



IVY HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING 2009



From your new IHRA President

We've heard a lot about "change" this year, haven't we? Well with a New Year, comes new changes: Changes for our country, changes for our city and changes for our community. With the start of 2009, we see some changes occurring right here in Ivy Hills.

In January, Steffanie Rhinesmith, retired her position as President of the Ivy Hills Residents' Association (IHRA), after six years of service to this community. It is with tremendous gratitude and appreciation that we applaud her leadership. Do not be dismayed, for she hasn't gone far – she is now VICE President.

So I felt it appropriate to introduce myself, since most of you do not know me. My name is Jonathan Eriksen, and I am very pleased to be serving you in 2009 as President of IHRA. Actually, I'm delighted to tell you that you can find a full list of your 2009 board members in the pages of this newsletter. Each of these members was voted on in the first IHRA meeting of the year on January 21st.

Here's a little bit about me...

I have lived in Indianapolis for more than 25 years. I grew up in Carmel and graduated from Carmel High School. I graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a degree in Architecture. For the last 9 years, I have been a real estate consultant with Keller Williams Realty. I am an interior designer as well. My wife, Stephanie, and I met when we were 6th graders. Stephanie grew up in Liberia, West Africa, before returning to the states in grade school. She graduated from North Central High School, attended Covenant College, and has her Masters of Education from Indiana Wesleyan. She currently teaches 2nd and 3rd grade at The Summit Academy, a private school in Carmel.

Stephanie and I have two children, Natalie – 9 years old, and Henry – 6 years old. They also attend Summit. This Christmas we adopted our newest family member, GiGi – our golden-doodle puppy.

For the last 7 or 8 years, we've been firmly planted in the Allisonville corridor. We owned two homes on 79th Street near Dean Road, before purchasing our home at 7920 Graham Road last August. Being a part of a community is a delight for us. This is our first, true, neighborhood setting since we've been married. We are so thankful for the new friends, especially for our kids, right around our home. As a newer resident, even though I've only had around 6 months to experience it, I've been so thoroughly impressed by the way this VOLUNTARY association runs, the participation of dues paying members, the pride of ownership, the remarkable sense of community, and the fantastic efforts of our board members. You should all be very proud. I am honored to be serving you this year!

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**Ivy Hills Website
New and Exciting!**

www.IvyHills.org





IVY HILLS ORCHIDS



Orchids to the following residents and homeowners:

When the giant 100+ year old Sycamore tree fell on our home during the residual winds from Hurricane Ike, we felt blessed to meet many neighbors who came out to support us and make sure we were okay. But in particular we wanted to extend our appreciation to Greg and Abby Stevens on Kilmer Lane for their assistance that day. Greg and Abby immediately dropped what they were doing and lent a hand as we tried to secure the house from the ominous wind and rain clouds that day. Greg was up on the roof assisting in the removal of the tree, while Abby handled clean-up on the ground. Both worked for several hours and in the midst of heavy downpours at times. With the power out, they offered to take the contents of our two refrigerators/freezers over to their home as well. We owe the Stevens a debt of gratitude and thanks! *-The Eriksen Family @ 7920 Graham Road*

Everyone who continues to remodel and update to add value to their home.

Ivy Hills Board members for their enthusiasm, knowledge and concern for keeping our neighborhood one of the prime locations for folks to live in Indianapolis.

Stay informed....

If you have not already done so we strongly encourage you to join the E-list by visiting our website:

www.IvyHills.org

You receive more frequent community news and your email is kept confidential.

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Minimum dues are just \$20 but larger amounts are needed and welcomed.

Thank you for your participation.



CRIME WATCH

February 2009:

There have been a few attempted break-ins around the 5800 block of E. 79th Street. Broken garage door windows, trying to get into the house - all have been unsuccessful. The police were called and a reports were filed. Please be on a look out and if you notice suspicious behavior put a call into the police!

February 2009:

At Cross & Crown Lutheran Church - the Pre-school ministry, Peter Panda, has a playground on the lot. The playhouse in the playground continues to be vandalized. In early February, every window in the house was smashed out. The past vandalisms have been reported to the police several times; the police say there is nothing that can be done unless we see something/someone and can give some type of description.

Please keep eyes and ears open - these are expensive repairs to the playhouse - it adds up quickly! The staff at the church are just at a loss of what to do! Thanks.

Reminder: don't leave boxes out by the trash that "advertise" what you have recently purchased or received as a gift!

**Please remember it is important to report crime activities to the police!
Non-emergency number: 327-3811.**



CRIME WATCH VOLUNTEERS

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BRAG LIAISON

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IVY HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS 2009

**ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 7 PM
Cross & Crown Lutheran Church**

**May 20
July 15
September 16
November 18**

All residents of Ivy Hills are
welcome to attend any of the meetings.
If you'd like to place an item on the
agenda, contact Jonathan Eriksen.

BRAG

**Community meetings are the second
Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
All meetings are held in the McKenzie
Career Center. Everyone is welcome
to attend**

A liaison is needed for this position

GACC

**Community meetings are the second
Tuesday of the month at 7p.m.
All meetings are held at the Epworth
United Methodist Church Everyone is
welcome to attend**

**Don Barr is the liaison for
Ivy Hills Residents Association**

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE IVY HILLS BOARD?

A big, big thank-you to the residents who have stepped up to volunteer their time or to become board members.

As your board, for the coming year, we desire to implement goals that will only further enhance the sense of pride and community in Ivy Hills. We will be working hard as a board to carry on the neighborhood traditions that you've all grown to love – like the summer yard sale and the neighborhood picnic. But we will also be working to develop better streams of communication through our website, newsletter, and e-mail notification system. Changes have already begun this year on the website, and we would encourage you to check it out and stay tuned on a weekly basis for important community information. www.ivyhills.org

It will also be the focus of this board to continue to maintain its alliances with the city and with the GACC and BRAG organizations, to ensure that our community is protected, our residential borders are kept as pure as possible from commercial development, and our infrastructure is maintained.

