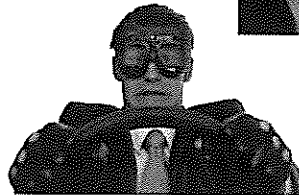
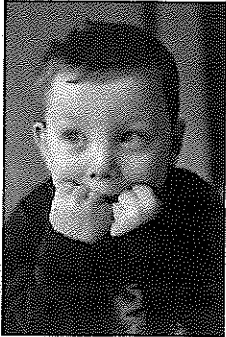


# The Vine

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND

## IVY HILLS

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# The BRIDGE is OUT!!!

That's Right Ivy Hills! The bridge over Wadsworth Ditch (near the Clark's pond, just east of Graham Road along 79th) is being replaced, and slated to begin construction in **August**. They are saying that the project will run 100 days, which means our close-knit Ivy Hills family will be divided right down the center for awhile.

With the temporary loss of our convenient Allisonville-to-75th connector, we will all be scrambling for alternate routes. If you live on Rucker, and your kid goes to Heritage—you're finding an alternate path. If you live on Redcoach, and you want to go to Marsh on 82nd, you're finding an alternate path.

We'll keep you posted on the start dates through the Listbox e-mail notification system. **Not signed up for e-mails?!** Visit [www.IvyHills.org](http://www.IvyHills.org) and sign up today! Or drop Jonathan an e-mail and he will add you personally. [jmeriksen@kw.com](mailto:jmeriksen@kw.com)

### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE & ANNUAL PICNIC INFO ON PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE**

**Did you know that Ivy Hills now has a presence on Facebook?!**  
Join the fun! Log-in and Search:

*Ivy Hills Residents Association*

**And ask to join the group which is fast becoming THE resource center for our community!**

Photos, Want Ads, Items for Sale, Work & Service Opportunities, Updates, Announcements and Alerts!  
We've got it all!

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## Who is Your Constant?

Pat was my "Constant".

You know, one of those neighbors that you just know will "always be there"?

See Pat exemplified what it meant to be a good neighbor. He cared.

He cared, and he mattered. Perhaps some people would look down on a man for choosing his occupation. His job was to do the things that none of the rest of us were interested in doing or talented enough to do.

He would take the chaos that was your yard, and make it beautiful. He would take your clover-ridden lawn, and make it an immaculate blanket of green. You'd wake up in the morning to the sound of Pat blowing the gutters clean on your house, or look out the window to find him trimming back a bush that needed restraining. There wasn't a need for the alarm system, because Pat was always within eye and ear shot, and always within a 4-5 yard radius. He monitored the community, he looked after the widows and the down-and-out, he gave order to the space around him – whether it was his, or whether it was yours.

Pat's trip to the heart hospital was routine. He needed to be "put back in rhythm". He had done it before. There was no cause for concern. There was no need to tell anyone they were going in. If we had known, we wouldn't have given it a second thought. Pat was our constant, and he'd be in the yard the next day.

When his wife asked me, in the days that followed, to contact those neighbors that Pat had worked for during the last couple decades, and tell them of his passing, the reactions were resoundingly similar: *What are we going to do now?*

He couldn't be gone, there was fertilizer scheduled to spread. There were spring flowers that were waiting in flats to be planted. There were lawns to be mowed. He was going to take out that tree that had been discussed since the fall.

It might have seemed callous or selfish in light of hearing of a man's death. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized what an incredibly beautiful tribute and testimony this was to one man. How often do we hear that as a reaction for a *friend* or *neighbor* passing? He wasn't their husband or dad or son. He was their yard man. He didn't run a huge company or have thousands of employees waiting for his guidance. He did odd jobs. And yet that response... *"What are we going to do now?"* I think he would have loved that.

Pat chose to be in the present, to do what he loved, to work with what he had, and to impact the world around him. Much of the time, that world barely spanned beyond a mile radius from 79<sup>th</sup> & Dean Road. That was fine with him, and that was fine with us. Why?

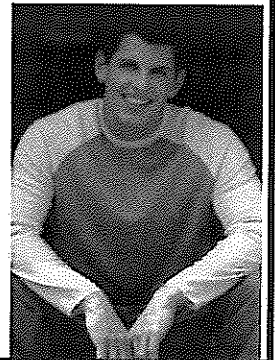
Because he was our constant.

Who is your constant, Ivy Hills? Go find them, and tell them, and thank them. Today.

