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# Northside News

## 'Building a Vibrant Northside Community'

*Northside Neighborhood Association*

*February 2009 Issue*

### NNA Logo Contest

We are excited to announce the **Northside Neighborhood Association Logo Contest**. The NNA is hosting a competition to design a Logo that will represent our community.

- ♦ Submissions must be made by March 31, 2009 and can be sent via email to [northsideneighbors@yahoo.com](mailto:northsideneighbors@yahoo.com) or you may mail your submission to Northside Neighborhood Association, P O Box 5394, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5394 .
- ♦ The Logo must be clear & recognizable at a small size such as a letterhead.
- ♦ The Logo must be suitable for rendition in a monochrome version (black, grays and whites)
- ♦ The contest winning NNA Logo cannot be used, reproduced, posted or sold in any form or through any medium without the express written authorization of NNA. All rights to the logo and its use become solely owned by Northside Neighborhood Association
- ♦ The submittal shall include the artist's name, address, phone number, and email address.

We will post the winner in the next newsletter. There are no official prizes lined up, but hopefully the love and adoration of the Northside Neighborhood Association is prize enough!

**Membership Dues...** Time to Crack Open the Piggy Bank...Our membership cycle runs from January thru December of each year. **Thank you to those who have already paid your dues.** Membership to the NNA is \$10.00 per house, annually. We ask you to do your part to keep the neighborhood a vibrant, safe, caring place to live. Thank you to all who contribute each year. To renew your membership please send your check/money order to Northside Neighborhood Association, P O Box 5394, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5394 or you can pay your dues at the next meeting.

### 2009 Officers Elected

The Northside Neighborhood Association (NNA) elected its slate of officers for 2009 at its December 8, 2008, board meeting. The officers are as Follows: Gary Grossman, president; Cinder Keller, vice President; Reg Converse, secretary; Dan Wire, Treasurer; and Miriam Larmore, membership. Ellen Fox, Jay Bammerln, Joe Foy and Ed Graf are returning in the same positions they held in 2008. Newly elected members are Rodney Scott and Denise Kendrick. Audrey Stevenson, who served as treasurer and Jim Delaney who served as secretary resigned from the board. Audrey will continue to volunteer various services to the association. Both Jim and Audrey have done an outstanding job in their roles and the association would like to take this opportunity to thank Audrey and Jim for all their dedication, hard work and the long hours they have spent making our organization successful.

### February General Meeting

Our next general meeting is February 16, 7:00 pm at the Forest Park United Methodist Church, 2100 Kentucky Avenue.

Five graceful bridges lead into Northside. The restoration of the Tecumseh Street Bridge is to start soon. Restoration will close the bridge for a year. The project will include lowering the roadway under the railroad underpass. Bill Hartman from the County Highway Department will provide the latest information on the restoration. Included will be drawings of the finished project and the timetable for work plus street closures.

There will be a representative from I&M to discuss safety around power lines. The presentation will cover such things as automobile accidents, poles, and downed wires during emergencies such as following storms and bad weather. The representative will also be able to answer questions on use of generators during extended outages and some causes of outages that we may be able to help avoid. We will address the rebuilding of electric lines in the NNA area.

## From the Presidents Pen...

I was elected to be president by the Board in December. I have lived in the Northside Neighborhood Association since December 1985. Prior to being elected president, I have served on the Board for many years. My goals are to serve you and make our neighborhood even better. Please feel welcome to let me know your ideas and concerns.

The NNA is the largest and most active neighborhood association in the city. We are looking forward a new year with many NNA projects on the horizon. The NNA is a volunteer organization. Member involvement is critical to our success. We have a great neighborhood and intend to keep it that way. A great neighborhood doesn't just happen. Your input and volunteer activity is always valued. We have many opportunities for you to be involved. I am making a personal appeal for you to get involved. Get to know your neighbors and encourage them to get involved. See you at the General Meeting.

Gary G. Grossman

You may contact Gary by calling the help line 496-2080



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## Is your home a potential candidate for our next historic home tour?

The Northside Neighborhood Association's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Home and Garden Tour is set for Friday July 10th and Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. We have already had homeowners express interest in having their homes featured on the tour, but we need more.

