

Smoke Signals

With this issue of *Smoke Signals* we introduce a new editor. I have lived in Indian Hills (Tulip Hill Road) for 22 years and look forward to being more involved in the community.

In future issues we will introduce some new features designed to keep you informed of what's going on in the neighborhood. We want your newsletter to be as informative and relevant as possible. Your comments, suggestions and feedback are welcome.

A big *thank you* goes out to **Bob Jacobsen**. In addition to serving as Treasurer, compiler of the *Directory* and spearheader of an assortment of other assignments, he is also the former Editor of *Smoke Signals*.

Elizabeth Aino



Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

For the second year, the association will sponsor a holiday house decorating contest. So dust off that tinsel, untangle those lights and round up those wreaths. Here's the scoop.....

Deadline: Judging will take place on *December 19* so be sure to have your decorations up no later than December 18

Prizes: First Place - \$75 Second Place - \$50 Third Place - \$25

Crime Alert

Indian Hills is a safe place to live but every once in a while there is an instance of vandalism or crime either in our community or close to it. The following information is taken from the local weekly newspapers or from personal report. Residents are encouraged to keep outdoor lights on at night.

We are fortunate that we live close enough to walk to Antrim Park. However, if you do drive there, be aware that there continue to be periodic car break-ins.

- ❖ A car break-in was reported between 4 and 5 p.m. on *October 9*. Damage to the car window was estimated at \$200. In addition, over \$3,000 in cash and personal effects were stolen. Yikes! that's lot of stuff to have in a car. The most valuable thing in my car is my fancy dancy umbrella (October 15 edition of the *Northwest Columbus News*).
- ❖ On *October 14* between 4 and 5:25 p.m. a car was broken into causing \$300 in damages and the theft of \$30 in clothes (October 22 edition of the *Northwest Columbus News*).
- ❖ Two vehicles were broken into between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on *October 20*. Purses, medication, glasses and jewelry were taken (October 29 issue of the *Northwest Columbus News*).
- ❖ Lastly, between 11:30 a.m. and noon on *October 31*, a vehicle was broken into. In addition to \$200 damage to the window, an \$80 bag and \$100 in cash were stolen (November 5 edition of the *Northwest Columbus News*).

So, be warned - park at the park at your own risk and if you do, don't leave your computer, camera, purse, clothes or money lying around.

In Remembrance

We are saddened to report that Suzanne Hayes (Stoney Creek) recently lost her battle with cancer. The IHRA Executive Board offer their sincere condolences to her husband Bill and children, James, Hannah and Grace.

Recent Home Sales

The October 19 issue of *The Columbus Dispatch* reports the sale of **982 Litchfield Court** for \$284,000. The November 2 issue reports the sale of **979 Greenridge** for \$230,900.



Homes for Sale



We don't like to see our neighbors move, but you may want to tell your friends and relatives about these opportunities to buy into the best neighborhood in Columbus!

5946 Rocky Rill (Lease or Buy), Keller Williams, Don & Kathy Faust, 402-4107, www.Fausts.com, team@fausts.com

5984 Rocky Rill, HER, Heather/Debbie, 203-2900, heather.kamann@realliving.com

6063 Sedgwick, ReMax, Jim Fradd, 766-5390, 766-5330

989 Greenridge, Real Estate Ohio, Jim Mayo, 523-4015, housemouse@rroho.com

5951 Tulip Hill, Keller Williams, Schorsten, 332-2953, 324-5001

Can you be of service?

Do you or your children offer pet sitting, yard work, child care, snow removal or other services that might be of interest to the residents? In addition to listing such services in the Telephone Directory you may want to list them here too. Contact the editor for inclusion of this information in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*. See the next page for the first listing.

Magora's Driveway and sidewalk Snow Removal

Cost: \$20.00-\$35.00 depending on size

*** anything over 10 inches of snow - price will increase ***



Please contact: Steve Magora

Cell: (614) 893-3635

Email: smagora@hotmail.com

Did You Know.....

Indian Hills has a website. Yep, it's true. Go to www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/ihra. This is an information-packed resource which includes archived *Smoke Signals* newsletters, our Code of Regulations & Deed Restrictions (under "About Our Association"), financial statements, neighborhood discussion and links to other useful sites.