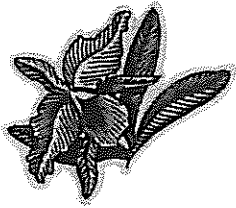


Jonathan Eriksen, 2011 IHRA President

*(Many of you will recognize Pat as the man you always saw mowing his meticulously manicured lawn, multiple times a week, at the southeast corner of 79<sup>th</sup> & Dean. We had the honor of being neighbors with Pat for many years prior to moving into Ivy Hills. God took him home April 24, 2011)*



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# Ivy Hills ORCHIDS



## **Please Join Us in Recognizing These Outstanding Residents:**

Thank you to Mike Kennedy for his tireless work to improve the drainage system near Kilmer & Campbell. Mike has single-handedly grabbed the attention of the city, and is making headway in finding a resolution to these issues that cause so many problems for neighbors in that area of Ivy Hills!

Thank you to Mary Gorrell, her son, Pat, & Anne Weiskittel for their continued efforts and talents in beautifying our main entranceway to Ivy Hills. The flowers and plantings look great!

Thank you to Greg Geller for his impact on the IHRA board the last year. Greg has innovative ideas, enthusiasm and is committed to make Ivy Hills a better place to live.

Thank you to Alison McConnell & Kas Vargo for their hard work with BRAG. It's nice to see Ivy Hills residents holding strong positions in our surrounding "umbrella" organizations. We encourage all of you to get involved in the community beyond Ivy Hills borders!

Thank you to ALL Ivy Hills residents who go the extra mile to care for their properties, manicure their lawns, and maintain their homes, even in the toughest of economies!

Thank you to the city for the recent paving work along 79th Street between Graham and Rucker!

## **And a Special Thank You...**

To Jean Brown, for years of service to the IHRA Board. Jean has been involved with hospitality for many years, welcoming new residents into the community. Florida is beckoning, and we are sad to see Dean & Jean Brown packing up their home, and leaving us this summer. It has been a pleasure to get to know them, to have them host us in their home, and to see them serve the community. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

-The Ivy Hills Residents' Association

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# IVY HILLS ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Saturday . August 13th . 8am to 3pm

Friday . August 12th . 6pm to 8pm (*Neighborhood Preview* for those who want to participate)

We encourage all participants to put balloons on their mailboxes during the sale!

Please contact Erin Leser [Erin\\_leser@yahoo.com](mailto:Erin_leser@yahoo.com) ASAP! to have your home added to the neighborhood map that will be available to the public the day of the sale

All entrances will have signage for the sale (including our streets off 75th and off Graham Road!)

Questions? Please contact Jonathan Eriksen: [jmeriksen@kw.com](mailto:jmeriksen@kw.com)

## ivy hills annual neighborhood picnic

Saturday . September 10th . 12 noon to 3pm

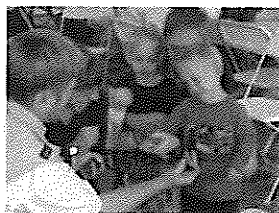
Cross & Crown Church Grounds

We have a wonderful menu & schedule of events in the works for this year's picnic. Please mark your calendars NOW and plan to be in attendance.

There will be drawings and door-prizes for members of the Ivy Hills Residents' Association (and an opportunity for residents to pay their dues on site and get in on the drawings!)

**pulled-pork bbq lunch • carnival games • kids activities  
prizes • face painting • climbing wall • silly safari**

We are also looking to support our local businesses and those of our residents. If your company would like to help sponsor the picnic, Ivy Hills is offering sponsorship opportunities this year. Sponsors will have booth presence & be recognized at the picnic, in the next newsletter, and on the website & Listbox notification system.



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*From the Summertime Recipe Book of...*

Michele Pettrone, Ivy Hills Resident

**Green Bean, Tomato, and Corn Salad**

**1 pound green beans**

Break into two-inch pieces. Blanche in boiling water for 6 minutes. Cool and Pat dry on towel.

**4 ears corn**

Blanche in boiling water for 4 minutes. Cool and cut corn off of the cob.

**1 pound sliced cherry tomatoes**

*(Grape tomatoes work as well, or even cut up Roma tomatoes)*

Place in bowl with 2 teaspoons coarse salt and stir. Let stand while other vegetables are being blanched.

**1/4 cup olive oil**

**2 T. red wine vinegar**

**15 torn basil leaves**

After beans and corn are cooled put in bowl with tomatoes. Sprinkle with basil. Mix oil and vinegar together and pour over top. Salt and pepper to taste.

