



# The Vine

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND IVY HILLS

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### Getting to know our City County Councillors for Ivy Hills... Representing the Lawrence side of Ivy Hills, Ginny Cain

Spring Greetings Ivy Hills Neighbors!

It is an honor serving as your City County Councillor for District 5. I so appreciate being entrusted with my 3rd, 4 year term on the CCC, thank you! I enjoyed visiting with many of you as I walked for the Cain Campaign. As a 4th generation Indianapolis resident, I love my City and have deep roots here. Growing up, I lived in Devonshire on Green Leaves Road, and attended Eastwood Junior High and North Central High School. My best friend lived in Ivy Hills : )

People often ask me, "What does a City County Councillor do?"

For each level of government (federal, state and local) there is the executive, legislative and judicial branch. For Indianapolis, the CCC is the legislative branch. Because the county and city are combined in Indianapolis, I am a city and county councillor. The Council has oversight over the budget (just under \$1 billion dollars for 2012), can enact local laws, called ordinances, as well as be the deciding body on zoning appeals. Notice how I spell "councillor?" We have an ordinance that made that the official spelling to remedy the councilman/councilwoman dilemma. There are 29 councillors. 25 district councillors and 4 at-large. District 5 is roughly from Castleton out to Geist with 75th Street being the southern border. It is a part time position and the salary is around \$15,000.

Each councillor is assigned to committees by council leadership. I currently serve on *Metropolitan-Economic Development Committee*, *Ethics Committee* and *Department of Public Works Committee*.

My favorite part of being a councillor is working with my constituents to resolve questions and problems. A majority of these issues have to do with infrastructure: pot holes, drainage, repaving road needs, sidewalks, bridges, etc.. It is always rewarding for me to get a request and see a tangible result happen that improves the area.

I had the privilege of serving as Public Works Chair during the busiest infrastructure year in Indy's history. This was thanks to the funds from the sale of the water and sewer facilities to Citizens Gas for \$425 million dollars.

Please know I am here if I can ever be of help. You have a beautiful, thriving neighborhood in Ivy Hills and that is because you all care and are active. It is an honor to serve you!

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**It's that time of year again! CALL & REPORT POTHOLES - 317-327-4622**

#### TWO THINGS TO THINK ABOUT REGARDING THE SUMMER PICNIC:

- 1.) WOULD YOU OR YOUR COMPANY LIKE TO DONATE DOOR PRIZES, AND/OR FUNDS TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE PICNIC THIS YEAR? IT COULD BE GOOD EXPOSURE FOR YOUR BUSINESS! IT'S A WIN/WIN!
- 2.) WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN HELPING TO RAISE THOSE FUNDS AND/OR COLLECT THOSE DOOR PRIZES FOR THIS YEAR'S PICNIC? WE NEED A LIAISON TO ASSIST WITH THAT EFFORT!

PLEASE CONTACT SARAH TERRILL IMMEDIATELY! [SARAH.TERRILL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SARAH.TERRILL@GMAIL.COM)

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# The Long, Cold, Snowy Winter – That Never Came

Good Afternoon Ivy Hills,

As I sit, in my office, overlooking 96th & Meridian, I see cars passing by with sunroofs open and tops down. I see landscape crews mulching the world's busiest McDonald's. I see people pumping gas in short-sleeve shirts and shorts. And I see, in the corner of my computer screen, that it's March 14th.

Perhaps global warming IS real, I wonder. And setting my social conscience aside, I'm delighted.

But follow me back a few months, and learn why, despite the delightful warmth, a part of me is in deep, deep, winter mourning...

The week after Christmas, my father and I headed to Sears. And there, in the hustle and bustle of post-holiday shopping, my gaze fixed on a most glorious site... The world around me moved in slow-motion and became a blur. A sweeping musical score, likely composed by John Williams, began to play in my head. Light seemed to shine down from heaven through parting clouds. For in the center of Sears, gleaming - no, shimmering - under store fluorescents, was a fiery red, snow blower. And not the cheap one either. The FANCY one. The kind where I could just envision the jealousy on my neighbors' faces, as I pulled it out and bravely blazed a trail of safety through 6' of snow, and led shoeless children home through the wilderness to be reunited with grateful parents.

I looked at my dad, as I held my hard-earned gift certificates and money, as if to ask, "Can I get it? Can I get it?!" And despite my being 37 years old, he gave me the fatherly nod of approval.

"Oh, glorious snow blower! We will create wondrous safe passage for many a mini-van on this Eriksen half-acre!" I sparkled.

Unloaded, assembled, oiled, gassed, and shining in the sunlight on my driveway. All I needed now, was snow. So we waited... and waited... and waited...

And we watched that Channel 8 weather girl, that my wife and I both have crushes on, and waited for her to give us a warning... and we waited...

