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Parchment

November / December 2008



Pets are remembered in many ways. Maryann Petrosino placed a metal plaque in her garden in remembrance of her cat Rudi, 1995-2008.

Pets bring joy and responsibility

By Tori Calvert

Pets can be a great addition to almost any family. Research has shown that caring for an animal can reduce stress and even lower blood pressure.

Did you know that some of the same services that you and your family use, from portraits to cremation, can also apply to your animal companions? Many photographers welcome pets, and some Indianapolis studios like Mad Lab Studio even specialize in painting pet portraits. Some funeral centers, like the Cremation Center of Indiana, offer services and memorials for animals, and businesses like All Pets Go to Heaven Crematory cater to pet owners. And just as your daughter or son might attend School 39, your dog can attend classes at the Humane Society of Indianapolis.

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Holy Rosary celebrates a century

By Rebecca Smith

As one of the namesakes of Holy Rosary / Danish Church District in Fletcher Place, Holy Rosary Church is an architectural example of the district's rich Italian heritage. Located at 520 Stevens St., the structure stands in an area that was settled by Italian immigrants from Sicily at the turn of the twentieth century. Today, the area's Italian influences are still celebrated in a church that took over 15 years to build.

Founded in 1909, Holy Rosary Church was the first Italian parish in Indiana. During the church's beginnings, parishioners met for services in a house on the same lot as the current church that served as both a chapel and a rectory. As the Italian population grew in Indianapolis and within the district, it was decided that the area warranted a new church.

Ground was broken in May 1911 for the church designed by Indianapolis native George V. Bedell, but after \$10,000 was spent on a basement and the foundation, the parish ran out of money. The basement was ordered to be roofed, and services were held in the basement until money was secured to continue with the church's construction. By 1920 a new plan for the church was submitted by J. Edwin Kopf (also spelled "Knopf") and

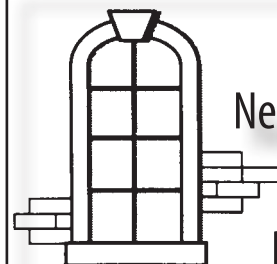


Kenneth K. Woolling (also spelled "Woolling"). While Bedell's design called for domed towers, Kopf and Woolling's building was modeled in the Italian Renaissance style and inspired by Rome's San

Giorgio in Velabro.

Construction began in 1923 and the brick and limestone structure was dedicated on May 3, 1925. The interior of the church was decorated with stained-

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Historic building houses Angie's Deli-Ex

By Frederick Frosch

One hundred and fifty years ago, automobiles and trucks were not traveling Virginia Avenue; wagons, however, and an assortment of other horse-drawn carts and conveyances were in abundance. The wheels for many of these wagons and carts were made in a shop at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and Stevens and Noble Streets (College Avenue was known as Noble Street back then), now bearing

the address of 641 Virginia Ave.

After the stint as a wagon-wheel shop, the building was home to a pharmacy, an art studio, and a variety of other uses. It's been home to Angie's Deli-Ex since February. It offers an assortment of healthy foods right there in the heart of Fletcher Place and Holy Rosary/Danish Church. The menu at Deli-Ex has already evolved to satisfy the tastes of its local customers, offering items like salmon salad

and a curry chicken salad sandwich. According to the staff, the best seller used to be the California salad, made with fresh greens, cranberries, walnuts and mandarin oranges; then the pizza arrived. Artichoke pesto pizza is a hit, but the most popular is pepperoni pizza with hand-tossed dough.

A visit to the Deli is well worth the trip. Strike up a conversation with owner Angie Phelps or her staff from the neighborhood and find out about catering services for your holiday event. While you sit back in this historic building and enjoy the reasonably priced food, you might even think you hear the sounds of those wagon wheels clattering down Virginia Avenue so many years ago.

Contact: Angie's Deli-Ex, 636-1500.



Board members work for you

Bill Lovejoy,
Greer Street

Bill is actually a two-time resident of Fletcher Place. After living on Wright Street from 1997-2000, he moved to Chicago, but missed life in downtown Indianapolis so much, he returned in 2005 and re-settled two short blocks away.