***Please don't be shy.*** If you would like to show your home and or yard call Ed Graf 420-0406.

We can not have a successful home and garden tour without volunteers and we always could use a LOT more hands, so if you would like to volunteer to be a guide for a couple of hours on one of the days in one of the houses, or help with tickets at the park please call Ed Graf. **Volunteers get FREE admission to the home tour** and this is a great way to meet others in the neighborhood! Please get involved. Hundreds of people visit our neighborhood on Tour weekend, so let's show them all how proud we are of our homes and streets! Call Ed Graf 420-0406

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## Karen's Korner - 2nd District City Council Representative

On one of those little e-mails that make the rounds, I saw a cute comment from a child asking, "God, can you please give us a holiday between Christmas and Easter?" The long winter certainly drags on but if you look around there are enjoyable things we can do.

One such event is a special promotion by the Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball team on Friday, February 20. They are working with community groups to provide free tickets to young people for the game that evening. I have sponsored a block of 50 tickets for the game which are available to young people (and their chaperones) from the Northside Neighborhood on a first come, first served basis.

If you haven't been to a Mad Ants game, they are a lot of fun and it's very good basketball. The players are all trying to get into the NBA so they are talented and also play hard.

The point of this promotion is to give young people something fun and positive to do, so I hope that we can get all the tickets distributed. You can call the NNA Helpline to reserve tickets, and pick them up at the neighborhood meeting on Feb. 16.

So get a group of kids together and go to the game with my compliments.

Another event that is upcoming - not as much fun, but at least it will be indoors - is the first STATE OF THE 2ND DISTRICT SPEECH which will be Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m. at Psi Ote Barn Lower Level in Northside Park. In addition to what I promise will be a short speech, there will be plenty of time for discussing your questions and concerns about our city. Plus there will be cookies. Please come!

Stay warm,

Karen



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## Northside Neighborhood Clean Up & Tire Day

Saturday, May 9 marks the official Northside Neighborhood Clean Up & Tire Day. From 8 a.m. to 12 Noon, just about anything will be accepted, except hazardous materials, car parts, items containing Freon, electronics, oil-based paints, and food waste. The April newsletter will give further details, including the two locations (one north and one south) of large dumpsters where you may bring unwanted items and another location within the neighborhood where you can drop off unwanted car tires, preferably off their rims.

Volunteers are needed to staff the three sites. To help, please leave your name and phone number on the NNA Helpline at 496-2080.

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**Old House Landscaping Design**—March 25th, 7pm in the Theater, of the Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne. Tom Cain, Senior Urban Planner for the City of Fort Wayne, and one of our area's most knowledgeable experts in historic landscape design, will present one of our most popular programs. Join us for this program about the challenges and successes of renovating, updating and restoring historic city schools. This is a free program sponsored through the Cornelius O'Brien Lectures Series, of the Center for Public History in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Picking the Perfect Paint**—April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, at the Tecumseh Branch Library, 1411 East State Boulevard. Don Orban, Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Fort Wayne assists hundreds of homeowners each year in their quest for the perfect historic paint scheme. Join us as Don provides an introduction to the basics of picking great colors for every home, and for every style.

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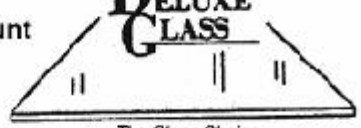
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## Cold Weather Tips From Fort Wayne City Utilities

Here are some suggestions from Fort Wayne City Utilities for protecting your home and water supply during extremely cold temperatures:

### Before freezing temperatures arrive

#### **Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas**

Wrapping pipes that run through unheated garages or crawl spaces can help prevent freezing. Use insulating tape and wrap it over the entire length of exposed pipe. You can also use molded flexible pipe sleeves. Cover all valves, joints, etc. with insulating tape of fiberglass insulation. You can find the supplies you need at a hardware or discount store.

#### **Protect your water meter**

If you have an outdoor meter located in a pit, be sure the lid is not broken or missing. Indoor meters located in an unheated area should be protected with an insulated box that is clearly marked. If the meter is in an unheated garage, keep the garage door closed to hold in as much warmth as possible.

