

the Columns

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

JULY
CALENDAR_2010

ANNUAL EVENTS
july 24_ FH SUMMER
PICNIC (RAIN DATE JULY 25)

october_ FH
HALLOWEEN PARTY

december 24_ CHRISTMAS
EVE LUMINARIES

the summer picnic 7/24

JOIN US FOR THIS ALWAYS FUN NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT on Saturday, July 24 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the five-point at 58th and Guilford! The picnic is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and catch up with friends. Kids are guaranteed a fantastic time as well. Please bring a dessert to share. All other food, drinks, games and entertainment will be provided! The rain date will be Sunday, July 25 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There are plenty of opportunities to help with the picnic, including set-up, tear-down, picking up supplies, working the grill, entertaining the kids, etc. Please contact *Julie Moeller moellerjc@yahoo.com* if you'd like to help.

Forest Hills Annual Summer Picnic: Saturday, July 24. From 4:00-7:00 p.m.

2010 SPRING EVENTS RECAP

Progressive Dinner. Thank you to the organizers and hosts of the neighborhood progressive dinner that was held on June 12. The event organizers were Jennifer Levett, Kim Green, and Lara Knitter. The event hosts were Kathy and JD Davis, Kathie and Adam Gibson, and Trinda and Doug Metzger.

Garden Tour. We had our largest turnout in years with over 40 neighbors enjoying the beautiful gardens of Forest Hills on June 26. A special thank you to the gracious hosts: Mark Lanza, Margaret and George Hopper, Judy and Mel Goldstein, Katrina and Dave Seitz, Giselle Sharaf, Nancy and Carlton Waite, and Mark Hylton.

FHNA Garage Sale. Our annual neighborhood garage sale took place on May 15. Every year we post ads in the Indianapolis Star and BR Gazette about the event, and garage sale veterans across the city look forward to buying our stuff.

While I was out of town on Garage Sale day, I got some great feedback from those who participated. It sounds like foot traffic was steady and beautiful spring weather helped bring shoppers to our neighborhood. See some of the comments below:

"We had a very good turnout for the garage sale. The weather did help and there was a larger turnout than last year. The Sertoma Club I am a member of participated as a group and the money we raised is going to Charity - the Jameson Camp for inner city youths in Plainfield." – you go Tom Quinn!

"Sale was great, we sold our big items within an hour."

"Great sale even though we didn't have as much stuff as last year."

"We put a sign on the corner of 57th and College and at 54th and Winthrop. We were concerned that we might be overlooked since we were the only ones in the block participating. I don't know if that helped, but we did have more traffic than I recall last year. As always, it was a fun day."

I also received some good ideas for boosting traffic next year. There were several suggestions about posting signs not only on interior neighborhood streets, but also at major intersections on College and Kessler. A great idea! Some participants also felt they would pull their items closer to the street, into their front yards, to make shopping easier. Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2010 Garage Sale!—*Julie Moeller*

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neighbor news

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to Brent and Lori Coe who recently moved to 939 E. 58th and are currently renovating it. They have two daughters, Abi, who is a 1st grader at IHM, and Eliza.

MOVES

Thank you to Matt and Kerry Caito for their years of service to FHNA especially in donating food for numerous summer picnics and Halloween parties. We'll miss you as our Forest Hills neighbors but are glad to know that you are only going to be a few blocks away. Enjoy your new home!

FOREST HILLS ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The Annual Neighborhood meeting hosted and emceed by Jim Garretson took place June 13 at The Garretson House Lawn. In addition to enjoying fine food, drink, and music, we covered several items of interest.

Two FHNA Board Members had terms expiring, including Mark Lanza and Chris & Tara Warner. Two new board members were elected—Beau & Heather King (5695 College) and Jenny Levett (5855 Carrollton). Thanks to our exiting board members for all their hard work and dedication. And welcome to our new members who will be making a difference in our neighborhood!

Daphne Whitmire, from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, was our guest speaker. She shared enlightening information including Burglary Prevention Tips. She emphasized calling 911 whenever you see someone or something that "doesn't look right". For example, a van or someone snooping around your neighbor's house when they're not home; or someone walking down a street carrying strange items in the open (valuables, liquor, etc.) – sound silly? It's all happened right here in Forest Hills, in broad daylight!

A new program from the Burglary Enforcement Strategy Team will engrave and mark certain high-theft personal property items. This program has shown dramatic results in reducing burglaries in communities that embrace it! And, it is absolutely free. **Please visit www.foresthillsindy.org or call the Marion County Prosecutor's Office at 317.327.5333 to learn more about this powerful prevention strategy.**

FHNA ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account balance: \$5,347.90
(fee-free account)

Number of dues payments: ca. 192
(of ca. 238 households)

Major expenses during current fiscal year:

- > Newsletters + misc. printing: \$985.44
- > Directory: \$1,585.19
(some costs offset by ad sales)
- > Summer Picnic: \$2,467.91
- > Halloween Party: \$401
- > Luminaries: \$554.62
- > IMPD Community Day donation: \$100

FHNA WEBSITE

www.foresthillsindy.org

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.

We are in an extended "Fiscal Year" that started in June 2009 and will end on December 31, 2010, at which time our new Fiscal Year will coincide with the Calendar Year. Thank you for supporting our Neighborhood!—*by Keith W. Lerch, Treasurer*

BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

- > **Use your locks.** Install solid entry doors and deadbolt locks, and remember: even the best locks can't protect you if you don't use them.
- > **Let there be light.** Install bright outdoor lighting with motion detection. Keep outdoor lights on at night.
- > **Do some yard work.** Keep bushes and trees trimmed and make sure you can see into your yard and neighbors can see your house.
- > **Know your neighbors.** Neighbors who look out for each other are among the best defenses against neighborhood crimes.
- > **If you have an alarm system, use it.** Post warning signs or window decals on your property.
- > **Mark your personal property.** Keep an updated inventory with model and serial numbers (and photos if possible) in a home safe or a bank safe deposit box.
- > **Don't let strangers into your home.** Even if they are hurt or say they need help. Keep the door locked and call the police for them.
- > **Don't be afraid to call law enforcement.** Notify authorities about suspicious circumstances, unusual people, or strange noises/activities.
- > **Do not enter!** If you arrive home and your door is open, or if you suspect an intruder is inside, **leave and call 911!**