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

**CALENDAR**  
August 2014

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
August 9 Summer Picnic

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## AUGUST 9TH FOREST HILLS SUMMER PICNIC

THE FOREST HILLS SUMMER PICNIC WILL BE held August 9th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Forest, Guilford and 58th St. Point. (Rain Date, same time the 10th) For those oldsters reading this, you already know the routine. For you newbies, the Summer Picnic is our second oldest neighborhood event, and is always the best attended. The neighborhood association, thanks to your dues, will provide enough burgers, brats, dogs, beans & chips to fill you up for a week, great beer and soft drinks, music, entertainment for the kids in the form of at least a bounce house, and likely some sort of water feature, since it's always hot in Indy in August (might want to bring a towel?). Still, it's intended as a party for all neighbors, young and old.

Odd numbered houses bring a dessert to share, even numbered houses bring veggies, salad or fruit to share. (please, nothing that has to be heated or kept cold).—nothing huge, we'll have more than enough.

As always we'll need volunteers. We're going to need about 20 of you to show up at 3:30 to set up the party, which consists mostly of setting up and covering tables, setting up chairs, putting out the food, and getting the inflatables up and running. This is a great opportunity for our new neighbors to start getting involved with the neighborhood (and the beer will be flowing almost immediately).

During the party, we still have room for about three grill people from 5-6 p.m. If you're interested in cooking, or any other form of volunteering, please contact Dan Neal at [djneal24@hotmail.com](mailto:djneal24@hotmail.com). For those of you with smaller kids, please note that the Bounce House, etc., won't be formally supervised, so please keep an eye on your kids (we'll need them again for the Halloween Party), and the rental places usually charge to return them in October if they're hauled away after the party. Folks still around at the end of the party generally help stack the tables and chairs for pick-up the next day.

The Picnic is one of the reasons you guys moved here—we're the lost neighborhood of conjoined neighbors who do things together, so please come, and please help out.

## NOTES FROM THE MUDPILE

Since one of your neighbors foolishly installed a sprinkler system, it's rained nearly every day of the summer, an unheard of fact in Indy. That means that curb waste is steadily flowing towards the sewer drains and blocking the inlets. If you live near an inlet, please help with keeping them clear, and as much as possible, keeping your own curbs clean of weeds and debris. We aren't in a flood plain, but we've flooded in the past with the drains aren't kept clear. This will become even more important later this year when leaves (the "Forest" part in Forest Hills), begin to fall. It's also worth a reminder that sidewalks are useful for people, but less useful for untrimmed tree branches. Might want to keep trees and shrubs trimmed for walkers, bikers, etc.

Fall is also a good time to add some copper sulfate to your drains if you have old sewer lines. It kills roots that have invaded old tile sewer drains and may save you, or at least put off, a huge excavation bill.

The Forest Hills Halloween Party is set for October 25th at 4:00 p.m. More on that in the next Columns, but put it on your calendar.

The reason that you haven't been seeing monthly crime reports on the FH web site lately is that IMPD has stopped providing crime data because, as it says, it's migrating to a new system. If that's true, it's an incredibly slow migration and so far, no one from IMPD is able to say when local data will be available. So far, the Board hasn't heard of any crime in the neighborhood, though a tree did fall on Judy Goldstein, and the tree did not survive the impact.

The Babysitters List has successfully been migrated to the website, where you'll find it under "Contractors". If you'd like to offer the service, just add a post there with your contact information. Unless what I see out my window is part of the Central American border crossing flux, you ought to be able to get rich.

With the small exception of being the night before the Annual Meeting, Forest Hills would like to thank the Hobbs' & Morrison's for throwing Forest Hills a great neighborhood party, complete with a band, great drinks and great food.

Thanks also to the Bain's & the North Carrollton group for the pre-4th pyrotechnics. Hopefully it scared the chipmunks.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

A group of about 40 neighbors attended the Forest Hills Annual Meeting on June 22nd. The rest of you were likely still hung over from a massive party held by the Morrison's and new Board Member David (& Ashling) Hobbs the night before, went to the fabulous Gargula wedding reception for the Metzgers on Carrollton, or stayed home to watch the US World Cup match.

For those of you who were so inclined, you heard speaker Ryan Vaughn talk about the City's new proposed recycling measures and Rebuild Indy 2. You also feasted on enough food and drink for 100 people (we did offer to hold the Gargula's wedding reception for the Metzgers under our tent), heard Jerrey Finnegan field questions on traffic calming, and voted in two new Forest Hills Directors, Sarah Kilfoil and David Hobbs. The complete list of our Board is published in the side-bar herein, but if you can't divert your eyes, Fernow McClure was elected President in a brief organizational meeting thereafter, and all other officers were carried over from last year.

## FHNA DIRECTORY

Along with this edition of The Columns, you should be receiving the Forest Hills Directory, a handy dandy addition to any household containing contact information for all your neighbors (except e-mails - you can get those from the on-line directory - assuming you've registered there), useful neighborhood information for newbies and oldsters, and even maps that you can use if you get lost walking home from 20 Tap.

It's all paid for by your Forest Hills dues, and the blood sweat and tears of the Block Captains who compiled the information, Ken Siegman who put the data in order, Kathy Davis who formatted it for printing, Past-President Adam Gibson who took the pictures, and of course, our advertisers, who you should frequent (except for the real estate agents, because if you sell your house, the Directory will get further out-of-date).

Along those lines, there are undoubtedly mistakes, corrections and additions contained therein. If you'll send them, along, of course with an angry note, to [sjudge@aol.com](mailto:sjudge@aol.com), we'll try to publish some sort of corrections page in the next Columns.

## SITTERS

You'll notice that we've discontinued running the babysitters list. That's because we've moved it to the Forest Hills website—[www.foresthillsindy.org](http://www.foresthillsindy.org).

If you'll look on the sidebar on the Home Page, you'll see a section called Home Services. We use that section as a place for neighbors to let each other know about their good, and bad, experiences with service providers in the area. It's also there so neighbors can tell us about services they provide. We'll be adding, shortly, a section on stuff for sale—in case you don't want to wait for the Garage Sale in May. Currently you'll find sections on everything from Home Cleaners to Plumbing, and from Carpenters to Architects. It's only as useful as the reviews you provide, so we hope you'll use it.

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### GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Contribute to the neighborhood with your talents! Professional or student, WE NEED YOUR HELP to step in and take over the design of the FHNA COLUMNS, please contact Kathy Davis. (Kathy is ready to pass the torch on.)  
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