

the Columns

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

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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.

FH 2015 DUES

Attached to this final 2014 issue of the Columns, you will find a dues envelope. 2015 Forest Hills dues are payable as of January 1, 2015 and run through the calendar year, although any payments made after this issue comes out will be credited to 2015 unless you indicate otherwise.

As noted on the envelope, dues are \$30, plus \$15 for snow removal. Residents on College and Kessler don't have to pay snow removal. Your dues fund the Annual Meeting in June, the Summer Picnic, the Halloween Party, the Christmas Eve Luminaries, the Columns, the Website, the Directory, and all the other great stuff your neighborhood association does for you (hopefully with your help).

You can pay by check by mailing in the dues envelope, or on-line at the FHNA website - www.foresthillsindy.org. You can also drop off payments to your block captain, any member of the Board, or at our Treasurer's house (the address on the envelope).

DECEMBER 2014 FH LIGHTS UP WITH LUMINARIES

One of the best Forest Hills traditions is lighting luminary candles on our curbs at dusk on Christmas Eve. Luminary set up and distribution will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 20th at Luke Habig's garage, 5750 Carrollton Ave. Because Luke's been organizing this for so long, we can almost guarantee that all luminaries will be at your doorstep by noon.

Volunteers, especially those with trucks or SUV's are always sorely needed, both to put together the kits and deliver them to your homes. It's always a fun event, (Santa has been known to appear, or at least some fat guy with a beard) and one that's sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. Luke can usually find work for school aged kids as well.

Your job, after they're delivered, is to assemble the luminaries, place them on your curbs, and light them at dusk Christmas Eve. We do have some vacant houses, and we know some of you will be out of town for the holidays, perhaps even before the luminaries get delivered. Please, please, make arrangements with a neighbor to help you out. A glass of wine, or six glasses of wine will make your neighbors easy marks. Ditto if you know of a neighboring house that's vacant. You'll find their luminary bag on their doorstep.

People come from all over Indianapolis to see our luminaries, and they're only as good as the coverage. It comes off the best if most or all of our curbs are covered, and it's a lovely sight on a special night. Take a Christmas Eve walk through our streets, maybe organize your block in caroling and admire your handiwork. Block Captains would be kind to help out with this effort.

NOTES FROM THE SNOW PILE

Since we've already had our first snow, it's worth noting that our dues furnish snow plowing for the neighborhood if it snows more than four inches so in case of a snow of that magnitude, try to get your cars off the streets until the plows can do their job. In case of a larger snow, convenient snow piles will be created at the Guilford/Carrollton and Guilford/Wildwood Points whereat your children can wile away endless hours creating snow forts, not to mention losing most of your garden tools until spring.

Many of you will be leaving town or the holidays. Despite being a basically crime free area (knock on snow) just observe the obvious rules - stop your paper and mail, leave some lights on timers, see if someone will shovel your walks/watch out for packages while you're gone and note the usual plea for getting help with luminaries noted in the larger article herein. Do let your neighbors know you're leaving so they can watch for suspicious activity.

Correction to the Directory

Tim & Sara Schluge's correct phone number is 255-2580. Please send other corrections to sjudge@aol.com and we'll continue to publish them. Please send anything else, new neighbors, births, deaths, etc. to the same address.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY NEWS

The Forest Hills Halloween Party greeted another huge crowd on October 26th, amidst balmy weather (unlike Trick-Or-Treat night).

Halloween Party Chairs Fernow McClure, the Steingolds, Sarah Kilfoil and the Shermans arranged the outside festivities, which included a disk jockey, line dancing and pumpkin decorating and the food (thanks to the many neighbors who brought wholesome treats, to Grace Moreman for her winning Scary Treat entry, and for Sunday's clean-up of the Haunted Garage, all of the above, plus the Piatts and neighbor Rollie Slocum.

Thanks to Jill de las Alas and Becky Morrison for running the Scream Contest. Thanks to Fernow, Dan & Bes Neal, Mike Sherman and the Kimberlins for providing bodies for the courtyard. Thanks too for the stream of parents who provided safety in the garage. Of course, no Halloween is complete without an appearance by Jim "The Tree Machine" Clark, who risked life and limb (sorry about that one) while reprising his role as the Haunted Tree. Thanks also to volunteers Mary Beth Reffert, Beth Piatt, Lindsey Rabinowich, Liz Perry & Kristin Garber for their help in making the City's oldest continuous holiday event a success.