We would ask your participation in the IHRA by:

- **Paying your annual dues**
- Participating in the community meetings & events
- Submitting your ideas and constructive criticism
- Getting to know your neighbors around you

We currently have around 450+ out of 660 residents contributing to the annual dues, which is fantastic for a voluntary association. We'd like to see 100% participation for 2009!

Our board meets the third Wednesday of every other month. We encourage you to attend, and we will remind you as the meeting approaches. There are plenty of committee and leadership opportunities where your gifts and talents could really be utilized for the benefit of the community! This is a great neighborhood with great residents.

As spring approaches, we encourage you to spend time with your neighbors. It's so easy to let the garage go up, pull the car out, and let the garage go down. Take time this summer to have a block party, invite another family over for pizza or euchre, check in on an elderly resident and have a cup of coffee, grab that couple you've been meaning to contact and go have dinner together.

That's what community is all about - relationships!



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Spring is here! Soon we will all mowing grass. Please keep all clippings out of the street. This will help alleviate debris accumulation in the storm sewers. Also, try to keep bushes and trees trimmed. Thanks in advance for making Ivy Hills a beautiful place to live!

Safer & Slower Driving

30 miles per hour is the posted speed limit throughout our neighborhood, but with more kids playing ball and riding bikes, and more residents walking pets and getting exercise, actually observing this speed is more important than ever. Please be aware of your speed and **STOP** at Stop signs. Ivy Hills is a great place to live. Let's keep it that way.

Letter from Neighborhood Liaison for Lawrence Township

Dear Ivy Hills Residents,

In July of 2008, it was my honor to join Mayor Ballard's staff as Neighborhood Liaison for Lawrence Township. As a resident of Marion County as well as a member of Mayor Ballard's staff, I can appreciate the changes that he is bringing in the way that our city government is being run. By looking at resources outside of city government, Mayor Ballard initiated the partnership of the City of Indianapolis with the Eli Lilly Lean Six Sigma Black Belts in order to streamline the process for repairing chuckholes. The goal – 48 hours. As a result, unnecessary steps have been eliminated making the process of repair more efficient and proactive. Before the implementation, 75% of the city's chuckholes weren't being repaired for 19 days. Currently two of our three districts are meeting the 48 hour goal and the third is not far behind. This is great news for all of us as we head into "chuckhole season"!

Another area that has seen vast improvement is the Mayor's Action Center. The MAC center is one location where citizens call to request service and register complaints. In early 2008 the MAC faced some challenges. With a few changes citizens are experiencing lower wait times, receiving an option for a Spanish speaking Customer Service Representative and many are even receiving call-backs on their service requests. The MAC isn't stopping there...things will continue to improve in 2009!

In 2008, we caught a glimpse of Mayor Ballard's SustainIndy. SustainIndy is just getting started and we can look forward to hearing more from them throughout the year. In December of 2008, Mayor Ballard sent out his first newsletter. These newsletters will continue monthly in order to keep the citizens of Marion County up-to-date on what is happening in their city. Finally, the Mayor continues to focus on his number one priority for Indianapolis, public safety. The new year will bring about new technology for crime fighting, an increase in the number of civilian officers and a continued effort in the ex-offender re-entry program.

As you can see, 2008 has been a year of challenge and a year of change. We can expect new things on the horizon for 2009 and I look forward to sharing them with you.

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Mayor Ballard's Neighborhood Liaison for Lawrence Township
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN & AROUND IVY HILLS?

ZUMBA

Come Dance with Your Neighbors!

Fun, energizing, and easy for everyone! All ages and skill levels welcome!

When: Starting February 19th, every Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Allisonville Christian Church, 7701 Allisonville Road

Cost: \$5/per class or \$25/for 6 weeks

For more info, contact Kristi Gibson, kristigibson@sbcglobal.net

IVY HILLS EUCHRE CLUB?

Please let us know if you love to play EUCHRE. We are interested in forming a Euchre Club. If you were raised in Indiana or Ohio, or attended a college or university in the Midwest, then you have absolutely no excuse for not knowing how to play Euchre, and/or not wanting to join this group!

Please express your interest by contacting jmeriksen@kw.com and we'll let everyone know the first date and location.

PAID DUES FOR 2009

The residents' listed below have paid dues for 2009:

1. Butler, Fred
2. Maethiner, Richard and Nancy
3. Arnold, Kelly
4. Stover, Gary and Luanne
5. Rupp, Jack and Mary
6. Bybee, Bud and Phyllis
7. Brown, Jean and Dean
8. Finn, Garnet
9. Linn, Christopher and Linda
10. Dan, James and Sharon
11. Eckel, Dianne
12. Bradley, Jan
13. Barr, Donald and Mary

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Thank you for your participation.

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IVY HILLS DUES FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(Be sure in includes your address, especially if you are a new resident as your checks may still reflect your old address.)

_____ \$20 _____ \$25 _____ \$30 _____ OTHER

Minimum dues payment is \$20 dollars. Larger payments are welcomed and appreciated. Please make check payable to IVY HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Mail to: Treasurer, Ivy Hills Residents' Association, Box 501436, Indianapolis IN 46250

Are you a new Ivy Hills Resident () Yes () No

Would you like to volunteer? () Yes () No

In what capacity? Board Member ___ Hospitality ___ Picnic ___ Garage Sale ___

Neighborhood clean-up ___ Directory ___ Mailings ___ Website ___ Other ___

Would you prefer to receive Newsletter via email: () Yes () No

