



THE ISLAND HOME NEIGHBOR

June 2009

The Island Home Park Neighborhood Association



July 4th Celebration

by Gina Brace

As is tradition in the Island Home Park Neighborhood, July 4th is a great time for everyone to gather and enjoy the warm weather and neighborhood fellowship. Our picnic begins with the annual kids parade. Dust off the bicycles, wagons, trikes, strollers and any other transportation you desire and decorate them in red, white and blue. The parade will kick off at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and the much anticipated "hose down" by the Knoxville Fire Department. Music provided by Brendon James Wright and the Wrongs.

So, don't forget to:

- Decorate your "wheels" and arrive by 11 a.m. for the kid's parade
- Bring a covered dish to share with your neighbors for lunch (chicken, drinks and tableware provided by the Neighborhood Association)
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket for relaxing on the Boulevard
- Bring a towel and bathing suit for the kids (and others) who plan on playing in the water

Egg Hunt fun draws large turnout

by Rebecca Simmons

This year's Spring Egg Hunt had one of the largest turnouts ever. As the number of young households grows, so do the children's events. A good number of neighborhood grandparents also brought out their family's kids to enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny and to hunt the 600 eggs that were put out in the Island Home Park.

Babies, toddlers and egg hunters through elementary school ages scurried about the park grabbing up the bubble gum, chocolate and toy

stuffed eggs for their baskets. The prize table after the hunt remained a tradition, as did the Children's Christmas Tree with hanging eggs filled with quarters for each child.

The weather was chilly this year, but we were glad not to have snow flurries as in years past. This was the first year that our new social chairwoman Gina Brace was responsible for the hunt, and she did a great job! As parents, we are grateful for all the wonderful, dedicated neighbors who don't even have children who continue to help with these important children's events.

Note, the Boulevard from Maplewood to Watson Place will be closed to thru traffic between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The neighborhood association will have a booth set up for collection of annual dues of \$10 (cash or check).

This neighborhood continues to grow, with new babies, several new families and many more babies on the way. The 4th is a great time to see everyone and celebrate our community.

The President's Message

from Katie Hannah

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It's great to see our neighborhood working together—keeping an eye out for one another when we see suspicious activity, helping to enforce city ordinances, and handing out refreshments to the runners that have come through the neighborhood this spring—all this is what makes Island Home such a wonderful place to live, and what makes folks from all over take notice!

I'm happy to announce that two more of our neighbors have stepped up to serve on the board—Matt Teglas for District 3 and Rebecca Simmons-Lamm in the at-large position. Both Matt and Rebecca have their plates full with small children, so we really appreciate their offering their time. Thanks, Matt and Rebecca! A general election for new board members and officers will be held this September. Won't you consider serving?

Coming soon to our neighborhood—the opening of the new playground, our terrific Fourth of July party, and the lazy days of summer. Let's all continue to be good neighbors as we get out to enjoy the summer weather! Try to be aware of things that might bother your neighbors:

- *Slow down!*
- *Don't park so that your car is out in the driving area of the street.*
- *Keep your shrubbery cut so that the sidewalk is clear.*
- *Keep your dog on a leash, and restrained when at home.*
- *Clean up after your pets.*
- *Keep your music quiet enough that your neighbors won't be disturbed (especially at night).*

Some, all, or none of the items on this list might make your list of pet peeves. But even if you're the easy-going type, or you think this or that really shouldn't bother others, please try to be considerate of your neighbors and observe these common courtesies!

All best,
Katie

IHPNA to hold elections in September

IHPNA will elect new officers and board members at the general meeting scheduled for Sept. 15. These positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 16 board members. Those elected in September will serve two year terms.

A board-appointed nominating committee is now looking for neighbors who would like to serve. If you are interested, contact Katie Hannah, Rachel Craig, or Jim Staub.

Look for additional information on the election later in the summer.

Dues Collection and Directory Updates at 4th of July Picnic

There will be a table set up at the 4th of July neighborhood picnic to collect updates to the neighborhood directory and to collect neighborhood association dues. Please stop by the table, manned by Greg Congleton and Ike Hannah, to make corrections or additions to the neighborhood directory or to verify your information is correct. The next edition of the

directory will have a place for email addresses, so if you want to share yours with the neighborhood you can supply it at that time. As always the directory is only distributed to members of the association and never outside the neighborhood. Annual dues are \$10 per household or \$5 for a single member household if the resident is over 64. IHPNA dues support many important things like the directory, the Christmas, Easter and 4th of July events as well as newsletter costs. Information on how to join the IHPNA listserv will also be available at the table.

Playground Update

By the time you are reading this, children are hopefully sliding, climbing, swinging, balancing, running, and enjoying our new playground at IHP! The city of Knoxville began installation on March 31, and now the process is almost complete. The new playground has something for everyone, and the neighborhood is proud to showcase this awesome park! If you haven't made it down to the park, you should definitely go for a stroll and check out the new equipment. We can all agree...good things come to those who wait!

Traffic calming committee formed

Through the years it has been noted that our neighborhood has an issue with speeders, and with an enormous number of young children (and babies on the way!) now it is a more important issue than ever. At the last IHPNA board meeting, a traffic committee was formed to explore any needs our neighborhood may have for what is commonly called "traffic calming". Members of the committee currently are Grant Barton on Maplewood near the entrance, David Drews on Spence near the airport, Rebecca Simmons on Fisher, Gina Brace on Maplewood between Fisher and Hillsboro, and Jessica Rodocker on Island Home Blvd.