If you have a favorite seasonal recipe you'd like to share, please submit them to [jmeriksen@kw.com](mailto:jmeriksen@kw.com)

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NOTICES:**

Neighborhood Watch Notices are posted on the Ivy Hills website & sent to subscribers of the neighborhood e-mail communication network. Please remember it is important to report crime activities to the police! Non-emergency number: 317-327-3811

**IVY HILLS - CRIME WATCH CONTACT**

**TIM & DIANA RUSCHHAUPT**

**[TIMDIANAR@SBCGLOBAL.NET] OR 317-578-1716**



**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

- \*Please keep grass clippings out of the street after you mow!
- \*Please make sure your pets are not roaming the community!
- \*Please abide by the speed limit and stop at stop-signs! The children are now on Summer break!
- \*Please watch out for our elderly neighbors, visit with them, and see how you might assist them!

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## When I was a kid in Ivy Hills

Memories from Julie Barr, Ivy Hills Resident since 1964...

Recently, I had the opportunity to ask long-time resident, **Julie Barr**, N. Audobon Road, some questions about what it was like to grow up in Ivy Hills. Follow us on this quick trip down memory lane...

**JB:** *I grew up in Ivy Hills. I remember Ivy Hills pre-Castleton, I-465, and Camelback. My parents bought the Audobon house in 1964, if that was the summer after Kennedy was assassinated.*

How much did your mom and dad pay for the house?

**JB:** *They paid \$24,600. The house was 4 years old, and they were the 2nd owners.*

What was a fond memory of growing up as a kid in Ivy Hills?

**JB:** *It felt like we were out in the country. I kept a horse down on 65th Street and rode it up to the house all the time.*

Tell us a neighborhood visual or event that you specifically remember from back in the day

**JB:** *Trees were smaller and fewer between. Seemed like there were more kids out and about. Cross and Crown was smaller and the parking lot was gravel. Lots more gravel driveways. There were no worries about locking doors, and things weren't so busy outside the neighborhood so we could wander and play beyond the immediate neighborhood, by foot or bicycle, without worries of being run over.*

Did 79th just terminate at Graham?

**JB:** *Pretty much, or maybe to the ditch. There was a dirt path that went around close to where Camelback is and it served bicycles and horses. I am pretty sure my brother and friends played "army" over there, as well as in the ravine at the south end of Audobon—which, if memory serves me correctly, had a path that eventually led to 75th Street.*

What did it look like to pull up to 82nd & Allisonville when you were a kid?

**JB:** *There was a Shell Station where gas was \$0.36 and they actually had a mechanic. Castleton Square was an old horse farm with wrought iron fencing. Glendale was the place to go. Ayres and Blocks were the anchor stores. Binford was "New 37" and only two lanes, while Allisonville was "Old 37". There was no I-69. I rode my horse all the way to 146th Street and Cumberland Road to another stable. Fishers was "country". The feed store where I got grain for the horse was on 116th Street.*

How did the construction of I-465 affect Ivy Hills?

**JB:** *Well I thought it was cool! I went out there and rode the horse before they paved. Got on at 82nd Street and rode all the way around to 71st Street. Not long after it open I got my drivers license. The "sport" was getting friends together and driving all the way around 465. Now I can't imagine why I thought that was fun.*

Final thoughts?

**JB:** *What has remained the same, is that I love Ivy Hills—then and now. It remains a nice, quiet neighborhood even with everything built up around it. Kinda makes it more convenient.*

Thank you, Julie for taking the time to share these memories. Who can give Julie a run for her money!? Anyone else have memories of life in Ivy Hills in the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's or 00's? We'd love to hear your stories! From Redcoach to Rucker, everyone has a story to tell! What's your story? Send to: [jmeriksen@kw.com](mailto:jmeriksen@kw.com)

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## IVY HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2011

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:00PM  
Cross & Crown Lutheran Church

July 20  
September 21  
ANNUAL MEETING - November 16

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  
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## BRAG

Binford Redevelopment & Growth, Inc.

Board meetings are the second  
Wednesday of the month at 7 pm @  
Divine Savior Lutheran Church  
(7315 E. 75th Street)

All are welcome to attend.  
Check [www.binford71.org](http://www.binford71.org) for 2011 quarterly  
community meeting schedule

Greg Geller is our BRAG liaison

## GACC

Greater Allisonville Community Council

Community meetings are the second  
Tuesday of the month at 7pm.  
All meetings are held at Eastwood  
Middle School. Everyone is welcome  
to attend.

[www.greaterallisonville.org](http://www.greaterallisonville.org)

Don Barr is our GACC liaison

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**2011 IVY HILLS DUES FORM**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$75    \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

Minimum dues payment is \$35. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (your e-mail address)

\*We would like to add you to our Listbox notification system!

Would you like to volunteer? ( ) Yes ( ) No \_\_\_\_\_ (your e-mail address)

\*We would like to inform you of our next Board meeting date!

