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HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND IVY HILLS

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IVY HILLS ANNUAL MEETING!

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
George's Neighborhood Grill
6935 Avalon Crossing Drive (71st & Binford)

Come and visit with your neighbors, find out what's happened—and *happening*—in Ivy Hills, learn valuable information from our special guest speaker, and enjoy a great evening!

Agenda:

- 6:30pm** **Social Hour**
(Soft drinks & hot appetizers provided)
- 7:00pm** **IHRA Board Meeting**
(In our board meeting we will deliver a recap of Ivy Hills in 2012, and as we look forward to 2013, we will approve a new slate of officers –see **page 5** for the proposed slate for 2013)
- 7:15pm*** **Special Guest Speaker, Daphne Whitmire**
"Why might the criminal choose you?"

Ms. Whitmire is a Marion County Deputy Prosecutor, and a member of the Multi-Jurisdictional Offender Strategy Team. During her talk, you will learn the following, and more...

- How you can protect your home and personal property from criminals.
- How to increase the safety in our neighborhood.
- How to mark your property so it can be tracked in the unfortunate event of a burglary.

Property crimes, such as theft, burglary, and auto theft, are an epidemic in Marion County. Property crime offenders are often repeat offenders and cross county lines. Therefore, the Multi-Jurisdictional Offender Strategy Team (MOST) has been created specifically to reduce property crimes in Marion County and the surrounding counties. MOST seeks to prosecute repeat property crime offenders as well as to educate the community about property crime prevention.

* or upon completion of the IHRA Board Meeting

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This Never Felt Like Work...

Well this is it, Ivy Hills.

It's a bittersweet moment for me, as this is the last letter I will write you as President of the association.

After four years of serving in this capacity, it's time for me to take a break. And as I reflect on my role, I have to say... this never felt like work.

President of a neighborhood association isn't exactly perceived as a dream job. In many cases, it may go to the person who draws the shortest straw. I tell people, and they kind of cringe. I tell people that I love doing it, and they look at me like I'm crazy.

When I got involved initially, I can't even say my intentions were pure. I'm in real estate, so it makes sense to get involved with the neighborhood organization, right? But once I dove in, I quickly fell in love with this job, and fell in love with Ivy Hills - so much so, that I made a promise to myself that I would never bastardize the role by ever even mentioning real estate.

So here are a few of my reflections:

One of the things I learned is that people just want to be heard, and they want to be understood. Sometimes, the seemingly insurmountable issues in life can be overcome simply by naming them, out loud, to another person. And then, in return, having that person affirm you.

Another thing I learned is that levity goes a long way. Some of the stuff we deal with in a community can be tricky to navigate. Neighbor-to-neighbor relations. Complaints. Concerns. Drama. Sometimes we just have to laugh. We NEED to laugh. Well, I hate conflict. And I've got a sense of humor. So that blend worked well.

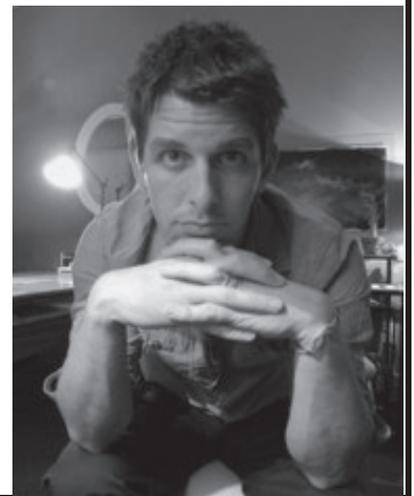
And finally, I learned that other people want community too. And when you foster it, it can take off like wild fire. My wife grew up "among worlds". Born in the US, raised in Africa, and returned to the US during junior high. She is a Third-Culture Kid. It's very hard for her to say that *anywhere* in particular is home. I moved at some crucial times as a kid as well, and have always dealt with an especially strong desire for a sense of place. In our married life, this is the first home we'd purchased that was in an actual neighborhood. So my desire to **assimilate** - and **cultivate** - was OFF. THE. CHARTS. So when I jump around from table-to-table at the neighborhood picnic, and see the mix of seasoned residents and the next generation, it puts my soul at rest. When I log on to Facebook and see the community in constant dialogue, it makes my heart sing. And when I see random acts of kindness at my doorstep, I melt. It hits all my buttons, and when it hits all of yours as well - that's when a community has something special.

We've done a lot of great stuff the last four years. We've had some really hard moments, some long meetings, some painful losses, some glorious victories. We've laughed a lot, and we've cried some too. And through it all, I've felt an incredible burden of responsibility to the role. But I'll say it again one last time... this *never* felt like work.

I love you lots, Ivy Hills. Thank you so very much.



Jonathan Eriksen, 2012 IHRA President



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Ivy Hills Time Capsule

Recently, one of our residents posted a couple of fun aerial view images of Ivy Hills from the 1950's, after running into the son of the man who developed the neighborhood, Bill Schmoll. The photos were fascinating to see, but the dialogue that was sparked as a result, was even better... (Larger and clearer images can be viewed on the IHRA Facebook Page)

David Spilker – My folks built our house in 1966. I used to deliver newspapers to Mr. & Mrs. Schmoll who lived at the NW corner of Kilmer and Rucker. The senior Mr. Schmoll told me the pond was original for watering cattle on the farm there. You can see the pond is left of the barn.

Don Barr – Yes, the Schmoll's lived at Kilmer and Rucker. And one day on a bike ride, I stopped to talk with Mr. Schmoll. While we were talking, he asked his wife to bring him a chair - which he sat in the middle of Kilmer. When Mrs. Schmoll told him he couldn't sit in the street, he replied, "I built the street, and I will sit in it if I want to."

