

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**BIRTHS**

Elia Marie Scott, daughter of John Michael and Jessica Scott, April 6

**WELCOME TO NEW NEIGHBORS**

Katie and Bobby Graham, Hillsboro Heights

**IN MEMORIAM**

Island Home lost neighbor Roberto Jiménez on March 29. Jiménez was born in Cuba and educated at the University of New Orleans and Penn State. He taught Spanish at Pellissippi State. Jiménez will be remembered for his humor, his wonderful smile, his passion for teaching, and of course his great fondness for Hawaiian shirts! Your neighborhood association has made a memorial donation to Pellissippi State. Vaya con Dios, Roberto!

**New Baby? New Job? Something to Crow About?**

Send your neighborhood news to Katie Hannah!  
khannah2218@yahoo.com

**Stay in Touch!**

Sign up to receive messages from Island Home's two newsgroups.

**IHP Alert:** This group is for the broadcasting of emergency alerts containing information affecting the life or property of residents. To subscribe, send an e-mail to:  
**IHP-Alert-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com.**

**IHPNA:** The purpose of this discussion list is to allow residents of Island Home Park Neighborhood to communicate regarding neighborhood activities and matters affecting our neighborhood, South Knoxville, and the City of Knoxville, Tennessee. To subscribe, send an e-mail to:  
**ihpna-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com.**

Thanks to David Ratledge for maintaining these groups.

**New Blooms Spruce Up Park**

Saturday, February 19th, at 11a.m. neighbors gathered in the park with shovels galore to help plant new dogwoods in our park! The Dogwood Arts Festival donated fifteen white dogwoods to IHPNA. Thanks so much to Lisa Stanley for housing the trees until planting time! Also a big thanks to Lisa for the donation of the mulch and rock we used in the process. It was so neat to see all the kids with their shovels and trowels digging holes for trees that someday they can look up at and say they planted! Planting fifteen trees could have been a monumental task, but with all the volunteers that came out it only took about an hour! We couldn't have done it without you guys! Thanks so much to Greg Congleton, Jim Staub, Hilary Drews, and the Dildine, Shumaker, Malone, Brinke, and Brace families.

**Neighborhood Events**

- May 7 ..... TSD Run for the Deaf, 8 a.m.
  - May 7 ..... Vestival, Candoro Marble Works, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
  - May 17 ..... General Meeting, Ward Auditorium, 7 p.m.
  - May 19 ..... Crime Forum, Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
  - July 4 ..... Fourth of July Party
  - August 9 ..... IHPNA Board Meeting, Ward Building Board Room, 7 p.m.
  - October 29 ..... Halloween Party
  - December 3 ..... Christmas Home Tour
  - April 7, 2012 ..... Spring Egg Hunt
- Potlucks are held the last Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the TSD cafeteria

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**THE ISLAND HOME NEIGHBOR**



**Island Home Park Comes Alive with Spring Egg Hunt**

By Rebecca Simmons and Haiden Simmons (age 6)

The Island Home Spring Egg Hunt was once again a hit this year with the neighborhood's youngest residents. The children did a great job hunting for the eggs. The grass was tall this year, so the eggs were hidden extra well. Some of the three-year-olds found as many as twelve eggs!

The Easter Bunny—who hid a total of 775 eggs, with a little extra help from some of the moms—did a great job of making the children happy. He did fun stuff like give high fives and took friendly pictures with families.

In an annual tradition, the children's Christmas tree was festooned with eggs, most of which contained quarters. All the eggs were special, but one was the golden egg. Inside it was a pair of tiny Easter Bunny ears and a piece of candy. Lucky Addison Smith, age 9, picked the golden egg off the tree.

Next the children went to the prize table and the egg hunt began. It was good. Children ran

very fast to find the eggs. The children were really talented because they found the eggs in the tall spring grass. The little children found a lot of eggs. And the eggs for the bigger children were hidden really well.

The children got excellent prizes from the prize table after the egg hunt was done. Ms. Gina Brace held a bucket full of numbers from 1-60. The children closed their eyes, put their hands in and picked a number. When their number was called they would go to the prize table and choose their prize.

Waiting for their numbers to be called, children eyed the prize table and talked with their friends about what they would choose. One of the first children to be called was Reid Zinser. He picked a glow-in-the-dark black wand with a butterfly on top.

Thank you to all the parents who helped fill and hide the eggs. Thank you Ms. Gina for organizing the egg hunt. All the children can't wait till next year's egg hunt!

**Knoxville Marathon a Success**

By Connie Vogt

For the first time in several years the weather cooperated on Marathon Sunday, April 3. We had sunny skies, perfect temperatures and friendly breezes as neighbors welcomed the hundreds of marathon participants through our beautiful neighborhood. This year a theme was added to the mix. More than fifty Island Home residents, young and old, wore t-shirts declaring "There's no place like Island Home". Thanks to Lee Ann Ratledge for the idea and Chris McAdoo for designing the classy shirts.