Scream Contest winners were as follows:

Boys--- Zachary Crowe, Andrew & Michael de las Alas, and Kellen Piatt (our youngest entrant).

Girls---Lily Klinzig (2 years in a row), Gabi Ryan, and Iris Olsen.

There were so many fabulously decorated homes for Halloween that we're issuing group awards for the 700 block (French's & d'Avis/Hoover's) of 58th St. for their efforts, with special note to Julie Felabom for her extensive collection of bones, probably from the kids who busted up the Haunted Garage last year. Winning entries also include the Bains on Kessler. It should be noted that Camille really, really likes her own house.

Welcome to new neighbors, Mike (413-8388) and Katie (945-2914) Smith at 817 E. 57th. Mike & Katie are a fitting replacement for the Cato's with kids Jack (14), Caroline (12), Hank (10), Quinn (8), Luke (6) and Caleb (4) along with dog Oscar, and cats Skywalker, Mittens, Captain & Black Widow, with more on the way (?).

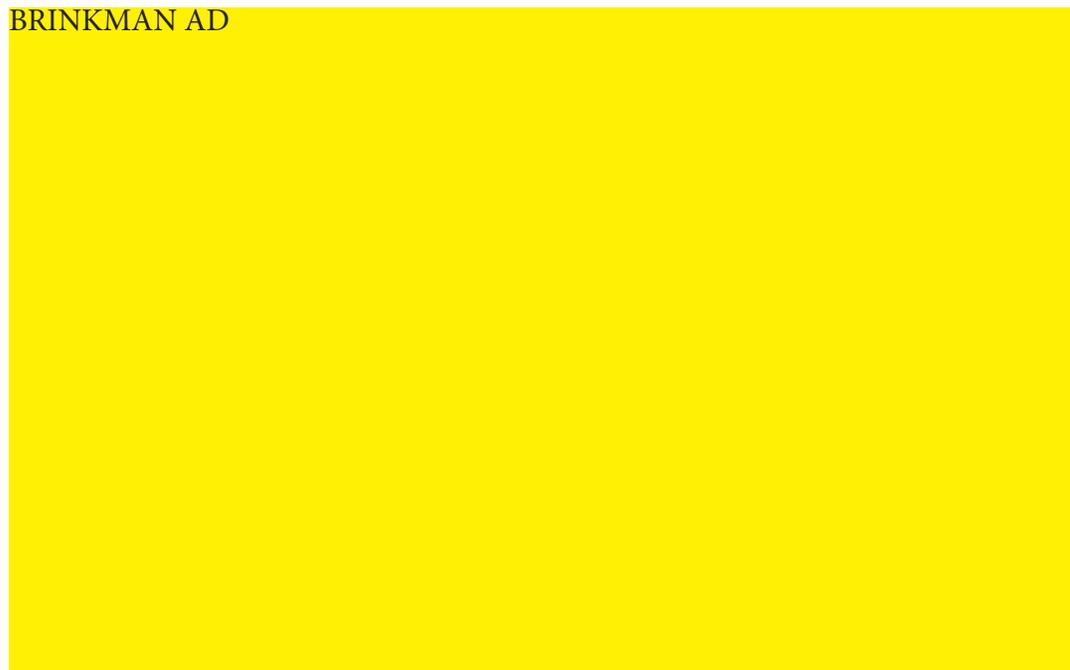
Welcome, and farewell (it was a short stay) to the Moellers.

Welcome also to Anne & Thomas Wright at 5670 Guilford (875-1163), and to Katie & Luke Leising at 5681 Guilford.

Congratulations to Emily Wann as the new Block 3 Block Captain (5673 Guilford, 466-0248).

A festive group of about 50 Board Members and Block Captains gathered at the Moreman/McClures (aka McMore's) on November 15th for the Block Captains' party. Fernow & Mike put out a lavish spread (furnished by the Board) to thank our 23 Block Captains for all their work during the year distributing the Columns, welcoming & identifying new neighbors, and begging for volunteers.