This committee will be working with the neighborhood, Dave Watson at the East Tennessee Community Design Center and the City to explore steps that can be taken to make our neighborhood as safe as possible for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. If you have any comments on this issue or would like to be involved on the committee, please contact your district board representative.

IHP Shows it's Team Spirit

By Taryn McLean

On March 29, the Knoxville Marathon runners moved through our streets for miles 22 through 24 of the 26.2 mile race. The weather was cold, overcast, and very windy, but we had folks in all parts of IHP out and about. Cowbells were ringing, signs were posted everywhere, and oranges were given to the runners as they headed down the Boulevard and back out on Spence Place. Also, IHP's own Townes and Guthrie Bouchard-Dean, Connie Vogt, Jeanne Fair, Brent Shumaker, and Addison Smith were among the participants in this year's race. Congrats to Townes and three of his

classmates who took second place in the marathon team race, Guthrie and Jeanne ran the 5K, and Addison ran the 1 mile race.

Thanks to all the hard work of many IHP folks, Island Home was once again voted "Favorite Neighborhood" by the runners who participated in the marathon. We also received an encouraging letter of thanks from a SC runner. (Posted in full on www.ihpna.net) She was very grateful for all who supported the runners and also stated, "You are a testament to those that think a neighbor association cannot be cooperative and community-supportive." Can't wait 'til next year!



Brent Shumaker (Island Home Blvd) goes for the gold.

Good Neighbor Award

By Donna Wilson-Renner

For only the second time in remembered history, The Island Home Park Neighborhood Association presents its "Good Neighbor Award." The Good Neighbor Award is presented to the individual exhibiting a willingness to place the welfare of the community above self, someone whose actions have improved our Island Home neighborhood and someone who went the extra mile.

In recognition of her compassion, her tenacity and her willingness to do "the right thing" despite personal costs, the Association presents the Good Neighbor Award to Island Home resident, Chloe Chitwood.

On March 6-09, Chloe and her dog, Dickens, headed to the park for his afternoon walk. Before she was through the gate, a large black dog ran toward them and lunged at Dickens. Chloe pulled Dickens to safety and placed him on the Marker at the park entrance while she tried to cope with the aggressive dog. Strangely, the dog's owners

showed no concern and made no attempt to call or stop their dog. The owners also refused to give their names when asked. As a result, Chloe explained that she planned to contact the authorities.

In response to Chloe's 911 call Animal Control sent someone to investigate. The Officer talked with everyone, including two eyewitnesses. Chloe says she was assigned a court date to swear out a warrant. She waited in court more than two hours and when the Officer failed to show, Chloe was once again persistent and found another avenue to pursue the process. When assigned another court date Chloe also contacted the supervisor over Animal Control expressing concern that their office was not represented when the officer failed to show and insisting that Animal Control be present at the next court date. The supervisor assured her that someone would be there to represent the office.

On the next court date all parties appeared and although the owners fabricated much of

their story, Chloe prevailed and the Judge fined the couple for failure to maintain their dog on a leash and charged them with court costs.

Chloe spent more than four hours and a great deal of effort in bringing this issue to the attention of Animal Control and the court. There is a leash law in the City of Knoxville that requires the animal to be on a leash at all times. This is obviously for the protection of the public and the animal. Chloe's efforts will keep the playground area safe for our children. Her willingness to follow through to "remind" those owners to be responsible makes her an Island Home Good Neighbor.

Patrick Brooks wins IHPNA Award for Community Service



Jim Staub, IHPNA Treasurer, presented TSD student Patrick Brooks with the IHPNA Award for Community Service. Patrick participated in a community clean-up program sponsored by Americorps. They focused on the Island Home area, particularly with trail maintenance, riverside clean-up, and picking up trash at the park and on the greenway. Patrick is a great leader!

In Memoriam

John Robert Reep
July 01, 1962 - May 12, 2009

IHPNA General Meeting Tuesday, September 15th

7:00 pm

TSD Auditorium

Speaker will be Dave Hill:
Senior Director of Waterfront
Development

New to the Neighborhood? Birth in the Family?

Something to crow about?

Contact Laura Barton at
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Baby Boom in Island Home

By Rebecca Simmons

There is a baby boom in Island Home this year! Expect to see a lot of new baby girls strolling the neighborhood this summer and fall. Between April and October there have been and will be eight babies born. Except for one mama who is planning a surprise, all the babies are coming home in pink!

Eleanor Dalton Dildine was born to Tara Dalton and Ed Dildline on April 15. Pippa Helen was born to Ashley and Ed Blamey on May 6.

There was a neighborhood baby shower on May 2 to celebrate all the pregnant moms and the babies to be. The big-bellied moms who came were Rachel Brinke, Sarah Lowe, Melisa Baldwin, Michelle Schaur, Robyn McAdoo and Rebecca Simmons, the party host.

Jessica Wallin, a previous IH neighborhood resident and pregnant mama also came back to visit. Her baby girl Kaden was born the next day, May 3.

The moms at the shower enjoyed sharing advice and stories with other non-pregnant moms, discussing names, making beaded bracelets in honor of the new little ones - and of course eating lots of chocolate.

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