This emailed thank-you from a North Carolina runner sums up what many runners expressed as they came through Island Home. "The orange slices, smiles, and cowbells were exactly what I needed during mile 22, when my legs were cramping and I just wanted to give up. Thanks for all the friendly cheering!" **Our friendly cheering earned us, for the fifth year in a row, the title of "Best Neighborhood" as voted on by the marathoners!**

Thanks to everyone who moved their car from the course, used alternate entrances and exits to the neighborhood, played music, handed out fruit and gel, made noise, and cheered. "There's no place like Island Home!"



## IHPNA President's Message:

Our beautiful neighborhood was spared the worst of the storm that devastated so much of the Southeast. Cleanup by the city was prompt and efficient.

Spring brings out more walkers, so please trim back your trees, shrubs and hedges that may be crowding the sidewalk.

The board members are YOUR elected representatives who give up their time to work on issues that impact us all. We have two important issues to discuss at the General Meeting on May 17th, I hope you will attend. While I am sure we will not all agree on everything we do need to discuss the issues as a neighborhood. Details about the meeting are on this page of the newsletter.

Committees do much of the real work of keeping the neighborhood association going with activities like the tree lighting, Fourth of July picnics, and interacting with other neighborhood associations. The neighborhood association board and committees also represent the neighborhood's needs and concerns to the City. The City in conjunction with the airport authority will be removing and shortening trees in our park and on the greenway as well as on private land on Estelle Circle and Spence Place. Luckily our parks committee was well along with developing a tree-planting plan for the park and the boulevard before the airport contacted us about their needs. The Park committee also has an improvement plan for the park and we hope that the airport authority will fund some of the improvements in compensation for removing trees. See the related article on the next page. This is a good example of how continued involvement by your neighbors with the association will benefit us all. The plans for the park will be shown and discussed at the general meeting.

Last Halloween we had a huge increase in our trick-or-treaters. This was due to several factors: a party in the park, being mentioned on a TV show, and nice weather. The traffic and congestion was so heavy that many became concerned about safety. It has been suggested that a way to make the evening safer and more enjoyable for all would be to close the boulevard to cars for several hours when trick-or-treating is heaviest. This needs to be a neighborhood decision and there are obviously pros and cons to the proposal. Please come discuss this proposal at the general meeting.

I hope you are having a wonderful and peaceful Spring.

— Greg Congleton, President IHPNA

## IHPNA General Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m  
TSD Ward Bldg. Auditorium

On the agenda for the general meeting is discussion and a vote on closing the boulevard during trick-or-treating, and discussion of the park and tree plan. Additionally, we will have a speaker from the city to discuss the new curbside recycling program.

**Please come out on May 17 and get involved in your neighborhood!**

## Better Than Dinner at Home, Dinner at *Island Home*!

By Joanna Pennoyer

When I asked my mother for suggestions on what to prepare for the first-ever IHPNA potluck in March, her response was less than helpful. "Take whatever you have handy," she advised, "That's what 'potluck' means." Whatever I have handy? I took a quick mental inventory: Assorted bran cereals, leftover chicken casserole, peanut butter, and a half box of Goldfish crackers.

I thanked my mom for her advice and promptly ran to Kroger for the necessary ingredients to make my crowd-pleasing spaghetti casserole.

My planning and preparation paid off. Several neighbors arrived at the TSD Dining Hall with an assortment of great food. Some neighbors came straight from work and brought mouth-watering eats prepared by the grocery store, while others brought homemade dishes. Drinks, plates and utensils were provided by the neighborhood association—just another of the many benefits of paying your association dues!

"This is just so easy. It's a great way to keep up with everyone." Laura Barton explained as she added her dish to the table. She and her family plan to make the IHPNA Potluck a monthly tradition.

**Potlucks are held the last Thursday of every month in the TSD Dining Hall at 6:00pm.**

## Active-8 Sets the Pace for Good Health

By Jessica Rodocker

This spring, Island Home walkers and runners were given the chance to compete with dozens of other groups around Knox County for a neighborhood prize of \$500. The Knox County Health Department received a grant to put on the Active-8 competition for the most steps per person, and asked neighborhoods to be among the participating groups. Island Home is full of active people who love to walk and jog, and more than forty people from the neighborhood accepted the challenge. In March, each participant received a pedometer, and we kept track of our steps for each week during an eight-week long period ending May 1. At the end of the program, the average steps per person per week was right around 60,000 steps (about twenty-three miles), and the person with the most had an average of about 115,000 steps, or about forty-four miles per week! The American Heart Association recommends getting in at least 10,000 steps per day. At the time of this writing, we do not know which neighborhood won the Active-8 challenge, but it will be announced the weekend of May 7. There is a chance this will become an annual event, so if you missed the sign-up this year, you could have another opportunity to lace up your shoes for next year's competition. Go IHP!

