



THE ISLAND HOME NEIGHBOR

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The Island Home Park Neighborhood Association

Easter in Island Home

by Nancy Staub

On a crisp, sunny morning on March 22nd, the Island Home children were treated to the annual Easter egg hunt. The event began in the neighborhood park when each basket-laden child was instructed to run to one of three designated areas. None seemed to waste any time when Lee Ann Ratledge signaled "go"! These areas gave each child an opportunity to seize candy-filled eggs. After the hunt, each participant was allowed to choose a prize.

Making his appearance during the hunt was "The Easter Bunny". When asked for his comment on the morning's activities, Mr. Bunny said, "How fortunate the Island Home children are to have grownups that embrace the neighborhood spirit. I am very excited to see our friends working together for the boys and girls." Mr. Bunny posed with the children for pictures and the morning ended with each child choosing an egg from the Children's



Joseph Keffer and his mother, Lynn, greeted by Mr. Bunny.

Tree. Each egg held a quarter and one lucky egg gave the big winner, Britton Shoemaker, a dollar and fuzzy chicken toy.

Thanks to Lee Ann and David Ratledge for organizing the day's activities. Jeanne Fair and Carolyn Williams assisted them with prizes. Rebecca Simmons helped with egg stuffing

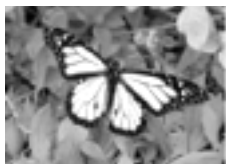
and hiding. Chloe Chitwood and Normalee Neubauer coordinated the Children's Tree activity. Big thanks to Mr. Bunny, Jim Staub.

We parents and grandparents appreciate the efforts of these volunteers to help create happy memories for our children to cherish.

Planning a Butterfly Garden

By Lisa Stanley and Sue Wrisberg

A butterfly garden is an easy way to both see more butterflies and to contribute towards their conservation. Butterfly gardens can be any size - a window box, part of your landscaped yard, or even a wild untended area on your property. When planning your butterfly garden, the following pointers will help. Learn the common butterfly species in your vicinity and include both their adult nectar plants and caterpillar food plants in the garden. For instance, the Spring Azure caterpillar feeds on the flowering dogwood (*Cornus canadensis*). The black willow (*Salix nigra*) is the host for many butterflies such as the Mourning Cloak, Viceroy and Red-spotted



Purple. The Paw Paw tree (*Asxmina parviflora*), a host plant for the Zebra Swallowtail, has tasty fruit. Plants with varying blooming cycles can be placed together to keep your garden full of activity throughout the growing season.

Adult butterflies will visit for a longer period if they find plants to lay their eggs on. They have a tendency to favor plants having large petals that can act as perches. Some of the native plants recommended for Tennessee are: Aster (*Aster spp.*), Black-eyed susan, (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), Ironweed (*Vernonia spp.*), and Phlox (*Phlox spp.*). Try to avoid or minimize the use of pesticides. Plant your flowers in sunny places and provide some flat

rocks or stone walls where they can "bask" in the morning sun to raise their body temperature permitting flight. Also provide a few sheltered areas, like shrubbery or brush piles to protect them from wind and rain. Make sure there is a moist area. The butterflies will congregate around a puddle to drink, extracting salt from the wet soil.

With adequate sunlight, a few trees and shrubs as well as colorful fragrant perennials and annuals you can increase your butterfly population each year. Butterflies are easy and fun to watch, so make sure you also plan a good place to sit back and enjoy their many interesting behaviors.

The President's Message

from Carole Allen

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There's been a lot going on in Island Home recently. As usual, spring brings out the crowds—residents enjoying the good weather and doing yardwork, runners and cyclists training and competing, neighbors getting together for association social events.

The proposed NC-1 Overlay guidelines continue to be a topic of conversation. The Overlay Committee has worked extensively on this proposal and deserves a word of thanks for their efforts. The important thing that we should realize is that the passion aroused by this proposal shows how much we love our neighborhood and the home we live in. That's a nice "problem" to have! Standing up for what one believes is important and our differing opinions on the topic should be respected. Thanks to all who have taken part in these proceedings.

That brings up an interesting question that many have posed over the past few months. What is a neighborhood? Some think it's the house, some the people, and others say "just the community feel". Although we each might have different answers and are puzzled by differing responses, your responses show how similar and, at the same time, how different we may be. Something that has been often repeated is that the variety of homes and people in our neighborhood is a good thing and something we want to continue to have in the future.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings, social events, or on the streets of Island Home. Thanks for making Island Home the best neighborhood in Knoxville!

Cowbell Roundup

Please return marathon cowbells to the kiosk (or Carole Allen) so we have them available for the next race in IHP.

IHPNA Directories have been distributed to all association dues-paying members.

If you still want to pay your 2007-2008 dues (and get a directory), please call Chloe Chitwood (573-0841). Dues are \$10/household per year (65 and older pay \$5/year) and support the events and activities of IHPNA. Thanks for your support!