Bill is a vice president at Borshoff, a marketing and communications firm. He joined the board in 2005 because he believes that the best way to see the change you want is to participate in the process. Bill



Bill Lovejoy

chairs the Cultural Trail Committee and can't wait until construction starts on Virginia
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From the Editor

Keeping Fletcher Place beautiful

By Kathy McKimmie

To all the dog owners who walk their pooches while they follow along carrying a plastic bag, I say: thank you! Every time I see one of you considerate people I think of the Seinfeld episode where he ponders what the people from outer space might think. Who's in charge down there?

To all the kind people who not only bus their own property, but the surrounding area, I say: thank you! Your ongoing vigilance is appreciated year round.

Fletcher Place board secretary Jeff Miller organized the annual clean-up this year, timed to make the neighborhood look spiffy for the Italian Festival. He noted it was completed in record time because the neighborhood

was in such good shape. In effect he was saying: thank you all for your efforts!

But while there is much to praise in the neighborhood, we must also keep on top of problems that will only grow if ignored. And it's important to know who to call for help.

For those of you who live in the area of Fletcher Place that is regulated by the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission, you can report violations to Meg Purnsley at 327-4408, mpurnsle@indygov.org. Basically, most changes to the exterior of a building must be in keeping with the way things were done when the structure was built. Call before you make changes.

If there are high weeds or trash on a property, that can be reported to the

Marion County Health Department. The contact for our neighborhood is Pam Pipher, 221-3091.

If you feel a zoning ordinance is being violated, the zoning inspector for our area is Carmen Frye, cfrye1@indygov.org, 327-5543. This is an area that is dear to my heart of late because I am appalled with the epidemic of bench billboards that have populated our great city—including the one recently removed at Dunaway's. These are signs that fall within the city's sign ordinance. If they are on public property they can be removed by DPW. If they are on private property the owner will be asked to remove. But people need to report them!

Graffiti is of growing concern and should be removed immediately. Call

the Mayor's Action Center, at 327-4MAC, or visit www.indygov.org/mactoreport a problem. They also can take complaints on any issue from abandoned cars to trash in alleys to shrubs obscuring stop signs.

One last contact that residents should be aware of is the Mayor's neighborhood liaison for Fletcher Place, Dennis G.

Papenmeier. He can be reached at 327-5595.

We can all help keep Fletcher Place beautiful. We can plant a flower, pick up a beer can or call the Mayor's Action Center if something needs attention. The only thing we can't do is ignore the problem. If you have additional thoughts on keeping Fletcher Place beautiful, let us know.

Leader needed for Garden Club

Love gardening? If you are also willing to organize your fellow plant lovers into an active Fletcher Place Garden Club, we need

you. Contact Robb Biddinger at 631-2775 or biz-on-fletcher@sbcglobal.net and he will pass the mantle.

Parchment Holiday Schedule

Due to the holidays in December, please plan on getting ads and editorial submissions in early. The due date for the January/February 2009 issue of the Parchment is December 15, 2008. Publication will be a week or so after the New Year.

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Mayor's 'night out' includes Fletcher Place

As part of the popular "Mayor's Night Out" program, Mayor Greg Ballard visited the southeast side of town on October 27, arranged by his neighborhood liaison Dennis Papenmeier. It was a chance for residents to share success stories and concerns. The event began with a bus tour of the area for senior city officials and invited community leaders. The Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association was represented on the bus

tour by its secretary, Jeff Miller.

Miller shared the following FP issues with city officials:

- FP would benefit from Conservation Status for the HR/DC Historic District (citing the planned demolition of the historic building next to Villaggio for a swimming pool).

- Infrastructure needs, including the sidewalk in front of the Villaggio and the condition of Noble and

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Bocce League ends busy year

By Joe Giacoletti

The Fall Bocce League of the Italian Heritage Society concluded on October 14. There was play three nights a week during the five-week schedule with 48 teams playing. With weather as a potential factor, no tournament was scheduled.

Monday night winners were John and Amy Sticht, who beat Josh Patrick and Matt Ross in a playoff game. Both teams had eight wins and the exact same number of total points.