## Park Design and Airport Regulations May Change the Look of the Park

By Jim Staub

Since last spring when the Mayor held his budget announcement in Island Home Park, our neighborhood association parks committee has looked at ways to further improve the park with the development of a long-range plan for physical improvements and a tree replacement schedule to insure a well maintained balance of flowering trees and tall canopy trees. The committee extended the tree replacement plan to include the boulevard.

East Tennessee Community Design Center (ETCDC) accepted our request to develop a proposed vision for the park and the boulevard. ETCDC held several meetings with members of the committee to determine a wish list of physical improvements to the park. The tree plan for the boulevard entailed surveying the type and health of each tree within the median of the boulevard. The city has a budget for tree planting that will allow input from the neighborhood as to what trees to plant and when. ETCDC made recommendations to place some canopy trees in the plan instead of the dogwoods that the city has been planting. This amounts to two or three trees in the next couple of years. The same effort applied to the trees in the park.

The park improvement vision will be presented to the neighborhood at the general meeting on May 17 at 7 p.m. While the plan is well developed and has cost estimates, the plan is not set in stone so to speak. A great deal of debate took place over the inclusion of a small dock that could be used by canoes or kayaks. Final inclusion or exclusion is up to the neighborhood.

One of the features of the plan is a new walkway from the crosswalk on Spence Place down to the playground area. The design shows a paved walkway that can accommodate either baby strollers or wheelchairs. With Island Home's nearly fifty children, along with our aging neighbors, accessing the park by going in the road down Spence Place and Estelle Circle makes for a safety hazard.

During the development of this plan, the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority made a presentation to the board outlining the need to remove obstructions from the runway protection zone of the Downtown Island Airport, which involves trees in the park, on the greenway, and on the lots of several homeowners along the river and on Estelle Circle. An initial aerial survey in the fall revealed more than one hundred trees that either approached the zone or penetrated the zone. The aerial survey had an accuracy of plus or minus two feet not including foliage. The next step is a ground survey to determine the actual height of the trees in question.

Some trees may be cut down and others just trimmed. The property owners are being consulted and advised at each step of the process. IHPNA, Parks and Recreation, affected homeowners, and the airport authority engaged a neutral facilitator to assure all parties had a voice. So far one meeting has seen all three groups together for frank discussions.

As stated, this action started while the ETCDC was developing the park plan. ETCDC advised IHPNA and the other stakeholders what tree substitutions could be made to assure an adequate canopy shade in the park, on the greenway, and on private property.

Further, the Airport Authority has funds to compensate the stakeholders for any loss of trees and replacement of trees.

The park committee hopes that any funds the Parks and Recreation Department gains from this effort can be used to update the park per the vision offered by the ETCDC as approved by the neighborhood as a whole.

In conclusion, please feel free to email comments and constructive suggestions to Jim Staub email address [thestaub@gmail.com](mailto:thestaub@gmail.com).

## Sign Up for Free City Recycling Program

The City of Knoxville introduces a simple-to-use Household Curbside Recycling program!

With this new program, there will be no sorting by type of recyclable item; all recyclables go into the recycle cart together. The cart is provided by the City of Knoxville and will be delivered to your house in September of this year. The cart is on wheels to make it easy for you to roll it to the curb, where household recyclables will be picked up every other week. The pickup service will begin in October of this year. As a resident of the City of Knoxville with household garbage collection service, there is no cost to you. The City's initial curbside recycling program will be offered to the first twenty thousand households that sign up. This new service is funded in part by a grant from the Federal government and through recommended cost saving measures to the City's overall solid waste program.

As a bonus, recyclers can enroll in the RecycleBank rewards program that provides you with discounts on goods and services based on the pounds of materials you recycle. Recycling is good for our East Tennessee environment since it reduces the volume of materials going into landfills. Remember 75 - 80% of household garbage in Knoxville can be recycled!

More details to be provided with your cart upon delivery in September, including what can go into the cart.

Subscription customers of the Waste Connections household curbside recycling program who live in the City limits will automatically be included in the new program with the City. Existing customers will not be billed for their service after September 30 of this year. If there are adjustments to the pick-up schedule, you will be notified in September.

The City will maintain key Drop Center Recycling locations to serve multi-family residents, apartments and small businesses.

If you still have questions about the program, please feel free to email [recycling@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:recycling@cityofknoxville.org).

## City Storm Cleanup

Your brush pickup may be delayed over the next couple of weeks as the City of Knoxville's Public Service Department focuses on cleanup and removal of trees, limbs, and other debris caused by recent storms. Crews will continue to clean neighborhoods throughout the coming weeks.