We won...we won...we won!

Marathon runners once again voted Island Home their "Favorite Neighborhood". On March 30th, Knoxville Marathon runners enjoyed the springtime in Island Home as residents cheered for them through a tough part of the marathon. It's amazing that as we're cheering for them, they're thanking *us* for being there. For the third year in a row, Island Home was rewarded for its cheers, marathon decorations, and tables of orange wedges as the runners' favorite!

Many thanks to the residents and friends who cheered on (and rang cowbells for) the runners during the race. Your efforts were much appreciated by the runners and we received numerous positive comments about Island Home being their favorite part of the race.

A big "thanks" to Wild Blue Yonder, our marathon band for a second year, for playing their wonderful bluegrass music at the columns, giving runners and spectators a double-whammy of great music as they came and went!

Every year, in addition to the Knoxville Marathon, IHP residents have chances to cheer for runners in the TSD Run for the Deaf (first Saturday of May) and the Knoxville Sports Medicine Expo (this year's race is Saturday, May 24th). Come out again – cheer them on!

In the Dog House

By Brian Douglas

An issue of concern that has been raised by many neighbors involves our beloved pet dogs. Specifically, we have been hearing concerns relating to the following violations of city law:

- 1) Off-leash dogs in all parts of the neighborhood, including the IH Boulevard median, IH Park and the greenway;
- 2) Uncollected dog waste in all parts of the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, both neighbors and visitors are creating the above problems. As we increasingly become a neighborhood encompassing the entire spectrum of ages from the very young to the elderly, we must be especially cognizant that our "friendly" dog may not appear that way to a very small child and his or her parents or to an elderly or infirm neighbor out for a walk. It also presents a threat to those walking their own dogs on leash. In addition, please understand that dog-waste presents both a sanitation and health risk, as other dogs and people (especially children) can contract salmonella from any contact with it. Sadly, one confirmed case costing a dog-owner hundreds of dollars already has occurred.

As we are all rightly protective of our property rights, we must remember that when our property (as the State of Tennessee views dogs and all other domestic animals) affects others, the consequences and liability are ours to bear.

You can find all relevant Animal Law links on the IHPNA website (www.ihpna.net) in the "Numbers & Links" section or at www.knoxpets.org under the "Information" tab in "Animal Laws".

If you notice a neighbor or visitor in non-compliance with any of these laws, politely ask them to remedy the situation. If they are unwilling to do so or continue their actions in the future, please call Knoxville Animal Control at 215-7457. They have received many calls from neighbors and plan to maintain an active presence in our neighborhood so that we all can enjoy our beautiful shared outdoor space without fear of harassment, attack or disease. Thanks to all those who have expressed concern and to everyone else for helping make IHPNA a great place to call home!

IHP Overlay Update

By Rachel Craig

The IHP Overlay Committee has been working for the last year to develop a proposal that will address neighborhood concerns about preserving the character of Island Home Park and also attract a broad community consensus. To accomplish those goals, the Committee is now recommending the adoption of a Neighborhood Conservation (NC-1) Overlay for the entire neighborhood. This is a change from previous recommendations.

An NC-1 is a zoning district that preserves neighborhood character by offering design review of new construction, addition of space to existing structures, and demolition of structures more than fifty years old.

If approved, the NC-1 Guidelines apply only:

- To the construction of new buildings
- To the addition of space to an existing building
- To the demolition of part or all of an existing building

What does an NC-1 Overlay NOT do?

- Does NOT change existing base zoning; i.e. IHP will remain single family residential
- Does NOT regulate interior alterations, wiring or plumbing, or painting
- Does NOT regulate changes to exteriors of existing structures such as the addition of artificial siding, roofing, exterior paint or installation of replacement windows
- Does NOT require changes to existing structures; all existing structures are “grandfathered in”
- Should NOT impact homeowners insurance rates

Copies of the draft guidelines have been distributed to all neighbors and are also available on the IHPNA website at www.ihpna.net.

The next steps in the process are:

- HZC staff will schedule and hold an informational meeting at a time and place convenient to the neighborhood.
- Property owners will be notified by registered mail. Property owners receive one vote per property owned. HZC rules require at least 51% of property owners responding approve the designation. However, IHP will ask HZC to move ahead only if at least 70% of those voting approve the overlay.
- If approved by the neighborhood, the Overlay goes to the HZC, MPC, and City Council for approval. These bodies can approve the overlay, reject it, or approve it with modifications.

Our Neighborhood Communication Tools

By Carole Allen

The way that we communicate information to neighborhood residents comes in many formats and has had some recent additions. For the sake of long-time and new residents, I think it's worth repeating.