Tuesday winners were Sam and Ray Povinelli. Sam was the oldest player in the Bocce League at a young 92 years. On the final night of play, Vince Povinelli substituted for Ray and helped the team win.

Thursday night winners were Erin Troxel and Bill Vassiliou. They had a total of eight wins, as did Mimi Truex and Betty McColgan. In the total points tiebreaker, however, Erin and Bill had more points. The final winners from each night's play received Italian Heritage bocce plaques and gift certificates.

Look for the 2009 Spring League to start in mid-April. In the meantime, come out on New Year's Day for the pick-up bocce

games at 2:00 p.m. at the courts in Lacy Park. The two sets of bocce courts, built in 2002 and 2006, were officially dedicated this year in honor of Sam Povinelli and Phil DeFabis, longtime members of the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana, who were instrumental in getting the courts built.

These are the only public bocce courts in the city, but Indy Parks has plans for other courts in downtown neighborhood parks, following the model established by the Italian Heritage Society in Lacy Park.

Check www.italianheritage.org for spring dates and applications.

Dessert night in Fletcher Place

For the second year, a holiday social event will be hosted by Nick and Ronda Valiyi. All Fletcher Place residents are welcome to attend and are asked to bring a dessert and anything else they wish to share. The Valiyis will furnish the coffee and tea.

Relax during the

holidays and meet your neighbors. Dessert Night will be held Thursday, December 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 529 Fletcher Ave., next to Fletcher Pointe Condominiums. Mark your calendar.

Contact: Ronda Merryman-Valiyi, RMerryman@clarian.org.



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- 11 Fletcher Place Neighborhood Assoc. meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Economic Development Committee meeting, noon
Cultural Trail Committee, 6:00 p.m.

December

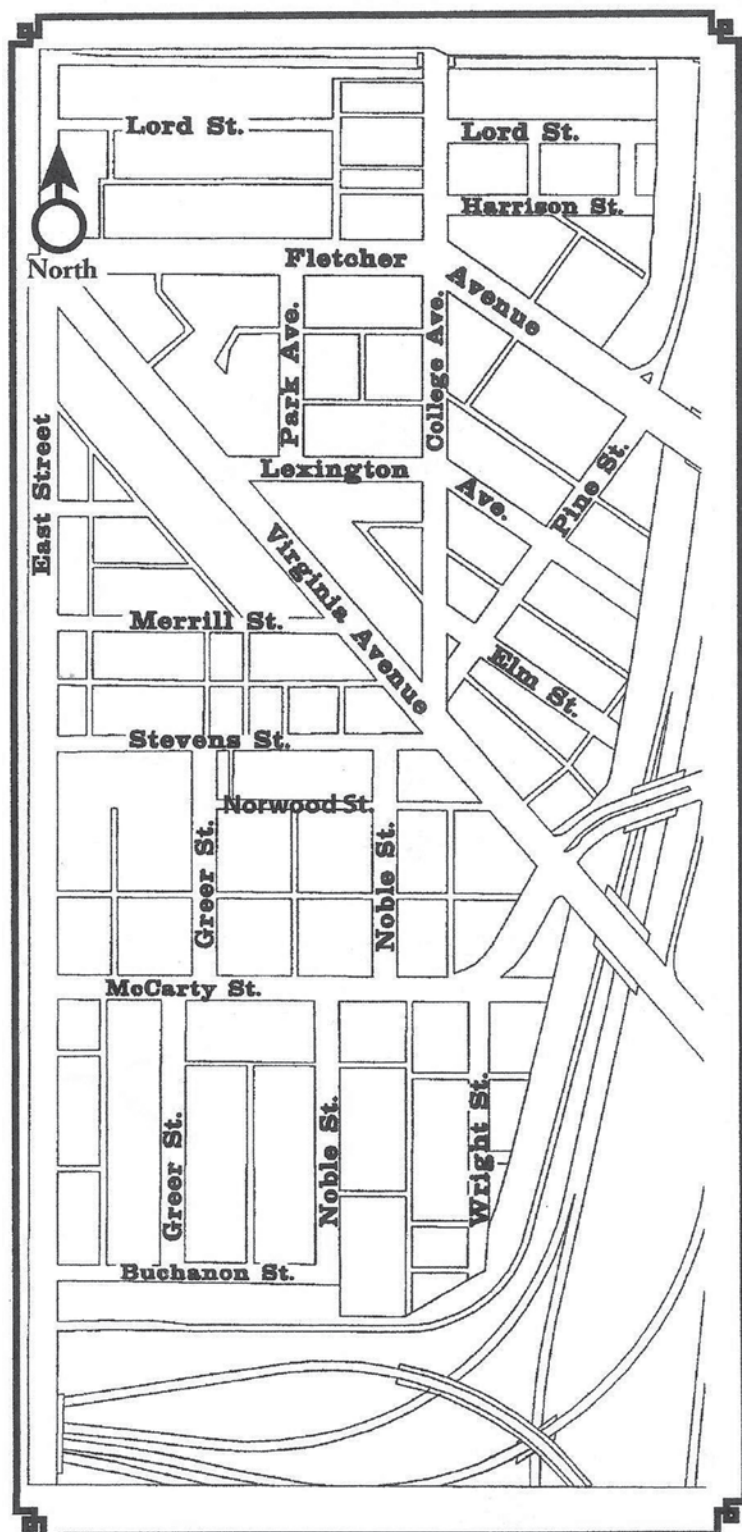
- 4 Dessert Night (see article), 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Fletcher Place Neighborhood Assoc. meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Economic Development Committee meeting, noon