#### **Eliminate drafts**

Close off crawl space vents and openings. Repair broken or cracked windows. Make sure basement doors and windows close tightly. Many of the green techniques that help to reduce your heating bill will also help to reduce the possibility that your pipes will freeze in cold weather. For example, caulk around door frames, windows and around pipes where they enter the house to reduce incoming cold.

#### **Locate the main water shut-off valve**

Most homes have a master valve or a main water shut-off that will allow you to turn off all the water coming into the house. The valve is usually located in a spot near where the main water line enters the house. If a pipe breaks somewhere in the house, you can turn off the water at this main valve. In preparing for cold weather, you may want to paint the shut off a bright color or tag it so that it's easy to locate in an emergency. Show other family members where the main water shut-off is located.


#### **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses**

This will allow the pipe that feeds the outdoor spigot to drain and can help to prevent a hard freeze from bursting the outdoor faucet or the pipe leading to it. Some homes have a shut-off valve for the outside faucet in addition to the main shut-off valve for the whole house. If there is a separate valve, shut off the water supply to the outside faucet. Drain and coil the hose, then store it in the garage or basement to prevent damage to it.


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Once a pipe has frozen, there is a very good chance that it will break or leak. If this happens, the first thing to do is shut off the water at the master shut-off valve as quickly as possible to prevent flooding and water damage. Unless you are an experienced do-it-yourselfer, you may need to call a plumber to repair the break or leak.



At the January the board meeting we discussed replacing some to the trees that have been lost in the Northside neighborhood. Rodney Scott researched the possibility. Below is a condensed version of the report Rodney sent to the board.

## ***Report on the City of Fort Wayne's Tree Program***

The tree-planting program for the City of Fort Wayne is a major activity within the city with a wide range of people involved. There are three different elements responsible for different parts of the tree planting in the community. One is Community Development; currently Tom Cain heads this up. They are focused on planting trees along our streets; they accept application for their programs. The City of Fort Wayne also has a Forester, Bill Diedric. Bill determines the health of our community trees and he has input into the best trees to be planted in a given area. The third group is the Parks Department. They plant a lot of trees but mostly within the park system.

There is a section of the city's web site they has some general information about their tree program. The web site does not seem to be current. As an example, they noted the request fee was twenty dollars but on the application it lists the price as thirty-five dollars. Even so, it is a place to start.

A person must live within the City limits, the trees are broad leaf trees, and cannot be placed on private property. The goal is to improve the shade and aesthetic of the community.


They have found that the most workable size in transplanting trees is between eight to fourteen feet tall with a trunk diameter of two inches.

There is a system for low-income individuals or households. It is possible they can receive free trees. The rate and scale is on the application. There are income guidelines. As example, a household of one must have income of less than \$34,350 or a family of four it would be \$49,050.

Cain talked about pruning trees. There is an internal struggle among many homeowners, the City, and the contracted tree services. Many people within the City believe that too much of the tree foliage is removed when pruning is done. It is one of the major reasons residents call the City to complain.

The City has a different view. They look at the recent ice storm that we had in the area. They noted that many of the branches that came down were decayed or weak. If the City had been able to address this issue properly, there would have been less of a problem. Also, when they have budgetary cuts one of the first things that are reduced is the tree pruning.

There is one issue related to the planting program. The City will replace a tree that did not survive. If you pay your thirty-five dollars and within the year the tree dies the City will come



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out and plant a new one. The homeowner needs to contact the City. They should not assume that they know the tree failed. Many times, the street department removed the dead tree or even the property owner. That information needs to go to the right person or department.

I did ask about what the Association could do to promote the planting of trees in our neighborhood. Two things Cain thought were important. Cain noted that there are fifty percent fewer trees in our parks today than there were in 1949. There is an organization called Friends of the Parks. They have been helping with planting trees, done the first week in November. The Association could connect with this group and help in this project.

The second thing is to lobby to our elected officials. Many would be strong supporters anyway, but sometimes they just need to hear it. Putting such things into writing is generally more powerful than verbal communications.

Neither the City of Fort Wayne nor any of its departments had a working relationship with the National Arbor Day Foundation. They do have some programs as well.

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## Free Dog House and Dog Care Items

If you are a family of limited income or you receive financial assistance, you may qualify to receive free care items for a currently owned dog. The program, called SCORE, is offered by Animal Care & Control by calling 427-1244 weekdays. Free items include a new doghouse, flea treatment, straw bedding, a new collar, and spay or neuter surgery. You must be a resident of the City of Fort Wayne to apply.