Newsletter: Our newsletter, *The Island Home Neighbor*, comes out five times per year. Social events, neighbor and/or meeting news, and other topics of interest usually determine timing of newsletters. We always are looking for articles and welcome interested contributors to help us out by offering a topic and writing an article. Let me know if you have some ideas. Many thanks to Kurt Zinser (Fisher Place) for producing our newsletter – we get lots of positive comments about the format and content – good job!

Website: Our website (www.ihpna.net) has much news and background information, including announcements, a history of the park, meeting minutes/notes, association by-laws, link to the Knox Heritage Tour of IHP, and IHPNA pictures. Rick Alexander (Hillsboro Heights), our webmaster, does an outstanding job of maintaining our website and keeping news up-to-date. Late last year,

a “Numbers & Links” section was added to the website. This will give you important information such as KPD contacts, 311 purpose/contact, codes enforcement contact, and animal control contact/ordinances. Additionally, several website links are given for community information such as City of Knoxville, Knox County, Knox County Schools, Knoxville News Sentinel, Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville Zoo, and KnoxMoms.com (a site for kids-related topics and activities).

Kiosks: There are two kiosks in the neighborhood – one in the island by the columns and the other at the Fisher entrance. These bulletin boards are used for social event postings (about one week prior to events) and other activities of interest. Postings such as garage sales, lost animals, etc. are monitored ensuring they are neighborhood resident-related only. Crime alerts are posted on orange paper and have ALERT at the top. Watch the kiosks for important postings. By the way, since the Fisher kiosk is small, postings are limited. Crime alerts, meeting notices, and social events will be posted on both kiosks.

Listgroups: Several listgroups are set up. One group, ihpna-board@yahoo.com, goes to the 20 Board members/officers. Another list, ihpna@yahoo.com, has Board members/officers and interested residents. The latest group we've started is an Emergency Listgroup and its purpose is to broadcast items on resident safety and crime alerts. Only designated people can make broadcasts and, if you reply, it will only go back to the sender. We intend it to be used for alerting residents to criminal activity and subsequent information received will be sent out as broadcast updates. David Ratledge (Maplewood) manages all listgroups. If you want to join either the resident or emergency group, go to the website and complete the sign-up form in the Latest News section.

Please let me know (caroleihpna@comcast.net) if you have any suggestions or feedback on any of our communications. We try hard to get the information out to you in several ways and welcome your ideas.

In Sympathy

Nancy Campbell's father (IH Blvd.) - 12/6/07
 David Keffer's father (IH Blvd.) - 12/20/07
 Inez Hill Chapin (former Blvd. resident) - 1/9/08
 W.W. "Barney" Weaver (former Fisher Place resident) - 2/21/08
 Bertha Green Henderson (Maplewood) - 2/27/08

Thanks!

Carolyn and Wayne Williams for providing power and restroom facilities for our Knoxville Marathon band, Wild Blue Yonder.
 Charlene and Ernie Gammon, Steve Monday, and Sue Wrisberg for manning the marathon orange tables.
 "Good Neighbor" Jeff Lynn for mowing the kiosk island after weeks of growth.
 Tony Rodriguez, our fabulous mailman, for being an extra set of eyes and ears in the neighborhood – you're the best!

Calendar of Events for 2008

Social Events:

- **July 4th Parade and Picnic**
Friday, July 4th

Other Events:

- **Knoxville Sports Medicine Expo**
Saturday, May 24th
- **Knoxville By Bike**
Saturday, June 28th

Vulcan Materials Community Appreciation and Open House

Tuesday, May 20th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Vulcan Materials Riverside Quarry
(2500 Riverside Drive)

Guided tour through the quarry, BBQ dinner, free photos of your kids with a loader, games for children, giveaways, and company representatives available to answer questions on quarry procedures and operations.

RSVP by 5/16/08
to Kathy Drysdale @ 579-2928.

Have an announcement to share with your neighbors?
Contact Jeanne Fair. We would love to have your news!

News about our Neighbors

Mary McPherson (Spence Place) retired as secretary in the special education department of Knox County School System on 12/27/07. She was the longest-serving employee with 63 years of service. We hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement, Mary!

Sarah Webb (Maplewood) was featured in the April 17th Knoxville News Sentinel Style section, modeling spring clothes and representing 18 Karat Modeling.

Congratulations to our marathon day race participants: Kid's Fun Run – Guthrie Bouchard-Dean (IH Blvd.), Addison Smith (IH Blvd.); 5K – Jeanne Fair (Hillsboro Heights), Clay Smith (IH Blvd.), Townes Bouchard-Dean (IH Blvd.); Half Marathon – Chris McAdoo, Robyn McAdoo (Maplewood); and Marathon Relay Team – Laura Barton (Maplewood).

A South Knoxville Lions Club group is being organized by Oliver Lang, Facilities Manager at TSD. Club activities support Remote Area Medical, Tennessee Eye Bank and other blind charities, and TSD's summer camp and indigent fund. If you are interested in more information, contact Oliver at 323-3366 or by email (olang@tsd.k12.tn.us).

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