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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.



mark your  
calendar

October 29

Halloween Party

December 17

Luminary Set Up

## FHNA HALLOWEEN ANNUAL PARTY

THE FOREST HILLS HALLOWEEN PARTY, THE FIRST IN THE post Haunted Garage era, will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on October 29th at the Guilford, Wildwood and 57th St. point.

Halloween Committee Chair Sarah Kilfoil announces that there will be live music and a Halloween costume parade. Contests will include a cupcake walk with scary cupcakes (prize is a cupcake), scariest cupcake baker award, voting for scariest house (the French's began decorating in September), and a scream contest. Volunteers are always needed and on-line sign-up will be available on the website, [www.foresthillsindy.org](http://www.foresthillsindy.org).

Your neighborhood association will provide pizza, drinks, and beer for adults, David Barta of Dubina will provide a hayride. We will also be collecting donations for Coburn Place, a local non-profit offering housing and services to survivors of domestic violence. The neighborhood has worked with this non-profit in the past and they greatly appreciate local support.

The Forest Hills Halloween Party is the oldest continuous neighborhood event in Indianapolis, so it will be held. In the event of another deluge, extra credit will be given for costuming from The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms.

BRINKMAN AD

## SUMMER PICNIC

THE FIRST FOREST HILLS WET T-shirt Contest, Taco Soup Distribution and Underwater Summer Picnic was held on August 13th as brave souls huddled under hastily assembled canopies chanting "I think it's going to blow over."

After two hours, prayers were basically answered and the party moved, canopies and all, to the Caldwell's who donated their driveway and garage to keep the party going, since it apparently never rains on 58th Street.

Party chair, Dan Neal would like to thank David Gabovitch, who owns BRIC's, the best ice cream shop on the Monon, for donating the ice cream. Thanks also to the Kiinzigs, Hamstra's, Leenhouts', and Laughners for supplying electricity (despite concerted efforts, no children were electrocuted), to the Hobbs', Neal's and McMore's for cooking the food, to the Morrison's for the beer & taco toppings, and to Tom "The Ice Man" Quinn.

Thanks to all who helped set up and tear down (twice), to Rob De las Alas & Co. for the authentic garage band music, and to all the neighbors who brought canopies (pretty amazing how many folks own canopies in FH), and to all the new neighbors who showed up (honest, it never rains for the Summer Picnic, ever).

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# 2016 FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

DUBINA LANDSCAPING WILL ONCE AGAIN offer curbside leaf pick-up in Forest Hills from 10/24 to 11/28.

Leaf pickup will begin October 24 and run for 6 consecutive Mondays until November 28 (or will be moved to another day, weather permitting). Cost is \$200 payable in check or Chase QuickPay. A \$65 deposit is required prior to beginning the service and \$135 is due following the last pickup. A \$25 late fee and 6% interest per month will be imposed on late payments. In event of failure to pay, the customer will be responsible for all costs incurred in the collection process.

Leaves need to be placed no more than 5' from the curb in neat piles. For corner houses, leaves will only be collected if at least 15' from the corners. For corner houses adjacent to College or Kessler, leaves need to be at least 25' from the intersections. Leaves only: no sticks (small twigs are ok), dirt, decomposed materials, rocks, dirt, etc. The inclusion of unaccepted materials will result in cancelled services with no refund.

This service is for homeowners only. Dubina Landscaping, LLC will not pick up leaves deposited by other contractors. Multiple properties cannot utilize the same service account.

Additional leaf pickups may be purchased at a minimum of \$55 each.

Contact Dubina Landscaping at least 1 week in advance of the services.

-Email: [dubinalandscaping@gmail.com](mailto:dubinalandscaping@gmail.com)  
(subject: Forest Hills Leaf Pickup)

-Text (for fastest response): 317-726-6488

# NOTES FROM THE LEAF PILE

After the wettest, stormiest summer in at least the last 30 years, we lost more than a few trees, some falling on houses, more falling in the street. We'll be starting conversations with KIB and Meridian Kessler about doing a spring tree planting here. KIB can only furnish trees to be planted in the right-of-way (between the sidewalk and the curb) or on Winthrop within an equivalent distance. The MKNA tree group is willing to provide planting assistance. Let your Board members know if you'd be interested.

As much as possible, try to keep your curbs free of leaves and weeds (see the accompanying leaf pick-up article). Most importantly, the sewer drains need to be kept clear, tho' in the fall, the can be a daily task. Clogged drains mean more water flows to our lower areas, mostly at 58th & Guilford, which will likely always be a problem area. Thanks to City of Indianapolis sewer cleaning efforts, the area is much improved over past years, but as residents there will testify, it's still subject to substantial flooding.

You might have noticed that IPS is proposing shrinking it's Magnet School preference areas. Although it's hard to read the maps, it appears that Forest Hills would sit just within the proposed half mile preference area, as Winthrop is half a mile from School 84. That's good for home values. Hopefully the conversion of School 70 will take some pressure off School 84 applications in that it will offer the same program and have a preference area south of 52nd.

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