For Barter or Worse Sell, Swap, Trade or Give Away

Have a car you want to sell? Buying a new refrigerator and want to sell your old one? Or maybe you're remodeling and can't wait to get rid of that futon - you'd gladly *give* it away if someone would just come and take it off your hands. List your gently used items here. They'll go to a new home (hey, maybe you can even visit them from time to time) and you'll have space for all that new stuff you want.

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

The Indian Hills Residents Association Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 21. Elected for the term, expiring 10/31/09 were:

Ed Geraghty - President

Secretary - Tim Carroll

Tim Matyac - Vice President

Asst. Secretary - Jane Newton

Bob Jacobsen - Treasurer

Friendly Neighbor Reminders

- We survived the wind storm but if you still have tree limbs and branches at the curb, Rumpke will *only* pick them up if they are cut into 3 or 4 foot lengths and bundled together with rope or twine. You may also stuff them into containers labeled "Yard Waste" or into paper yard waste bags.
- Please remember that the speed limit on all neighborhood streets is **25 mph**. You may also want to remind your visiting friends and relatives since it's possible they do not realize just how fast they are traveling through the community. We want all the children, walkers, runners and bicyclists to feel safe out there!
- As part of a community beautification project, residents are asked to store their large green trash containers and yard waste inside their garage, behind their house or off to the side of their house. The idea is not to see these eyesores from the street. *What -- you ask, "these aren't things of beauty?"* Well, in a word, the answer is NO. Recently, many owners have built very nice privacy barriers to house trash and yard waste. Kudos to you!
- The next reminder is for dog owners. Yep, you know what's coming. We've said it before and we're saying it again - please *clean up after your dogs*. It is very rare to see a dog running loose in our community. Sooooo, it appears that it is the dog walkers who are remiss. When walking your dog, be sure to carry bags or scoopers and use them. Pet

stores now sell really nifty pooper scooper bag holders that attach directly to the leash loop. If you use these, you'll never have to worry about leaving home without a bag. What a relief!

Welcome to the 21st Century

Smoke Signals is published quarterly. Although the budget has been allocated accordingly, the cost of printing and postage just keeps going up. Recently, the association has turned to electronic mail as a way to keep costs down and to notify residents in a more timely fashion of community news.

Currently 45% of the members are on the e-mail roster. Our goal is to have 65% on-line by the end of the year. We will continue to publish print copies but will use e-mail as needed for time sensitive material. We ask that those of you who do receive information electronically, share this information with your neighbors who do not.

However, what we really ask is that you add your name to the e-mail roster. The benefits of doing so are numerous:

1. You will receive the newsletter in full, living color - great for pictures and graphics. (Because of the cost, print copies will *only* be available in black and white.)
2. You will receive the newsletter in a more timely fashion.
3. You will help save scarce resources - you'll help the environment by limiting the amount of paper coming into and going out of your home -- you'll help the association by enabling it to save on printing and postage costs.

Please don't delay - be the first to send your e-mail address to *Bob Jacobsen at 969 Greenridge Road, or to jake_43235@yahoo.com.*

Halloween Party Brings out the Ghouls, Ghosts & Goblins

Kids of all ages enjoyed the annual Halloween party at the tennis courts and common grounds. The crisp evening was the perfect setting for the roaring campfire, hotdogs and other goodies. Dressed in their costumes, the kids were treated to a fortune teller, pin the face on the pumpkin, mummy wrapping and a donut eating contest. Thanks go out to Kristen Zerkle for spearheading the activities. Thanks also to Jane Matyac, Ann Carroll, Bob Jacobsen and Wendy Reiser for all of their assistance with this very successful event!

Pictures will be sent in a separate e-mail.

Board Members

President	Ed Geraghty (985-5110)
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Treasurer	Bob Jacobsen (848-9913)
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Pool	Tammie Dondero (505-0342)
Tennis	John Hoffman (436-6777)
Activities	Kristin Zerkle (505-0123)
Blockwatch	
Editor	Elizabeth Aino (848-3226)

Calendar

- Dec. 18** - Deadline for decorating houses
- Dec. 19** - Judging houses takes place
- Jan. 2:** Invoices for \$75 Annual fee mailed to each household
- Jan. 31:** Annual Fee of \$75 due

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