



KMNA Fall Newsletter

History of Keystone, Millersville Area

Keystone, Millersville is located in the North East part of Washington township which has the characteristic of the city post-war residential and commercial development. A neighborhood with disproportionately high levels of unemployment, poverty and crime in the neighborhood is in need of an infusion of commercial enterprises and support agencies to supply the demand for neighborhood-oriented consumer and social services

needs. As indicated, the passage of time and shifting economic have levied a costly toll on the area. What was once a thriving suburban retail/office and residential area is now one of Indianapolis' declining communities. The complexity of the neighborhood's problems necessitates the employment of a comprehensive development strategy to combat the economic, social and physical predicaments that currently stifle possibilities.

Therefore and effective neighborhood revitalization plan should focus upon the neighborhood's physical, social and economic environments. Also to encourage an alliance among government, businesses and neighborhood residents and social service organizations in a cooperative effort to activate the neighborhood's productive capabilities that now lie dormant.

Improvement In the Area

This area started as a old gas station, hand wash cars wash and now look , it's the signs of changes we need and want in this area.



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Special points of interest:

- *Christmas In January*
- *Next Newsletter March 31,2008*

KMNA connection to the neighborhood

Building a strong connection to the neighborhood

We build stronger, more effective neighborhood by giving people a voice in making decisions. Help strengthen neighborhood leadership and unity. Help residents and organizations work together to solve problems and get people involved in long-term planning. August 27, 2007 is the beginning of KMNA Study Circle Group. Which will get resident involved in what is going on in the neighborhood and finding solutions to address any issues or concerns.

Keystone, Millersville



First Meeting for KMNA Study Circle

August/September 2007 Neighbor of the month

Alma Trawick, President



What first brought you to community work/volunteering?

One of the police officers within my neighborhood asked me if I attended the KMNA meetings. After attending a meeting I began to ask myself, "How do I want to be remembered?" That is when I decided that I wanted to have a lasting impression in my community.

Describe a moment when you saw your actions have an impact on your community?

Our July 3rd Neighborhood Association Meeting - I walked door to door and talked with residents and business owner/managers to invite them to the meeting. I feel that it is important to make sure that you are seen in the neighborhood so that people feel that connection. Over twenty-five residents showed up; most were new to the Association!

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Seeing the neighborhood meetings turn around from a complaint session to an action session. Now when we have an issue or concern we get the right representatives to assist us with addressing it.

Since the time you started your work/volunteering, what changes have you seen?

The streets are cleaner. We don't have as many young people congregating on corners within the neighborhood. Residents are more vigilant and are not afraid to complain if they see something going on. Seniors are beginning to walk outside again.

What do you see as the greatest asset in your community?

Our greatest assets are the residents. They bring a lot of knowledge, skills, and talent to the neighborhood. It is all about engaging them through the Association to show them how valuable they are.

DPW gives a helping hand

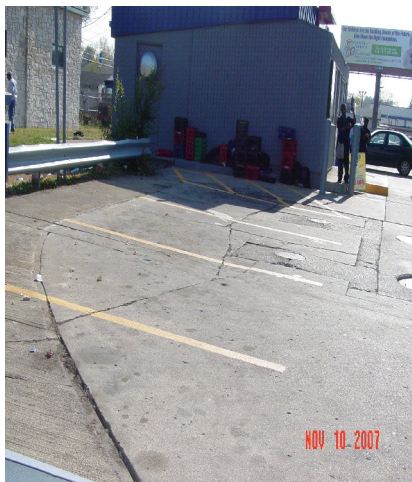
These are some before and after pictures. With Victoria help from DPW we got the high weed cut at corner of Millersville & Tacoma Ave. and the trash removed from 2449 E. 40th Street. We need to celebrate each issues that resolved.



Renovation and Beautification



The Dirty Dozen Hunting Club is doing a great job to help improve the area by beautifying their build at 2424 E 39th Street



The Clark's Gas Station at 3845 N. Keystone Ave. gets in on the area beautification by painting yellow lines for parking on their lot.

The business at 3913 N. Keystone Ave has also joined in the beautification by adding a black fence. This lot use to be the biggest trash collector



Study Circle Action Meeting and Out Come

Problems

1. All neighbors don't participate
2. Appearance of businesses
3. Need to connect youth (all ages) within neighborhood
4. Able to identify renters from owners
5. City unresponsive, delay in responding
6. Trash-weeds, trash-weeds, trash-high weeds
7. Trash can handling
8. Lack of church, school & business involvement
9. Lack sense of safety
10. Speeding cars
11. Absentee/Careless landlords
12. Septic Tanks-Replaced
13. Standing water
14. Sidewalks

Action Items

1. Organize As a Community
2. Attack absentee Landlords with Letter
3. Vacant Lots
4. Youth Activities
5. Committees for Consistency
6. Organize Sport Teams
7. Share Info with CNN & Mailing Lists
8. Continue Sewer Issues
9. Truancy Action



We have been quiet long enough, so this is the start of opening our mouth and speaking out about the concerns of our neighborhood.



Kimberly Meal from INRC is always there to lean a helping hand.

Other changes on the Northeast side



The Moxel Sanders Homes is a public housing development located on the near north-eastside of Indianapolis. Constructed in 1948 is the process of being demolition



When it come to the solution, it starts with careful listening.



The issues in the neighborhood are the concern of young and old. It takes all of us to get involved to make a different.

We still have lot of work to do. We need to work with businesses in the area to pick up trash around their place. I worked all summer picking up trash around NAPA on 38 St. and cutting high weeds at the Hooks Fish & Chicken on 38 & Keystone Ave.

***Get on the bus
To***

National Underground Railroad

***FREEDOM CENTER
CINCINNATI, OHIO***

APRIL 1, 2008

\$40.00 A PERSON

LIMITED SEATING/ AGES 6-16

***TRIP INCLUDES: BUS TICKET TO FREEDOM
CENTER, SNACK AND KNOWLEDGE OF
THE CONTINUE STRUGGLE TO FREEDOM***

For more information contact: Bonita 542-0836

**KEYSTONE, MILLERSVILLE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

You are all invited to KMNA Annual
Christmas in January
January 8, 2008
Marion County Health Dept
6 - 8pm

Phone: 542-7662
Fax: 542-7662
Email: alma@indy.rr.com
Website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/indy/kmna/

*We Stand together striving to a clean & trash free
neighborhood. Striving toward freedom of drug and
crime and striving to unity and support of one another.*

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RSVP by January 5, 2008
To: Alma Trawick
542-7662
I need the total count**

KMNA Partners

Marion County Health Department
Coalition of Northeast Neighborhoods
The Dirty Dozen Hunting Club
United Northeast CDC

We need the following Committee Leaders

1. Youth:
Name _____ Phone _____

2. Senior:
Name _____ Phone _____

3. Activity Planner:
Name _____ Phone _____

4. Fundraising:
Name _____ Phone _____

Mail to : Alma Trawick, President
3842 N. Tacoma Ave Indianapolis, IN 46205

Cut this form out and mail with your check made payable to KMNA & mail to the address on the form

KMNA Membership/Partner Application

3842 N. Tacoma Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Association /Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Association Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax _____

e-mail _____

Date _____ Membership() or Partner ()

_____ Individual [\$10] _____ Company [\$25] Donation \$ _____