January

- 1 New Year's Bocce, Lacy Park, 2:00 p.m.
- 13 Fletcher Place Neighborhood Assoc. Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Check www.fletcherplace.org for up-to-date listings.

Fletcher Place boundaries



Winding down the landscape

By B. Rosie Lerner

As the growing season comes to a close, there are still a few more chores that call the gardener to action. Mowing, watering, pruning and cleaning continue to beckon.

Lawns need mowing as long as the grass continues to grow, some years continuing through most of the fall. Newly planted flowers, trees and shrubs should be watered thoroughly every week or so right up until the ground freezes, especially if rainfall is lacking. Perennials, trees and shrubs all continue to lose water through the winter, so you want them to go into dormancy with plentiful moisture.

Fallen leaves should be recycled, either where they fall or transferred to another spot. Dry leaves can be mowed to bits, gathered for use as winter mulch or raked to the compost pile. Small leaves such as honeylocust may be left as is, but larger leaves such as oak and maple should be shredded to speed decomposition and prevent smothering.

Trees and shrubs should be assessed, but fall pruning should be restricted to removal of only dead or damaged limbs. Save major prun-

ing chores for late winter.

Winterize your gardening tools as freezing temperatures become the norm, by first giving them a thorough cleaning. Those steel wool scrubbing pads sold for cleaning barbecue grills are great for removing caked-on soil from shovels, hoes, trowels and spades. Scrub the blades and handles with soap and water, and allow them to dry completely before storing. Rub a little

linseed oil or similar protector over wood handles to keep the wood from drying and splitting.

Sharpen your tools now to ensure a quick start in spring when your gardening enthusiasm returns anew.

Drain water from garden hoses and sprinklers, and hang them to dry before coiling the hoses for storage. Hoses left outdoors during the winter are likely to crack

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Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association board meetings rotated locations in 2008. This photo was taken at the Dugout on Virginia Avenue.



Progressive dinner sizzles.



Rides await the crowds at the Italian Festival.



Cultural Trail Committee walks the proposed trail route in June.

year in pictures



Residential construction included a big new brick home on Cincinnati St.



Fab Friday, planned by Indiana Business College, was held in the parking lot of Impact Group on Virginia Avenue. The theme was Roaring '20s.



A garden walk in July.



Historic churches abound in Fletcher Place and were featured in Historic Landmarks' two tours this year. The old United Methodist Church is now luxury condos, but the Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith Church, (right) formerly the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church on McCarty Street, has been in continuous use as a church since 1872. Services were given in Danish until the 1950s.