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NOTES FROM THE LEAF PILE

Congratulations to Nancy Waite for being elected the new Zone 8 delegate to the Meridian Kessler Neighborhood Association Board. Forest Hills occupies a quarter of that Zone, and already has three MKNA Board representatives including Judy Goldstein, Jerrey Finnegan and Jim Garrettson. Your Forest Hills Board takes care of the basic stuff in the neighborhood, while MKNA does more of the heavy lifting in things like zoning, infrastructure and code enforcement, as well as economic development. You can contact Nancy at waiten2@yahoo.com.

Not many corrections have come in on the new Directory. The Vonnegut-Gabovitch's (5719 Winthrop Avenue) had their name misspelled. Lindsay Meyer's correct phone number is 697-1911, and we omitted Steve Carlsen's wife, Jennifer. If there are other corrections, send them to sjudge@aol.com and we'll post them here. We also maintain an on-line Directory on the website—www.foresthillsindy.org—but that one relies on your self-posting your information.

Speaking of the website, do read Jerrey Finnegan's article(s) on repairing sewer lines, in the FH Residents, Discussion Forum, General Topics Section. It's a great tutorial on dealing with a problem that will eventually effect all of us.

Dubina Landscaping will vacuum up leaves that the homeowner has blown to the brick side of the curb every Monday for about 6 weeks. This does not include any debris, sticks, branches etc. ONLY leaves. The cost is \$30. per week and arrangements can be made through David Barta 317-726-6488 or email dubinalandscaping@gmail.com. If you hate bagging your leaves this is the deal for you. David is accepting 50 homes for curbside leaf pick-up so sign up quickly. Zeigler Services will also do curbside leaf pick-up starting at \$40 and can be reached at zeiglerservices@gmail.com and 966-0438 (zeiglerlandscaping.biz)

NEWS

Oneida Cook (5769 Wildwood) has moved into assisted living at The Stratford (126th & Towne Rd.) in Carmel. Oneida and her late husband Densil lived in Forest Hills since the 1950's. She would welcome visitors.

Below please find the final list for 2014 of those who paid their Forest Hills dues as of September 15th. About 65% of you paid. Payments received after November 1 will be credited to your 2015 dues.

Adkins	Finnegan	Kleifgen	Phillips/Reichard
Almas	Fleming	Klem	Piatt
Barr	Floyd	Klinzing	Poore
Barrett	Ford/Meyer	Klopstad	Powers
Batt	Foster	Knitter	Puthoff
Benton	Frey	Knorr	Quinn
Beymer/Sherman	Friedrich/Murphy	Kolbus	Rabinowitch
Blackford	Froment	Laderach	Rembusch
Blazek	Garber	Lanza	Rinehart
Boerner	Gargula	Laughner	Roberts
Broady	Garrettson	Leenhouts	Schluge
Brown	Gibson	Lerch	Schoen
Browne	Gilchrist	Lieberman	Seitz
Carlsen/Hund	Gilliland	Lindenberg	Shadix
Carr/Kilfoil	Going	Louden	Slocum
Center	Goldstein, J.&M.	Lovati	Smith
Cento	Goldstein, N.	Lowery	Sondhaus
Clauss	Green	Marra	Souers
Coe	Gulley	Matlock	Statnick
Cohen	Gusic-Joel/Joel	McClure/Moreman	Stegeman
Cole	Habig	McDermott	Stehman
Compton	Hadley	McKinney	Steingold
Cranfill	Hamilton	McNamara	Stephens
Crist	Hamlet/Pestoff	McNulty	Sutton
Davis	Hamstra	Meiring	Tolhurst/Richmond
D'Avis/Hoover	Hipskind	Melcher	Traylor
de las Alas	Hobbs	Merritt	Vahey
Dill	Hylton	Metzger	Vasquez
Dowling/Siegman	Jackson/	Meyer	Vaughn
Dunn	Main-Jackson	Morrison	Vesper
Duquenne/	Jefferis/Wood	Moser	Vinicor
Haverkamp	Jones, J.	Motz/Schilder	Vonnegut
Falk	Jones, M.	Neal	Vonnegut-Gabovitch
Fall	Jose	Nedeff	Wade
Farley	Kaliban	Nixon	Waite
Fearnow	Katzenstein	Nordin	Walker
Felabom	Kilfoil/Carr	O'Connor	Wann
Ferguson	Kimberlin/Meskis	Paynter	Warner
Fillenwarth	Kipfer	Perry	Whitman