

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Addison Smith, Philanthropist

Most ten-year-olds dream of X-boxes or American Girl dolls as their birthday parties loom. But not our neighbor Addison Smith, daughter of Kristine and Clay Smith!

This young lady is not only a champion swimmer and triathlete, but also a budding philanthropist.

In lieu of gifts for her tenth birthday party, Addison asked her thirty guests to bring donations for Ijams Nature Center. Her friends got into the spirit and donated more than \$400! The donation will go to help feed the education animals on display in the Visitor's Center.

Congratulations, Addison, we're proud of you!

WELCOME BABY

Wren Suzanne Caylor, daughter of Amy Brooks and Andy Caylor, June 22.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

John and Abby Hillsboro Heights

Neighborhood Events

September 13IHPNA General Meeting, Ward Auditorium, 7 p.m.

October 29Halloween Party

December 3Christmas Home Tour

April 7, 2012Spring Egg Hunt

July 4, 2012Fourth of July Party

Potlucks are held the last Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the TSD cafeteria

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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:

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THE ISLAND HOME NEIGHBOR

Old South Knox Neighborhood Getting Younger All the Time



By Rebecca Simmons

There has been a baby boom in our neighborhood, with more children living here now than anyone of us can remember. On June 21, Amy Brooks and Andy Caylor welcomed baby Wren Suzanne Caylor, the thirtieth baby born in Island Home the past five years to parents living in Island Home!

Eighty-two-year-old Patsy Gilbert grew up in Island Home, moved away and lived overseas with her husband Tom Gilbert, then returned to Island Home for their retirement years. She can still look down the street and name the handful of families that had children living in the houses during the '30s and '40s.

"It is such fun seeing the children," says Gilbert. "Because when Tommy and I moved out of here, a lot of these people died who had been living here. So now it's a whole new generation here and it's fun to see."

Gilbert has always had family living in Island

Home. Her grandson Brian Ault, born in 1989, grew up in the neighborhood. In about 1995, he recalls only two households having children his age.

"It's amazing to see this many children," said Ault at the neighborhood's Fourth of July picnic, while watching a large group of children enjoying a visit by a local fire truck.

Although we all know and love our neighborhood, it's interesting to hear what attracts new families to Island Home.

Brooks and Caylor moved into Island Home in December 2010. Brooks is a transportation planner, passionate about alternative forms of travel. She was smitten by the charm of the old homes and loves being able to ride her bike to work downtown.

"This neighborhood is above and beyond in terms of being community oriented," said Caylor. "We'll stay here as long as we are in this area."

Other things selling younger generations on Island Home are its sidewalks, a city park, greenways, and being able to walk to Ijams Nature Center, says Jessica Rodocker, neighbor and owner of First Neighborhoods Realty, a firm specializing in historic neighborhoods downtown.

"I do think people who are moving in are much younger," says Rodocker. "And I think everyone here is really excited to see the younger families coming in."

From Easter egg hunts to Halloween parties, almost every holiday has a child-centered function sponsored by the neighborhood association and organized by volunteers. One of the volunteers is Chloe Chitwood, a forty-three-year Island Home resident.

Ten years ago, she planted a blue spruce tree at the top of the park; it serves as the neighborhood's Children's Tree. Every Christmas, Chitwood, other adult volunteers, and children decorate the tree and have a ceremonial lighting that kicks off the holiday party.

The first year of the now-annual tradition, Chitwood drove around the neighborhood, playing Christmas music and inviting every child she could find. Five children came. You can count fourteen children in the photo on the front of our February newsletter; a couple of dozen children and babies watched as the lights were switched on.

"When I see the babies, I'm always grateful because it's a lifeblood, and the growth of the neighborhood," says Chitwood. "I love it just as I always have." May our younger generation always heed the wisdom of their seniors!

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IHPNA President's Message:

I hope you will come to our general meeting to vote for and meet your neighborhood board members and officers. It is important also to hear about and discuss the Halloween plans which will affect us all.

You may have noticed yellow tape on some trees in the park and along the greenway. These trees belong to the city and have grown into the airport flight path, causing a hazard for planes taking off and landing. The city and various affected homeowners have been working with the airport on this issue for a year. Most recently the airport has contracted with Cortese Tree Service for advice on how best to deal with these trees in a manner that will be the least destructive. Cortese has recommended that many of the mature trees may be controlled with growth retardant. Some trees will need to be removed, some may be controlled with retardant, and others may have trimming plus growth retardant. The full report from Cortese is due very soon. Any trees that are removed will be replaced with species that will not get too tall. We have asked the city to use any compensation from the airport to make improvements to the park.

