

# Smoke Signals

## Come Meet the Easter Bunny!

Grab your Easter bonnet, dust off those Easter baskets and hop on down to the pool area Saturday,

*April 11 at 10:00 a.m.* for the Annual IHRA Easter Egg Hunt. Coffee and donuts will be served. Come watch the kids forage for eggs and use the time to get caught up on all the news with your neighbors.

(The Nazarene Church is using the field on April 4 which is why our egg hunt is scheduled for April 11.)



## IHRA Directory Update

Please hunt up your *Directory* and add the following phone number for **Chris Workman** - 325-0240. Thanks!

## The Welcome Mat

The following folks recently moved into Indian Hills. Please take a moment to add them to your IHRA Directory.

**Brian and Elaine Wiland,  
866 Litchfield Court.**

Welcome- we're glad you chose our community to make your home. If you have any questions about the neighborhood, just ask your neighbors or contact any of the Executive Board (see last page for contact information.)

## Pool & Tennis Time is Right Around the Corner

The 2009 Swim & Tennis applications are now available. If you are receiving the e-mail version of *Smoke Signals*, the applications are attached as PDF documents. Just print them off, fill them out, write your check, send them to Bob Jacobsen, then sit back and wait for the warm weather. Let the fun begin!!!!

## Crime Alert

The newsletter just wouldn't be complete unless we included reports of crime at Antrim Park

. A man reported someone broke into his minivan while parked at Antrim Park *January 12* between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. The thief broke a window causing \$400 in damages and stole a set of golf clubs valued at \$600. (If the victim is reading this newsletter - you're in luck because one of our residents has some clubs for sale - see below).

A woman reported that her car also was broken into on *January 12* around 4 p.m. Damage to two doors and a window was estimated at \$1,000 and a \$20 compact disc was stolen. (From: *Northwest Columbus News*, 1/21/09).

On *February 13* around 11:45 a.m. a thief broke the driver's side window of a woman's car, taking her purse, including credit cards, her checkbook and \$20 in cash. (From: *Northwest Columbus News*, 2/18/09).

A woman reported someone broke into her vehicle on *March 9* around 12:55 p.m. Her purse and a credit card were stolen. (From: *Northwest Columbus News*, 3/18/09).

Lastly, a woman reported her car broken into between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. *March 13*. Damages included a broken window at \$300 and \$20 in cash was taken along with personal items. (From: *Northwest Columbus News*, 3/25/09.)

Apparently, your car is not real safe if you are going to park at Antrim at lunch time or in the late afternoon.

### In Remembrance

Condolences are extended to Bobbie May-Gross of Winstead Road whose daughter **Allyson Marie Gross**, age 24, passed away unexpectedly January 20. Allyson graduated in 2006 from Ohio University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. She was employed at Hubert & Huntsman and at Cameron's in Linworth. In addition to her mother, Allyson is survived by her sister, Lauren, her father, grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

Condolences also are sent to the family of **Paul Hickfang** of Stoney Creek Road. Paul, age 82, an avid supporter of Opera, passed away on February 8. He leaves behind his wife Laura Lee, sons Chase and Gerry, daughter Carrie Lee and three grandchildren.

## Annual Garage Sale Set for May 9

Have you been sitting in your house all winter looking at years of accumulated stuff? Have you vowed that come Spring you are going to rid your house of any and all unwanted, unused or unneeded possessions? Well, today is your lucky day!

If you have been harboring all sorts of unused and unwanted items, you'll want to start cleaning out your garage *now* in anticipation of the IHRA Annual Garage sale. What better time to rid your household of those gently-used objects that are starting to collect dust.

If, by some chance, you do not have any stuff to sell, you'll still want to mark your calendar so you can amble around the neighborhood and look at other people's stuff. You may just find things you didn't even *know* you needed when you embarked on your stroll. And you'll probably be able to purchase items at a fraction of their original cost - proving yet again what a smart shopper you are!

## Recent Home Sales

*The Columbus Dispatch* (1/18/09) reported the sale of **959 Spring Grove Road** for \$279,995 and the Auditor's website reports the sale of **866 Litchfield Court** for \$250,000.