Board

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Avenue next year. "It's going to change our neighborhood for the better, in a million different ways," Bill believes. "More and more people are coming to the meetings, which is fantastic. They're curious about it, and the

excitement is growing." Bill loves being back in Fletcher Place. "Chicago was an incredible experience, but I love my neighbors and my life here so much I had to come back. Being away made me truly appreciate how much we have in Fletcher Place."

Landscape

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and split, especially if they still have water inside. And while you're at it, now is a good time to replace washers and repair leaks while they are fresh in your mind.

Rinse and dry your fertilizer spreader and oil moving parts. Pesticide sprayers should be rinsed and allowed to drip dry before storing.

Store unused pesticides in their original containers with the label intact. Place all pesticides away from children's and pets' reach in either a locked cabinet or a storage shelf at least four feet off the ground and protected from both freezing temperatures and excessive heat.

When you are fairly certain your lawn has seen its last mowing for this season, its time to winterize the mower.

Check the owner's manual for your specific machine before you start.

Drain or stabilize the fuel. You can either run the mower until it is out of fuel, or fill the tank and add a stabilizer product.

Clean the blades/mowing deck. Scrape off caked on debris using that barbeque scrubber; use thick leather gloves to protect your skin from cuts.

Charge the battery. If your machine uses a battery, charge it now and repeat periodically through

winter.

Ah, now its time to enjoy some well-deserved R&R curled up next to the fireplace with your favorite gardening book!

Rosie Lerner is exten-

sion consumer horticulturist, Purdue University. Her helpful articles can be found in Gardening News at the Extension's Web site, <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/conhort.html>.

Night out

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Greer Streets.

- The damaging effects of heavy vehicular traffic on McCarty, including foundation problems at the Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith Church, built in 1872.

- Uncut grass at the Fletcher Avenue exit ramp from I-65.

The bus tour began in Garfield Park and

moved through several neighborhoods before stopping in Fountain Square at the Shelby Street Café for a bite to eat, then through Fletcher Place before returning to the Garfield Park Arts Center for an open "meet and greet" and question and answer period. Fletcher Place board member Doug Dilling joined in at this event.

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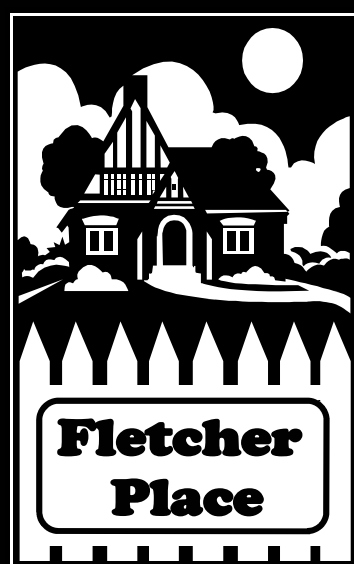



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"Here's a photo of my cat Ferdinand (sitting up), doing his best Jabba the Hutt impersonation. I stopped weighing him when he passed the 20-pound mark. I acquired Ferdie several years ago when a neighbor on my street moved and left him behind--in January. Ferdie is a certified therapy cat and loves everyone he meets. Jacques is "helping" me clean the pantry. My sister rescued Jacques, a.k.a. Jacques Cousteau, when he was a kitten from a drainage ditch filled with water. He was so thin when he was rescued that his bones stuck out. He is now 8 1/2 years old but still acts like a kitten."

Jennifer Martin, East Merrill Street



"I adopted Tink after finding her wandering around outside Peppy Grill over a year ago. She has a rough-around-the-edges alley cat attitude yet loves to have her face scratched or curl up on someone's chest for a nap."

Angie Calvert, Fletcher Avenue

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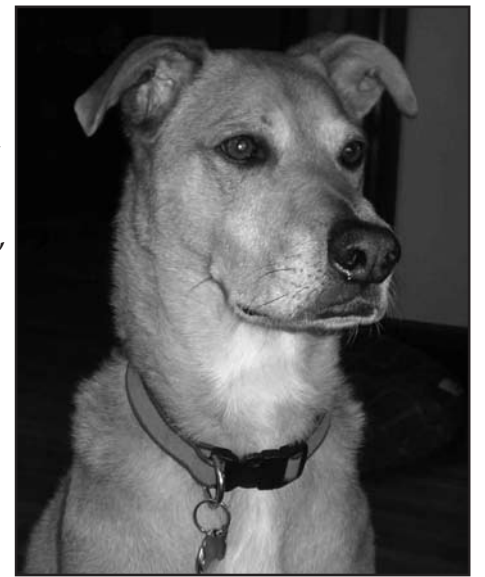
"You know, we have a shop cat named Fletcher and he is quite a cat, if I may say so! He lives in our building, and loves to meet everyone who visits."