I have enjoyed serving the neighborhood for the last two years and have decided to run for another two, after which I will serve for a while as Past President (a position created by our new bylaws).

— Greg Congleton, President IHPNA

IHPNA General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m
TSD Ward Bldg. Auditorium

As required by the bylaws, Island Home Neighborhood Park Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in the Ward Auditorium.

Agenda items include the following:

- **Short statements from City Council candidates**
- **Election of new officers and board members**
- **Explanation of and discussion about upcoming Halloween road closure**
- **The complete slate of nominees is posted on the kiosk by the columns. If you would like to vote absentee, please contact Greg Congleton by 5 p.m. September 8.**

We hope to see you there!

Recommended Slate of IHPNA Officers and Board Members

Officers	
President:	Greg Congleton
Vice President:	Chris Field
Secretary:	Connie Vogt
Treasurer:	Jim Staub
Past President:	Katie Hannah
Board	
Fisher Place, Island Home Avenue, Watson Place, or Willis Place:	Rebecca Simmons
Hillsboro Heights:	Stephanie Welch
North Side of Island Home Boulevard:	Greg Brown
South Side of Island Home Boulevard:	Jessica Rodocker
Maplewood Avenue west (from the columns to 2101 Maplewood):	Joanna Pennoyer
Maplewood Avenue east (2107/2104 to Fisher Place):	Gina Brace
Spence Place east (Watson Place to the Airport) or Estelle Circle:	Open
Spence Place west (Maplewood Avenue to Watson Place):	Sue Wrisberg
Neighborhood-at-Large: Rachel Craig,	Lissa Gibbs

Halloween Safety Island Home Gets Political

By Gina Brace

At the general meeting on May 17, the neighborhood voted in favor of closing the boulevard to cars for Halloween. This move will help keep our children safe as they participate in the best trick-or-treating in the city!

On Monday, October 31, Island Home Boulevard will close from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Three barricades will block the road to traffic, each with a police officer present. The barricades will be located at Island Home Boulevard at Maplewood, Island Home Boulevard at Fisher, and Island Home Boulevard at Watson. The alleyways between the Boulevard and Maplewood and the Boulevard and Spence will be blocked with cones. If you must be driving in any of these areas during this period, the officers will ask you to show proof of residence.

If you do not want trick-or-treaters to park on your property, you may put up special tape to block cars from your lawn. Flagging tape will be available at the following homes: Gina and David Brace, 2150 Maplewood Avenue; Rebecca and Brian Simmons 2126 Fisher Place; Casey and Chris Field, 2121 Island Home Boulevard; and Connie and Terry Vogt, 2114 Island Home Boulevard. Look for the tape in pink baskets on the front porches at most of these residences, or next to the garage hanging on the wooden fence at the Brace house.

If you wish to flag off an area but need some assistance, you may contact Gina Brace no later than Saturday, October 29; she will be happy to help. Flagging tape will be available for pickup starting Friday, October 28.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the map we hope to hand out to visitors that evening. Ideally we would like to distribute maps at the two entrances to the neighborhood, both at the columns and at the top of Fisher. To make this plan for a safe evening, we are looking for volunteers to sign up for a one-hour time slot between 5 and 9 p.m. (a total of eight volunteers). Please contact Gina Brace to sign up. IHPNA would like to encourage folks to turn out their lights at 9 p.m. to help signal the end of trick-or-treating. Let's have a safe and fun Halloween!

4th of July Celebration



If you've seen a lot of babies getting kissed in the neighborhood lately, it's with good reason! Election season is upon us, and you may have seen and chatted with politicians such as our South Knox representative Nick Pavlis, as well as candidates or their campaign representatives Paul Berney, Ivan Harmon, Bill Owen, Mark Padgett, Ron Peabody, Marilyn Roddy, Madeline Rogero, Marshall Stair, John Stancil and of course our own neighbor, mayoral candidate Joe Hultquist at our annual Fourth of July party. Even the younger generation got into the political spirit, with thirteen-year-old Ike Hannah persuading Pavlis to consider new ways that skateboarders could practice their sport!

In addition, neighbors have been holding a series of "meet and greet" parties for various candidates. At Rebecca and Brian Simmons's home, mayoral candidate Madeline Rogero held court on August 6 to a group of supporters. Nancy Campbell and Bill Moorefield hosted a party for City Council candidate Finbar Saunders on August 17. Also running for City Council, Marshall Stair was in the neighborhood for an event at the home of Casey and Chris Field.

The primary elections will be held September 27, with early voting running September 7–22. The general election is November 8. Positions to be filled include mayor, city council members, and municipal judge.

Island Home gets its strength from its diversity, with a multitude of opinions. Be sure yours gets heard by voting this fall!