

the Columns

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

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FH EVENTS

October 24

Halloween Party

December 19

Annual Luminary Set-Up

OCTOBER 2015

ANNUAL FH HALLOWEEN PARTY

THE FOREST HILLS HALLOWEEN PARTY, THE OLDEST continuous neighborhood event in Indianapolis, will be held Saturday, October 24 (rain date Sunday, October 25, same time), from 4 p.m. until dark at 5733 Guilford Avenue. Our Halloween Party usually draws a great crowd, including relatives and friends of current residents, as well as Forest Hills alumni.

We will kick things off with a costume parade led by Jason "Mr. Halloween" French and Associates. Plan to have the kids arrive at 4 p.m. to show-off their costumes as they parade around the block. Feel free to walk with your kiddos, or cheer them on from the sidelines.

This year will be especially memorable as it is the 25th, and final, year for Jim Garrettson's politically incorrect Haunted Garage. If for some odd reason you give your child a sword, or other weapon of mass destruction, as part of their costume and plan to send them into a garage with said objects, 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 two years ago, trying to walk on the blacklight tubes is not advised.

Be sure to also participate in the Spooky House decorating contest. Remember you are playing for "Pride" not "Prize"! Sometime prior to the Halloween party, take a stroll around the Hills and check out the décor. You can vote for your favorite at the party. The scream contest will also make a return, so tell your kids to be quiet for a week before the party to save their vocal chords. Finally, a new addition to the party will be hayrides around the neighborhood.

Your neighborhood association will provide pizza and drinks. Volunteers are needed to provide a veggie side or dessert. Party chairs Becky Morrison (rld120@msn.com) and Meghan Martin (317martin@gmail.com) are also seeking volunteers, both for the party, and to help disassemble the Haunted Garage on Sunday morning. This year will be a little different, as everything in the haunted house is either being given away, taken to Goodwill, or trashed. That includes masks, electrical stuff (strobe lights, black lights, etc.), a couple of life-sized skeletons, wall hangings, a coffin, and so on. First come, first served.

PICNIC WRAP UP

Over 150 of you gathered on August 8th to celebrate the end of summer in the neighborhood. Picnic Chair Dan Neal (despite having left the Board in 2013) reprised attractions of an obstacle course and a huge water slide, and kept the area shrunk a bit so we could keep a better eye on all the kids who romped while their parents valiantly tried to drain the expanded beer supply. Last year's live band also did a repeat performance from last year. Since he's working harder than he did as a Board member, perhaps we should kick more people off the Board?

Dan and the neighborhood would like to thank Lisa Brown for her donation of a baby pool that held pop, water and an occasional dog, but no babies, Mike Morrison for his role as beer god, Dave Hobbs for scoring the band and the "new this year" pulled pork,, the Laughners, Klinzings, Leenhouts and Hamstra's for electricity & water, Jim Garrettson as the ice man, the Coe's for spicing up the baked beans, Brent Coe and Ryan McNew for showing up early to coordinate erections (ignore that), and for all those who helped with set-up and take down - some that come to mind are the Borams, Knitters, Ladds, Mark Nordin, ancient Mike Cole, and several others.. It takes an army to put together the Summer Picnic, and you all served valiantly.

FH 2015 DUES/DONATIONS LIST

Dues are for the calendar year, January 1 to January 1 and are \$45 except for residents on College and Kessler which are \$35 because they do not pay the \$10 snow plowing fee. Dues may be paid on-line at www.foresthillyindy.org or by delivering to Keith Lerch, Treasurer at 711 58th St., or to any Board member. If you've paid but aren't listed, please contact Keith at 251-8661.

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NOTES FROM THE LEAF PILE

Try to keep your curbs free of leaves. That's especially true of homes that have sewer drains along their curbs. If our curbs are full of leaves, nothing flows to the drains. Certain areas in FH (particularly around Guilford, Forest & 58th St.), are prone to flooding if drains aren't kept clear.

With winter just around the corner, please remember that you pay (and you do pay your dues, right?) as part of your dues 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.

Sincere condolences to the family of Emily Gilchrist, 5839 Guilford Ave., who passed away in August. Emily was a long serving Block Captain and will be missed in the neighborhood.

There've been some burglaries in north Meridian Kessler at the beginning of fall. We pride ourselves on keeping an eye out for each other, so get to know your neighbors, especially new ones, and if anything looks suspicious, call 911, and I do mean anything. IMPD would rather make a run over nothing than get to a crime after the fact.

There have also, over the same areas, been a larger

than normal amount of car break-ins. If you can't park in your garage, keep your car completely, totally empty. To a brainless but opportunistic teen even an empty fast food bag could contain vast wealth.

Since most of you don't know who's running for your City-County Council seat, MKNA will be putting on a Debate between the candidates for Districts 7 & 9 at 7 p.m. on October 15th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We've changed Council districts since the last election, and it's a fair bet that none of the candidates have ever heard of Forest Hills, let alone been here.

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