

# 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 EVENTS

**June 7**

MKNA Twilight Party

**June 14**

Annual Meeting

Garden Tour

**August 8**

Summer Picnic

**October 24**

Halloween Party

## MAY 2015

### FHNA HOSTS TWILIGHT PARTY

The Meridian Kessler Twilight Party is coming back to Forest Hills for the first time in over a decade, and it won't be back again for that long again. It's being held on the Guilford & Carrollton Point on June 5th. The party begins at 6:00 p.m. with three Forest Hills' homes on tour: Paul & Kim Green's at 5850 Carrollton, Dr's David & Katrina Seitz's at 5701 Carrollton, and Jennifer Jefferis'/Brad Wood's at 810 57th. Those homes will be open between 6 and 8 p.m.

The party will be held under a huge tent and will feature live music from our neighborhood band, the Burning Mules and food provided by Delicia & La Mulita, The Jazz Kitchen, Julia's Homestyle & Caribbean Cuisine, Just Pop In!, The Red Key Tavern, Northside Kitchenette, and of course ample libations from Upland Brewery, SoBro Wine & Spirits (formerly A-1 Liquors),

It's the biggest and best benefit party held in Meridian Kessler all year. There will also be a Silent Auction featuring items you won't find anywhere else. This year's party won't have assigned seating, so you'll have more opportunity to mingle and make new friends. Your ticket also gets you admission to the Meridian Kessler day tour (a \$20 value) held June 6-7 featuring eight more homes in the larger Meridian Kessler neighborhood.

The proceeds go both to fund neighborhood association activities, but also to fund the Vi Walker Grants program, which over the years has funneled tens of thousands of dollars to various charities, schools and not-for-profits that benefit our neighborhood.

Ticket reservations (\$75) are currently available on the MK Neighborhood Association website, but are also available for the convenience of Forest Hills' residents through three of our neighbors': Jim Garrettson (5733 Guilford Ave., 253-7257, [sjudge@aol.com](mailto:sjudge@aol.com)); Jason & Jody French, 725 58th St., 312-808-1390, [jody.french@gmail.com](mailto:jody.french@gmail.com), and Board President Fernow McClure, 5825 Carrollton, 979-5398, [fernowm@gmail.com](mailto:fernowm@gmail.com). You'll check-in at the party tent, but you'll need a paid reservation.

The last time this party was held here, most of the neighborhood attended, and we're hoping the same happens this time around. Come eat, dance and drink under the stars (or tent lights) with neighbors and friends for a great cause and a wonderful evening.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Forest Hills Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at 5733 Guilford Ave. Look for a tent. Our featured speaker will be Michael McKillip, Executive Director of Midtown Inc.

Also on the agenda will be updates on the neighborhood's many different activities, a treasurer's report, and the election of new Board members.

Forest Hills will provide light snacks, as well as both hard and soft beverages.

The annual meeting is always a great time for new neighbors to introduce themselves to the rest of the neighborhood, to get involved in neighborhood activities, and to see folks who haven't come outside since the last time it the City picked up yard waste.

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# GARDEN TOUR

AS RESIDENTS OF FOREST HILLS, WE ENJOY ONE OF the most beautiful neighborhoods in Indianapolis. Within our boundaries are some of the most charming gardens the city has to offer.

In years past, many of our residents have opened their gardens to our neighbors for a summer garden tour.

Plans are now underway for the 2015 tour, which will be held on Sunday, June 14th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will start with an informal gathering under the tent at Jim Garrettson's home (5733 Guilford Ave.).

The walking tour is at your own pace and finishes back at Jim's house, where you can enjoy refreshments and visit with neighbors before the annual meeting.

Currently, **we are seeking Forest Hills residents** who would like to volunteer their gardens for the tour. If you are interested in showing off your garden, please contact Sarah Kilfoil at smkilfoil@yahoo.com.

# NOTES

**IMPD will be holding its Annual Community Day** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 18th at Broad Ripple Park.

This family friendly event is primarily aimed at kids and provides free food, music, a bounce house and prizes.

FHNA traditionally provides funding support for the event, and if your kids are off for the summer and unscheduled for that day, it's a worthwhile amusement.

Likewise, IMPD will also be holding "Police Walks" (just taking a Monon Walk with local police) starting at Canterbury Park at 11 a.m. on June 3rd, June 24th, July 1st, and July 15th.

## BRINKMAN AD



# HATS OFF TO THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On Saturday, May 9th a group of about 40 neighbors gathered to begin the Forest Hills social season at the annual progressive dinner.

The evening began with appetizers at Kathie & Adam Gibson and then split up for main courses at Katherine Fleming's, Jan & Perry Kea's, Jennie Schilder & Randy Motz's, Sherry & Dick Hamstra's, and the McMore's.

Later, they reunited at Jeff & Meghan Martin's for dessert. Forest Hills would like to thank all that made the effort to host segments of the evening, and especially Meghan Martin for organizing the event.

Adam & Kathie would like to note that the event is over and those still lurking in their yard should be advised that their shrubs aren't edible, although grazing in the grass is permitted.

# ANNUAL GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

Heavy rain stopped about an hour before the Forest Hills Garage Sale began on May 16th, and ended the sale about an hour before it's scheduled closing.

In the intervening hours a huge crowd visited what appeared to have been a record number of homes holding sales, and a record number of lemonade stands, one of which featured a Panda escaped from Times Square.

At least a couple of homes were supplied by service or charitable organizations, which is worth your consideration for next year's sale. Once again, we have proof positive that Forest Hill's trash is the rest of the City's treasure.

# FH RESIDENTS GIVE BACK

A GROUP OF ABOUT 20 NEIGHBORS TOOK ON neighborhood projects ranging from curb cleaning to pressure washing our columns during Forest Hills' first Community Day on May 2nd. At least 15 homes were positively affected and generated countless bags of debris, which were picked up by Dubina Landscaping.

Thanks to Volunteers Mike Cole, Meghan and Jeff Martin Gavin McNamara, Fernow McClure, Mark and Nancy Gargula, Jack Rinehart, Gary & Deb Boram, Tom and Anne Wright, Patty Gulley, Jerrey & Barb Finnegan, Mike Moreman, Meghan & Jeff Martin, and Jim Garrettson. Special thanks to Board Member David Hobbs for organizing the event.

We hope this will become an annual event in Forest Hills, so please let your Block Captains and Board members know your suggestions for future projects.

Thanks to Tom Quinn, Board member, for organizing the event and publishing the advertising. The dumpster supplied by your neighborhood association also proved immensely popular, so much so

that it was nearly full two hours after its Friday arrival, necessitating the associations emergency rental of a second dumpster.

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