, sign up for the website. There's even a neat feature where you can receive an e-mail when something you're following gets a new post. And no, we won't be distributing your information to Julian Assange.

NEWS
ANNUAL MEETING

The rain subsided just in time for over 60 neighbors to attend the Forest Hills Annual Meeting on **June 23rd**.

Those attending saluted departing Board members Beau King & Heather Berry, Shannon Cohen, Jenny Levitt, and Jason & Stephanie Penninger, and also elected new Board members, Meghan Martin, Bes & Dan Neal, Linda & Gavin McNamara, and Karin Beymer & Mike Sherman. Election of officers will occur after this Columns deadline, so we'll publish it in the next issue. Many thanks to those who served the neighborhood over the past year, and welcome to those who will serve in the future.

Board member Fernow McClure gave a presentation on possible infrastructure changes in the neighborhood and announced a meeting, covered elsewhere herein, that will present more details and announce how we'll be seeking more neighborhood input.

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