And then the Super Bowl came, and we rented our house. And I pledged to our guests this solemn oath, "If we have any snow event, DO NOT FEAR, for I will come and plow you out!" And they looked at me with thankful admiration. And I waited... and waited...

And so I sat. With my snow blower. All \$600 worth of it. And my gas can. And I waited. For a winter. That never. Did. Come.

Soooo, I want you all to know, dear Ivy Hills family, that you have ME to thank for your balmy, delightful winter. And while I cannot complain about it, and I desperately hate winter, I still cannot help the sense of unfulfilled expectations.

THIS was supposed to be my year! This was the year Bill Cobb and I could swap snow blower stories. This was the year Mr. Arnold wasn't going to have to bail me out because he felt sorry for me with my shovel. This was the year I was going to start with Craig & Hayley next door, and gradually plow my way up Kilmer, whether my neighbors wanted help or not.

{sigh}

Alas, my dream has come to an end for 2012, and I'm prepping to park my new snow blower for a long summer's nap. Yes, now my hopes and dreams will be stored for winter 2013. And I will wait....



Jonathan Eriksen, 2012 IHRA President



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# Ivy Hills ORCHIDS



## Please Join Us in Recognizing These Outstanding Residents:

*To Kathy LaPorte, for her years and years of service as Secretary on the IHRA Board. We appreciate all of Kathy's hard work. Her efforts will be missed!*

**{golf course clap here}**

*It may always sound like a broken record, but it should never go without saying - Mary Gorrell and Ann Weiskittle have, for another year, dedicated their time, energy, resources and gardening talents - rain, snow or shine - to beautifying our main entrance common. Allison-ville Road & 79th Street acts as the primary gateway to our community, and thanks to Mary & Ann, we are able to make a good first impression for our residents and visitors!*

**{golf course clap here}**

### And a Special Thank You...

*To Scott Motter, for donating time and resources to the association. The Motters have only just become Ivy Hills residents, and Scott, who owns The Mailing Station at 71st & Binford, has already become part of the IHRA Board as our snow/streets liaison. In addition, Scott, and his crew at The Mailing Station, have assisted in the production of our first mailing of the year. Be sure to support Scott's BRAG-based business!*

**{golf course clap here}**

## WHERE IS THE DONER 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.ivyhill.org](http://www.ivyhill.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!*

## Simple ways you can you get involved in 2012:

- \*Simply join the Ivy Hills Residents Association Facebook page. You will be amazed at the resources and information traded each day!
- \*Simply attend one of our bi-monthly meetings. There is ALWAYS a need for volunteers!
- \*Simply pay your dues. That goes without saying!
- \*Simply contact one of the board members or committee members on page 7 of this letter and ask!
- \*Simply send a recipe, favorite restaurant, kind words about a neighbor, or story about life in Ivy Hills, to Jonathan for publication in the next newsletter! [eriksenjm@gmail.com](mailto:eriksenjm@gmail.com)

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# IHRA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Ivy Hills Association Annual Meeting - November 18, 2011 - held at George's Neighborhood Grill

2011 Board members in attendance were: Jonathan Eriksen, Steffanie Rhinesmith, Kim Huizinga, Kathy LaPorte, Diana Ruschhaupt, Anne Campbell, Betsy Chambers, Sarah Terrill and Greg Geller

## **President's Message:**

Abbreviated board meeting began at 7:00 pm with a "State of the Neighborhood" address by Jonathan Eriksen. Among the items Jonathan discussed were:

By-laws update

Mark Holeman has been hired for snow removal

Bridge scheduled to re-open on December 6

Update on BRAG and GACC

Neighborhood Watch

Hospitality/Picnic

Connectivity (i.e. newsletter, website updates, ability to pay dues online, and social media connection)

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Kim Huizinga provided attendees with a copy of current financial statement

Kim reported that the fine/interest on unpaid back taxes has been reduced as a result of her appeal to the IRS

Kim presented the budget for 2012

## **By-laws Update:**

Kim Huizinga briefly discussed the updates to the by-laws. The updated by-laws have been posted to website for prior review by residents.

Changes to by-laws voted on and approved

## **Slate of Officers for 2012:**

The proposed slate of officers for 2012 was presented and opportunity given for nominations from the floor. A vote followed and all slated officers were approved by a vote of the residents in attendance. The board members for 2012 are as follows:

President-Jonathan Eriksen

Vice President-Greg Geller

Treasurer-Kim Huizinga

Secretary-Sherry Myers

Street Snow Removal-Scott Motter

Newsletter/Website Editor-Jonathan Eriksen

Neighborhood Watch-Stephanie Rhinesmith

Activities-Sarah Terrill

Hospitality- Diana Ruschhaupt & Anne Campbell

Cross & Crown Liaison-Betsy Chambers

Data Manager-Open

GACC Liaison-Don Barr

BRAG Liaison-Alison McConnell

Jonathan closed by requesting that Ivy Hills residents sign up for the email distribution list, check out the updated website, become an Ivy Hills friend on Facebook and send any ideas/contributions for newsletter to him. The business meeting was adjourned and the speaker for the evening, Abdul Hakim-Shabazz, was introduced.