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## Congratulations to the Winners of the Christmas Light Contest!

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The Northside Neighborhood looked especially festive this holiday season with the many lights and displays placed throughout the area. It was simply impossible not to get into the Christmas spirit driving through the neighborhood with such wonderful sights! It was very pleasing to see that residents from various areas of the neighborhood put in their time and effort to add the extra sparkle to the Christmas Spirit. The "Elves" noticed many other homes in the holiday spirit and had a very difficult time judging. Thanks to everyone who decorated for the contest, (and to the elves who judged.)

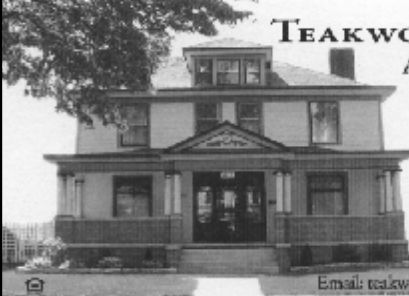
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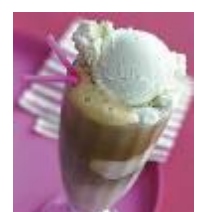
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The bill also extended tax credits for solar energy systems and fuel cells to 2016. New tax credits were established for small wind energy systems and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Tax credits for builders of new energy efficient homes and tax deductions for owners and designers of energy efficient commercial buildings were also extended. For more information visit:

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(Information was provided by the City of Ft. Wayne's Green City Newsletter.)

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### Concordia High School

#### Discover Concordia Evenings

The next Discover Concordia Evening will be Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. The format of the evening includes small group tours, a look at some of our outstanding programs, and a chance to meet with administrators. The evening concludes with refreshments and everyone receives an informational CLHS DVD. Come, Discover Concordia!

#### Music Man Next CLHS Production

Meredith Willson's *Music Man*, Concordia Lutheran High School presents *Music Man* in the auditorium on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

## CLHS band fundraiser with *Spike and the Bulldogs*

For the second year, the CLHS Bands have partnered with the very popular *Spike and the Bulldogs* for a special fundraising event. This event will help raise funds to support the endowment for instrumental music students wishing to attend Concordia, to purchase new musical instruments, and missions. Last year over 225 guests danced the evening away, while bidding on great auction items.

Tickets are available at the high school and are \$25.00 each, or you may download a form on the website [www.clhscadets.com](http://www.clhscadets.com). A limited number of tickets will be available. For more information, contact the CLHS Music Department at 260.483.1102 ext 198.

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#### Treasurer

Dan Wire

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Reg Converse

#### Membership

Miriam Larmore

#### Serving NNA...

Jay Bammerlin

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Denise Porter-Ross 427-2603

Neighborhood Liaison Officer

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Voice Mail 427-5400 ext. 5224

Ft. Wayne Police Desk Sergeant  
427-1222

Drug Tip Hot Line  
427-1262

Anti-Graffiti Hot Line  
423-6185

Animal Control  
427-1244

Information - 311

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### February

- 2/2 President Meeting
- 2/9 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2/16 General Meeting 7:00 pm Forest Park United Methodist Church
- 2/18 2nd District Community Meeting 7:00 pm (Psi Ote Barn Lower Level (Northside Park))

### March

- 3/2 President Meeting
- 3/9 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm

### April

- 4/6 President Meeting
- 4/13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4/20 General Meeting 7:00 pm Forest Park United Methodist Church
- 4/27 2nd District Community Meeting 7:00 pm River Lodge (Shoaff Park - enter the park and go straight back, past the golf course) the speaker will be Mayor Henry

### May

- 5/4 President Meeting
- 5/9 Neighborhood Clean Up
- 5/11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5/16 Great American Clean Up

### June

- 6/1 President Meeting
- 6/8 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/12 - 6/13 NNA Garage Sale
- 6/15 General Meeting 7:00 pm Forest Park United Methodist Church

### July

- 7/6 President Meeting
- 7/10-7/11 Northside 3rd Annual Home & Garden Walk
- 7/13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm



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