

NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME SHEET
FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46220
www.foresthillsindy.org

Welcome to Forest Hills Neighborhood! We are glad you have chosen our neighborhood as your new home. We hope you enjoy living here as much as we do!

A Forest Hills directory is enclosed. It contains names, addresses, neighborhood map, listings of often-called businesses and some interesting information about the neighborhood and its history. The neighborhood directory is printed annually.

Please join the online neighborhood forum at www.foresthillsindy.org/forum. You must register before you may post.

If you have recently moved here from outside the Indianapolis area, you may be interested in the heritage of Forest Hills. Also, there are neighborhood events throughout the year, clubs and committees and other special features of Forest Hills you may enjoy.

Forest Hills is a part of the larger Meridian Kessler Neighborhood. Forest Hills is known for its winding streets, beautiful and mature trees, architecturally interesting homes, old time streetlights, a strong neighborhood association, close proximity to downtown and Broad Ripple, and the friendliest neighbors! Forest Hills is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

All residents of Forest Hills are automatically members of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA), but only members who have paid dues may vote in Association activities. This association was incorporated in 1943 and continues to serve the neighborhood by organizing events and helping to maintain property values. Annual association dues are \$55.00 per household and run from January 01 to December 31. They are completely voluntary, but most households participate. The dues help fund the Garage Sale, Summer Picnic, Halloween Party, Christmas Eve Luminaries, The Columns Newsletter and many larger neighborhood projects. Included in dues are \$30.00 for the snow removal fund. You may exclude \$30 if you live on Kessler Blvd or College Ave, as our private plows don't work there. However, if you use our plowed streets, please consider contributing to the snow plow fund. Self-addressed envelopes are distributed from time to time to facilitate dues-paying and donations. Payments are also welcome at the Annual Summer Picnic and online at www.foresthillsindy.org/dues.

Serving the needs of residents of Forest Hills are the Board of Directors, Block Captains, and other committees whose members work with Indianapolis agencies regarding community and safety matters, address concern of residents, and disseminate information important to Forest Hills residents.

Members of the committees change regularly and residents are welcome to join or attend any meeting. The neighborhood newsletter, "The Columns" is printed six times a year and offers news of the neighborhood and upcoming events. If you are interested in learning more about Forest Hills, wish to join any committee, or are curious about upcoming events, please ask your Block Captain or inquire at admin@foresthillsindy.org.

Many neighbors have collected names of contractors, architects or others who have provided fine examples of renovations or restoration. This list is included in your "New Neighbor Packet". If you have recommendations for work performed on your home, please post online the name and phone numbers of any contractors, architects or tradesmen at www.foresthillsindy.org/Contractors. Your information will be shared with interested neighbors. Further, the online forum is an ideal place to share information, www.foresthillsindy.org/Forum.

Your Block Captain is _____, who lives at _____ and whose phone number is _____. Your Block Captain will distribute The Columns Newsletter as well as information regarding neighborhood events. Please contact your Block Captain or members of the FHNA Board of Directors with any question or concern. You can easily contact the FHNA through your Block Captain or by visiting the neighborhood forum.

The neighborhood board meets bi-monthly at member's homes. These meetings are announced in advance in The Columns Newsletter. Residents are always welcome to attend these meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Beau King, beauking100@yahoo.com ; 248-797-7269

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NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

May/June Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
June Garden Tour and Annual Meeting
July Annual Summer Picnic
October Annual Halloween Party
December Christmas Eve Luminaries

NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City of Indianapolis Home Page	www.indygov.org
Mayor	Gregory A. Ballard
Governor	Mitch Daniels
US Senator	Richard Lugar
US Senator	Dan Coats
US Representative	Andre Carson
State Senator	Theresa Lubbers
State Representative	Cindy Noe
City County Councilman	Ryan Vaughn (317-340-8627)

GOVERNMENT

Ward 21, Precinct 6, Congressional Dist. 7

Place of Voting: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 317 East 57th Street

Neighborhood Website	www.ForestHillsIndy.org
FHNA President	Beau King, 248-797-7269
IPD North District	327-6100
Non-Emergency number	327-3811
Indianapolis Fire Station	327-6062 (Station 16)
Marion County Sheriff	327-3811
Marion County Animal Control	633-3007
Trash Collections – Friday Morning	Republic – 926-5493
	Heavy Trash Pick-up 2 Items a
	Month on Pickup Day
Recycling Pick Up – Friday Morning	Republic – 926-5493
Snow Removal	4" or more
Post Office (Beacon Street Station)	464-6220
Indianapolis Power & Light	631-1431
Citizens Gas	924-3311
Bighthouse Cable	972-9700
Glendale Library (Glendale Mall)	269-1791

KEEP FOREST HILLS FORESTED

The unique appeal of this neighborhood is its wooded, park like quality. Our goal is to preserve older, mature trees and the forested look of Forest Hills. Mature trees cannot be replaced. Forty to eighty years are needed in order for trees to gain mature status. Mature trees add financial value to the homeowner and their property.

Tree-lined city streets have 2,000 particles of pollutants per liter of air and streets without trees have 10,000 – 12,000 particles of pollutants per liter of air. Trees also filter city noise and provide privacy. Trees save energy. Deciduous trees can reduce air conditioning costs by 30 to 60 percent.

Keep all trees pruned and healthy. Dead and dying limbs sap the energy of old trees. Keeping tree limbs pruned is also a matter of safety. If a dead or dangerous tree must be removed, please consider replacing it with another tree.

The following information and suggestions will help in the care of your trees:

To preserve the life of a tree, do not remove more than one-third of a tree's canopy. Removing this large of an area can weaken or kill a mature tree.

The amount of mulch applied is important. Mulch should be a depth no more than 12 inches over the root area. Too much mulch can suffocate the tree roots, weaken and eventually lead to premature death of the tree.

Procure a permit from the city before removing or pruning any tree in the green spaces. The green space is located between the street and sidewalk. It is a violation to remove any trees in this area without a permit.

SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES FOR FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES:

- Keep yards mowed weekly during grass growing season.
- Remove leaves from streets, sidewalks and curbs in the fall.
- Keep sidewalks cleaned of debris.
- Keep curbs clear of debris (for beauty and proper gutter flow).
- Keep dogs leashed and pick up droppings.
- In winter, please shovel/snow blow sidewalks in consideration of neighbors and mail carriers who walk or run regularly.
- Keep tree and bushes that overhang sidewalks trimmed in order that people can walk under or around them easily and to prevent injury.
- Please contact the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Board if you need any help with the above guidelines.