Cynthia Buswell, Impact Group, Virginia Ave.

"Alex Cole is an 80-pound, mixed-breed dog who lives on Noble Street. He holds the AKC title of "Canine Good Citizen" and won two obedience awards.

He lives with two cats, Sasha and Hobie, and is obsessed with squirrels.

Jennifer Cole



"I inherited Tina, a 20-year-old African Grey Parrot, when my grandfather passed away this year. She has a few favorite phrases, including 'Talk to you later,' which she says when someone is leaving, and 'Good morning,' which she uses throughout the day. She also likes to sit on our porch and whistle at passersby."

Michael Dunn, Fletcher Avenue

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Holy Rosary

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glass windows and paintings of angels on either side of the main altar. The local Italian grocers helped to raise the \$8,000 needed to purchase the church organ. A school was opened for local parish children in 1924 and closed in 1957,

after which a school operated from 1957 until 1977 to prepare boys for priesthood.

While the building continues to operate as a church, it also functions as a place for social gatherings. Today, the Italian Street Festival is still hosted by the church,

and bocce ball leagues meet at the nearby Lacy Park. The church is currently undergoing major renovations to remove a false ceiling that was added in the 1940s. With the removal of the ceiling, stained-glass windows have been uncovered. The windows have been removed and taken away for cleaning and conservation before they will be placed back in the building. When the carpet in the sanctuary was removed, the historic pine floors were revealed. They will be refinished and left uncovered. Services are being held in the church basement during renovation, with the hope that work will be completed in time for Christmas services.

Holy Rosary Church continues as the legacy of Italian immigrants. To view more information about the church's history, services, and restoration, check out its Web site at www.holyrosaryindy.org.

Rebecca Smith is community preservation specialist for Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Indianapolis. Contact her at 639-4534 or central@historiclandmarks.org.



While removing the domed ceiling in Holy Rosary Church, covered up in the 1940s, sixteen cherub capitals were found, along with fifteen stained-glass windows.



Scaffolding filled the nave and sanctuary of the church in July.

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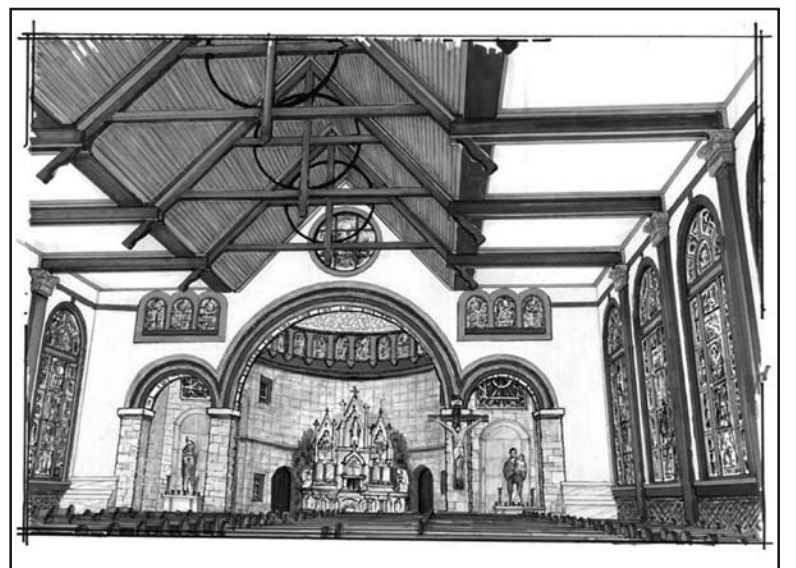
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Historic photos of the dedication of the church in 1925 (top) and after a major renovation in 1948 show the dramatic difference. The photos and the sketch of the church interior as it will look this Christmas are courtesy of Entheos Architects.