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# FROM THE KITCHEN OF

Jimmy Goetz

*Who doesn't need a great Marinara Sauce?!*

## Marinara Sauce

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons	olive oil
1 medium	onion
4-5 cloves	garlic (finely chopped)
1 (28oz can)	tomatoes (whole <i>San Marzano</i> tomatoes recommended)
1 tablespoon	oregano (dried)
1 tablespoon	basil (dried)
2 whole	bay leaves
1/2 tablespoon	sugar
To taste	salt & pepper



### Directions:

Pour tomatoes in a large bowl and crush with your hands. Over medium heat, heat oil in a large pan until hot. Add onion and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes until the onions begin to appear translucent (add salt and pepper). Add the garlic for about 30-60 seconds—do NOT burn. Add the tomatoes, stir to mingle the flavors. Add in the herbs and bay leaves. Sprinkle in sugar, salt and pepper. Lower the heat and simmer for 30 minutes, uncovered. Stir occasionally.

## 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**



### SPRING TIME - BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- \*As you start to clean the yards up after a long winter's nap, please keep clippings out of the street!
- \*Watch for kiddos! They're starting to play outside again!
- \*As much as it's within your power, please keep cars parked off the street!
- \*Post helpful spring & summer resources for your neighbors on our IHRA Facebook page!
- \*Pull out the grill and have a block party!

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## A Living Legacy

*Last Summer, We Said "Good-bye" to One of Our Great Residents...*

When Paul Bennett passed away last July, there was an immediate outpouring of love from his neighbors here in Ivy Hills. Mr. Bennett was a 50 year resident of Ivy Hills. Neighbor and personal friend, Theresa Kulczad, had the honor of eulogizing Paul Bennett during his memorial service. Here were some of her words:

*Our Ivy Hills neighborhood is such a special place. We've all come together and become great friends, with Paul as the glue, the original bridge, the connector, that brought us together. He and his life-long friend, Jim Jordon, were two of the original land-owners in Ivy Hills over 50 years ago, before there was an I-465 and a Castleton Mall. Our circle of friends on Susan Drive East hear about the stories of the great friendships that continue to this day. Neighbors still keep in touch and come to visit Paul from decades ago. It's clear that he and his wife lola touched so many lives.*

*Paul loved the neighborhood and working in his yard. His lawn is just under an acre and he mowed it every week with a push-mower up until he was 94. For years his wife asked him not to climb on ladders and the roof, and for the past five years, his neighbors begged him not to, too. He was even up on the roof, blowing leaves and cleaning the gutters, at 94. He loved raking leaves and picking up sticks and the neighbor next door was always grateful when he cleaned up her yard, too! Paul was a walker and could always be seen taking daily walks in Ivy Hills, wearing his cap and smoking a pipe. His immediate family lives in Colorado. They had always wanted him to move there, but he remained steadfast in the love of his home on Susan Drive East and Ivy Hills. His last wish was simply to come home.*

*As friends have talked about Paul, the words that continually come up are: a "true gentleman", "talented", "way smart", "inspirational", and an "amazing guy".*

*Paul was ALSO very independent and stubborn; he just wouldn't give up. His hope was to go down in his boots, carrying a rake, working in the yard, and smoking his pipe. And the day that he fell twice and broke his hip, that's just about the way it happened.*

*He often said he thought his life was useless unless he was helping someone. Even just two weeks before he died, when he was in a wheelchair and declining, he said, in a barely audible voice: "Is there anything I can do to help?", as if he was ready to get up and start working on the next project.*

*-Theresa Kulczad*

In honor of Paul's passing, several of his neighbors were allowed to sell some of Paul's belongings at the Ivy Hills Annual Garage Sale last summer.

Our community will be pleased to know that more than \$400 worth of proceeds from that sale were donated to the Ivy Hills Residents' Association in Paul Bennett's memory. The board pays tribute to Paul, and would also like to thank, in particular, Nancy Baun & Theresa Kulczad for their efforts on his behalf.

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## **IVY HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CALENDAR**

### MEETINGS

January 18 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING  
March 21 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING  
May 16 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING  
July 18 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING  
Sept 19 7:00pm IHRA BOARD MEETING

### EVENTS

August 11 – 8:00am-5:00pm  
**IVY HILLS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

September 8 – 12:00-3:00pm  
**IVY HILLS ANNUAL PICNIC**

November 14 – 7:00pm  
**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](http://www.binford71.org) for 2011 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](http://www.greaterallisonville.org)**

**Don Barr is our GACC liaison**

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**2012 IVY HILLS DUES FORM**

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 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*(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, 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!

