

# the Columns

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25

### Halloween Annual Party

[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.

## OCTOBER 2014 FHNA HALLOWEEN ANNUAL PARTY

The Forest Hills Halloween Party, the oldest continuous neighborhood event in Indianapolis, will be held Saturday, October 25th (rain date Sunday the 26th, same time), from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 5733 Guilford Avenue. For the 24th straight year the party will feature Jim Garretson's politically incorrect Haunted Garage, but since, wonder of wonders, this isn't much of an election year, new victims will be insulted.

Our Halloween Party usually draws a great crowd, including relatives and friends of current residents, as well as Forest Hills alumni. If for some odd reason you gave your child a sword, or any other weapon of mass destruction, as part of their costume and plan to send them into a garage with inanimate objects and electrical devices, please understand that you will be alone in missing them. Items found in the garage are not to be stabbed, smashed or stomped, and as was evidenced last year, trying to walk on the blacklight tubes is not advised, as death by electrocution is best imagined and not experienced.

We will repeat our "Spooky House decorating contest" this year. Remember you are playing for "Pride" not "Prize"! Last years spookiest house winners were the 700 block (Felabom's, French's, & d'Avis/Hoover's) and the 900 Block (Statnick's, Klinzing's & Coe's) of 58th St. This year sometime prior to the Halloween party, take a stroll around the Hills and vote at the event. We will also be returning with the scream contest, so tell your kids to be quiet for a week before the party to save their vocal chords. Hopefully, Jim "The Tree Machine" Clark will make another stump speech.

We can't let the kids have all the fun so this year we will again have a horrifying food competition. Get your scary chef hat on and create a ghoulish dish, bring it to the party and enter to win. Judging starts when the last food arrives.

Your neighborhood association will provide pizza and drinks. A couple of volunteers are needed to provide a side or two and cookies or similar treats as Forest Hills' contribution to childhood obesity. Party chairs Lisa Brown (475-0576), Karin & Mike Sherman (748-9279) and Fernow McClure (979-5398) are still seeking volunteers, both for the party, and to help disassemble the Haunted Garage on Sunday morning, as the rest of the year, the garage actually houses cars. Look for an e-mail from the Board announcing more details.

## SUMMER PICNIC

Despite some early sprinkles well over 150 of you gathered on August 9th to celebrate the end of summer in the neighborhood. Picnic Chair Dan Neal added two new kid's attractions in an obstacle course and a huge water slide, and shrunk the area a bit so we could keep a better eye on all the kids who romped while their parents drained the keg before the party ended - first time that's happened in a decade. Dan & Dave Hobbs also found us a live band that played all 3 hours. Dan was the social chair of his fraternity and his expertise showed off. (he even came in under budget)

Dan and the neighborhood would like to thank Lisa Brown for coordinating volunteers, Fernow McClure for reprising his role as beer god, Dave Hobbs for stealing Adam Gibson's truck and getting the barricades, the Laughners, Klinzings, Leenhouts and Hamstra's for electricity & water, Tom Quinn as the ice man, David & Nonie Gabovitch/Vonnegut, owners of Bric's in Broad Ripple for their donation of ice cream, the Coe's for spicing up the baked beans, the Beymer/Sherman's for doing a bit of everything, and Sarah Kilfoil for her magnificent begging efforts. Also the bunches of you who participated in set-up, grilling and take-down deserve the neighborhood's thanks. It takes an army to put together the Summer Picnic, and you all served valiantly.

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# FH LEGACY

**You've probably already read** the well written history of our neighborhood that can be found in the latest Directory, but there's also some current history, forged by Forest Hills Association Presidents who still live in the neighborhood that you might not know about.

Past Presidents still living in the neighborhood include Keith Lerch, Tom Lange, Brian O'Connor, Mark Gargula, Tom Taylor, Jody French. Judy Goldstein, Mark Lanza, and Adam Gibson. About 30 of you have served, at one time or another, on the Board or its committees.

Keith Lerch, our current Treasurer, was President and chief shepherd of our application for the National Register of Historic Places, and also fought an attempt by the City to extend 58th St. across town as a one-way street. Brian O'Connor spearheaded the drive to restore our crumbling brick columns for more than a decade. Tom Lange secured the brass plaques that are now attached to the Columns. Mary Kelly convinced the City that all our inside intersections should be four-way stops. Tom Taylor supervised the first re-writing of our By-Laws. Judy Goldstein secured our stop light at 57th & College after the City turned down requests for years. Jody French survived the Property Tax Wars. Adam Gibson took us into the 21st Century with modernized publications and our revamped website. Earlier Presidents fought IPALCO to retain our antique look street lights, and to not completely cover our original brick streets (so some of you could grow weeds). Other Presidents kept the Halloween Parties and Sumer Picnics going when no one wanted to do the work, while still others added events like the Garden Tour and Progressive Dinner.

A lot of you are new here, while others have been here a while. What legacies are you going to leave for the neighborhood?

# FH STREETS

**Some of you just don't get it, though most of you do. If our curbs are full of weeds, nothing flows to the drains. They just collect stuff, and form dirt, which grows more weeds. It's pretty darned cheap to buy a bottle of extended Round-Up (Ground Clear works even better) and once it's al dead, the dirt it leaves behind can go in your garden beds.**

**There's also a yard on 58th with enough poke weed to give Poke Salad Annie a retirement option. We currently have two homes in Court for high weeds & trash (not from the Association's doing - this was the City) and that shouldn't be happening in the nicest neighborhood in the City. If you're elderly or housebound, let us know and we'll try to get you some help.**

**With winter just around the corner, please remember that we pay to have our streets plowed. If there's a forecasted snow event of any decent size, please pull your car in your driveway until the plows have come through, which is occasionally the next day. Niesse's boat, which hasn't moved in three years could probably house a couple of cars and is intended for use as an Arc.**

## BRINKMAN AD

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:zeiglerservices@gmail.com) and 966-0438 ([zeiglerlandscaping.biz](http://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