

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 neighbor-hood's history, and to sign up to receive email updates on important news and announcements.

mark your calendar

May 7

Community Day

May 14

Progressive Dinner

May 21

Garage Sale

June 12

Annual Meeting

August 13

Summer Picnic

October 29

Halloween Party

December 17

Luminary Set Up

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY DAY

Our second annual "Community Day," is set for May 7th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our vision is to have neighbors invest in Forest Hills through targeted clean-up and assisting under-abled neighbors who may need a helping hand around their property.

We're seeking volunteers (many hands make light work) for an estimated 90 to 120 minutes of work that day. To sign up to volunteer (yes, we give service hours) or are in need of some neighborly assistance, or have ideas for projects, please contact David Hobbs at 260-3722 or David.C.Hobbs@gmail.com

ANNUAL FH GARAGE SALE

Participating in the annual sale is a great way to clear out your house and allow others to reuse things you may no longer need while earning some cash to refill that newly empty space. The Garage Sale always draws huge crowds and offers our kids the opportunity (depending on the weather) to set up lemonade or coffee stands. Official sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. FHNA will do the advertising (neighborhood signs, Indy Star and Craigs List ads) and provide maps of the neighborhood with locations of all the participating neighbors who sign up in advance. There is no cost to participate – this is one of the benefits provided by our annual FHNA dues. If you would like to participate contact Tom Quinn at tquinn56@sbcglobal.net or 294-3712, by May 15.

Forest Hills will also be providing one or more dumpsters in the neighborhood that weekend to help with Spring Cleaning and unwanted Garage Sale items. This proved incredibly popular last year.

IT'S ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER TIME

You're invited to join your neighbors for an evening of fun, good food and drinks! The (somewhat) annual Forest Hills Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring your own drinks and a dish. It's a great chance to meet new people and enjoy our fabulous neighborhood! New neighbors are especially welcome.

The schedule for the evening will look roughly like this:

Saturday, May 14

5:30-7:00 – Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres (Everyone to gather at the house)

7:00-8:30 – Dinner (Break into groups of 6-10 people. Host prepares the entrée, guests make a side dish.)

8:30-9:30 – Dessert (Everyone back together at Lee & Matt Klinzing's home.)

Interested in participating? Contact Meghan Martin by Saturday, May 7 at 317martin@gmail.com with the following information:

Your name:

Your phone number:

E-mail if you have it:

Number of people in your household to attend (adults only please):

Are you willing to host a course?:

Questions? Contact Meghan at 317martin@gmail.com or 317-753-9183.

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NOTES FROM THE MULCH PILE

Welcome to spring in the Hills. Most of the Christmas decorations are put away and neighbors are emerging from their winter bundling, walking dogs and cleaning up yards. It's worth noting that when I moved here 30 years ago, we had one neighborhood dog, period, and he was allowed to roam. He had a regular route where he was pretty assured of scrounging a snack. He also answered, happily, to about any name you chose to give him.

As always, we have some new neighbors. Sign up at www.foresthillsindy.org, our neighborhood website. You'll discover a lot of neighborhood information and start to receive e-mail blasts whenever something significant happens. If you haven't already, you can also pay your neighborhood dues there - a pretty reasonable \$45 in that it includes having your streets plowed (winters aren't always as nice as this last one). Dues run through the calendar year, so if you haven't paid, you're due.

You'll also find recommendations for all types of contractors, landscapers and handymen (all homes in FH are either under construction,

about to be under construction, or just done with construction), as well as a general topics section with crime reports (usually empty) and notices of found or lost pets (in case yours wasn't supposed to roam).

You'll notice articles in here about the Garage Sale (one of the best attended in Indy), the Progressive Dinner (a great place to meet people) and our newest event, Community Day, where you can find opportunities to give back to your new neighborhood. The best part about Forest Hills is how connected we are to each other.

Condolences to Patrick McNulty for the loss of his wife, Claudia, on March 25th. Her obituary is posted on the website.

The Meridian Kessler Home Tour is set for June 4th & 5th, with the Twilight Tour & party June 3rd. Keep updated at <http://mkna.org/home-tour-2016/>

We're working to see if there's interest in a Garden Tour this year. If you'd like to participate, call Sarah Kilfoil at 418-9124 or e-mail smkilfoil@yahoo.com.

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