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717 Elm St., Vacant Lot, \$65,000, Sycamore Group, Joe Everhart, 722-4350
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501 Fletcher, Fletcher Pointe Condos, 2 units, \$1,485,000, Sycamore Group, Joe Everhart, 722-4250
526 Fletcher, \$724,900, New Construction, JBG Inc., Daniel Kriech, 842-0400
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723 Fletcher, 4 unit, \$79,000, Carpenter, Mary Jo Showley, 844-4400
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629 Stevens, \$112,000, Julie Beaubian, 634-5079
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435 Virginia, Villagio at Page Pointe, \$335,000 to 660,000, many Listed & PENDING, Carpenter, Donna Plummer, 745-1212

Neighbor

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the Fletcher family in particular. I have read the entire nine volumes of Calvin Fletcher's diaries as well as both novels written by Bruz Fletcher, Calvin's great nephew, a cabaret singer noted for his double entendre songs.

Mention something most people don't know about you.

Jim - That I won the "What's Good About America" literary competition in 1971, a contest that was supposed to show the good "conservative" side of modern youth (remember Nixon was still president, and Kent State had happened eight months earlier). I went to the governor's mansion to accept my award wearing peace beads and very long hair. My freestyle poem was very well received as well. I think minds were changed on both sides that day.

Georgia - I am on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana.

What do you want from the FP neighborhood association?

Jim - I would like to see the neighborhood association be a force assisting and setting direction for commercial development along East Street and Virginia Avenue (possibly creating landscaped medians such as existed there historically). Also, to see the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission plan updated and the Cultural Trail integrated into our neighborhood as a positive force.

Georgia - I appreciate the Web presence of the association along with

the FP Google groups. I would like to see the residents who rent become more involved with association efforts so that they feel ownership in our community as well. Another possibility might be to identify and undertake some projects that would help lower income and older residents improve their properties.

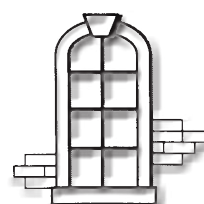


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Georgia Cravey and Jim Lingenfelter

By **Tori Calvert**,
Fletcher Avenue

Neighbors: Jim Lingenfelter and Georgia Cravey

Home: Lord Street

Bought: 1996

Moved in: 1998 after renovation

What do you value most about Fletcher Place?

Jim – The sense of neighborhood as a defined unit.

Georgia - The mark of the continuum of history on our neighborhood. I like to think about the layers of the past as evidenced by things like cobblestones

on Cincinnati Street, old roses dotting the neighborhood, giant catalpa trees, 19th century cisterns that get exposed occasionally during excavations and buildings that reflect the past like the barn behind Biz (formerly Laut Sheet Metal) and the hay hook that still hangs from the back units of the B&B apartments which was once a stable. What I like least is the litter, especially along our main arteries and in front of commercial buildings.

What would you like to see in the future of FP?

Jim - A neighborhood foundation to help fund and achieve goals.

Georgia - I hope that we can continue to preserve and develop neighborhood greenspaces. I would also like to see the neighborhood retain and increase its economic and cultural diversity. I would love to see a Fletcher Place dog park. And while I'm wishing, I wish for a weekend flea market like those in Berlin or Paris, a tango bar, a samba school, a dim sum palace, a tamale stand and a Fletcher Place gamelan orchestra.

What is your definition of community?

Jim - A place where even if you don't share values you respect the rights of others to have their own opinions and that they respect your right to yours in return.

Georgia - Group efforts for mutual benefit define community for me. I really appreciate neighborhood projects, both recreational and work opportunities. I love to participate in neighborhood cleanups. It's a chance to get to know neighbors and improve our living conditions at the same time.

What can you share with your neighbors?

We can share the chaos of our annual 4th of July party. And if you need hollyhock seeds, just ask.

If you get me started, I could talk your ear off about:

Georgia - Local history,
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Georgia and Jim sit on their front porch with their rescued stray dogs, Boozy and Bob.

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