Corrine Taylor – Summer of 1969, Kilmer had just been paved. My best friend that lived on the corner of Kilmer and Graham, said the summer before, they would herd cattle down the middle of Kilmer. The drive-ways were all gravel, with the exception of the "Fancy houses". Skyridge was labeled "Roland Park" and we could ride our bikes all the way from 79th to 82nd Street – down the middle of Allisonville, without a single car coming – where we would get a soda and a pickle outta a barrel at the grocery on the corner.

David Spilker – I too, remember when there was the "mom & pop" grocery on the corner (where the fly fishing place is now), the drug store next to it (where the chiropractor is now), and a Texaco (where the Shell is now) at 82nd & Allisonville. You could go to the drugstore and test tubes from your TV or HiFi! There was no I-465 or Castleton.

Don Barr – When I moved to Ivy Hills in 1974, that small grocery store and drug store were still at 82nd and Allisonville. The shopping center was brand new, and the shopping center on the NE corner of 82nd & Allisonville was woods with a couple of paved entrances off the road. The Trader Joe's shopping area was residential, and the area by MacKenzie River Pizza was called "Duck Hill".



WHERE IS THE DONOR LIST???

Question: *How will I know if I've paid my 2012 dues since it's not printed in this newsletter?!*

Answer: *It's easy! Simply log on to the neighborhood webpage (www.ivyhills.org) and review the list online. As dues come in, the list is updated frequently. Is your name on it?!*

Now you are able to pay your dues on the website, review the donor list, AND review the 2012 budget and bi-monthly updates to keep track of where IHRA funds are going. Log on today!

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Summer Picnic Reflections...

Another terrific Annual Picnic thanks to the efforts of Sarah Terrill, Anne Campbell and many others!



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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:

STEFFANIE RHINESMITH - SRHINESMITH@SBCGLOBAL.NET OR 317-576-9419

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A Chance to Make a Difference this Season...

How many of us in Ivy Hills are aware of [The Lawrence Caring Center](#), 6501 Sunnyside Road, Indianapolis (formerly Craig Middle School)?

Well our own **Anne Campbell** is a volunteer at the Caring Center and would like to encourage all of us, especially as we head into the holiday season, to provide children's clothing, toys, books or the recyclables that are always needed. So many uplifting stories come out of this effort, and that's why Anne and the other volunteers keep *going* back, and *giving* back... The kids are so happy to get a birthday cake and a gift. Some of the regular kids come running to see their favorite volunteer and give big hugs, and are always well behaved.

Currently, the great needs is the "other" items: *toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, hand soap, bath soap, etc.* So many times a parent will choose a toothbrush over food. Anne's wish is that they could just give every kid a toothbrush when they come in and that it wouldn't count as a non-perishable food item. So much to do, and yet, so little resources.

Who Does The Center Serve? Families provide referrals from the schools in Lawrence Township. Others are referred by ministers, the township trustee, other food pantries, neighbors, or friends. They must meet certain income levels in order to use the facility in addition to living in the school district.

What Does The Center Provide? Food of their choosing from what the Center has available. Amount of food per family is determined by family size. Larger families can choose 20 perishable food items, and 20 non-perishable food items. Families of 3 and 4 are allowed 15 non-perishable and 10 perishable food items. Families of 1 and 2 are allowed 10 non-perishable and 10 perishables.

Children are allowed two clothing outfits per month, one pair of shoes, and one package of socks and underwear a school year when available. The Center does not have adult clothing.

What Does The Center Need?

- Volunteers -- A couple of hours a week or month.
- Food -- rice, dried beans, canned beans, helper meals, canned fruit, canned ready-to-eat meals, ramen noodles, pasta, cereal
- Clothing - gently used children's clothing
- Toiletries -- toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, hand soap, bath soap, etc.
- Misc. -- children's books (new or used); toys (new or used)
- Recyclables -- Paper grocery bags, egg cartons (the eggs from Gleaners are in bulk)

Funding: Donations of cash, food, and clothing are provided by individuals, area churches, civic organizations, monthly food drives at the MSDLT schools, scouting troops, and neighborhood food and clothing drives.

Staffing: Staffed entirely by volunteers. Some church groups work on a scheduled night of their choosing. Ideally, they would have a group on each night they are open.

Duties: Vary from sorting clothing to stocking shelves; light cleaning to unloading the truck when food is delivered. Food is picked up and delivered every Tuesday and Thursday by volunteers. The food is picked up at Gleaners (a food bank).

Hours: 10:00 am - 12 Noon every Tuesday and Thursday
5:45 pm - 8:00 pm every Tuesday and Thursday

Anne Campbell will be more than happy to receive donations of any kind. The clothing must be "gently used". Underwear, socks, and shoes are needed. Each child is allowed to take home one book each time they come and it is a "freebee". They are also each allowed one toy. If you have something to contribute you can email Anne at soup-son828@sbcglobal.net. She goes to the Caring Center on Thursday evenings and will take items each week.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

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IVY HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

2013 MEETINGS

January 16 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING
March 20 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING
May 15 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING
July 17 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING
Sept 18 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING

EVENTS

August 10 – 8:00am-5:00pm
IVY HILLS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

September 14 – 12:00-3:00pm
IVY HILLS ANNUAL PICNIC

November - TBD
IVY HILLS ANNUAL MEETING

BRAG

Binford Redevelopment & Growth, Inc.

**Board meetings are the second
Wednesday of the month at 7 pm @
Hope Community Church
(7440 Hague Road)**

**All are welcome to attend.
Check www.binford71.org for 2012 quarterly
community meeting schedule**

Alison McConnell 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

Don Barr is our GACC liaison

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ADDRESS _____

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(Be sure to include 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, 5868 E. 71st Street, #E-210, Indianapolis, IN 46220

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!