## 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!

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

**989 Greenridge**, Real Estate Ohio, Jim Mayo, 523-4015,  
[housemouse@rroho.com](mailto:housemouse@rroho.com)

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

**5905 Rocky Rill**, RE/MAX, Rick Benjamin, 296-5525, 436-0330

**6000 Winstead Road**, Craig King Realty Group, 614-488-3230

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

**Walter McParlin** has a 10" Craftsman circular saw with extras he would like to sell for \$200 and 3 pairs of fishing waders available at various prices. Now if the truth be told, there is no *bad* time to buy power tools - you can never have too many - at least that's what my Dad always told me. And now is an *excellent* time to buy those fishing waders. If you're not ready just yet to ford streams, you can use them to wade around Antrim Lake or if your basement floods, they're just the thing for rummaging around in a water-filled area. Contact Walter at 885-5051 or at: [WMcparlin@aol.com](mailto:WMcparlin@aol.com).

The rumor on the street is that Spring has arrived and what better time than to think about golf. Maybe you've always wanted to take up the game, but didn't have any clubs. Or maybe you have clubs but they do nothing to help release your inner golf pro. Well, you're in luck! **Herb Schupp** has the following items for sale:

- Adaims Redline 10.5° Driver 46" long with Aldila NVS Stiff Shaft – \$45
- Adaims Redline 10.5° Driver 46" long with Aldila NVS Stiff Shaft – \$35
- Warrior 10° Driver 46" long with Harrison stiff shaft (used only two rounds) – \$35
- Cleveland 15° #3 Metal Fairway with Launcher Gold Stiff Shaft – \$35
- #5 Fairway Metal 18° with Apache Shaft – \$20
- #7 Fairway Metal 23° with Apache Shaf – \$20
- Warrior Hybrid 20 ° with Harrison Shaft – New – \$20
- A set of Henry Griffiths irons, 5 through GW, ultra light stiff shafts – \$40
- A set of CER irons, 5 through GW, regular shafts – \$59 (these are a Golfsmith product and play extremely well)

And so you'll have something to hit with those clubs, Herb has a variety of used balls in good to excellent condition, as follows:

- PPOV, Pro VIX, Callaway Black, Nike One – \$9/dozen
- Noodle, Nike Power - Soft, Callaways, NXT, NXT our - \$5 - \$6/dozen
- Lots of others - \$2 - \$3/dozen

Contact Herb at 436-3158 if you're interested.

If you have items to sell, swap or give away contact the editor, Elizabeth Aino at (848-3226 or [eaiono111@gmail.com](mailto:eaiono111@gmail.com)) for inclusion in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*.

## E-mail versus Snail Mail

Remember, it's not too late to start getting *Smoke Signals* by e-mail. If you act *now*, you will receive the next issue electronically. So, put this task on your "To Do" list before you forget. If you contact Bob Jacobsen within the next *60 minutes* not only will you be able to cross this item off your "To Do" list, but you will be filled with an inner peace and calm knowing you did the *right* thing.

Just send your e-mail address to Bob Jacobsen, aka the "Official Keeper of Indian Hills E-mail Addresses" at: [jake\\_43235@yahoo.com](mailto:jake_43235@yahoo.com).

Oh, and lest we forget, a big *thank you* to all of you submitted your e-mail addresses after our last plea. We do appreciate it and can sense your inner peace and calm!

## Support Your Local Economy

Looking for a particular service? Why not call upon your neighbors who stand ready to help. If you have a service to offer that you wish to include in the Summer issue of *Smoke Signals*, please contact the Editor by the next deadline (see last page).

- \* **Avon Sales**, Toni Magora, 888-8833, [tmagora@hotmail.com](mailto:tmagora@hotmail.com)
- \* **Math and Reading Tutoring (grades K-5)**. Mary Lewis, 580-4083
- \* **Cake Decorating (any occasion)**, Mary Lewis, 580-4083

If you need babysitters, pet care givers, or yard workers please consider contacting the following Indian Hills families:

### Babysitting



Barney - 888-0521  
Colasurd - 436-4422  
Deehan - 846-3471  
Defenbaugh - 433-7023  
Heer - 781-0331  
Knox - 885-2899  
LaMonte - 888-4931  
May-Gross - 846-1399  
Montgomery - 841-1241

Moore - 430-9533  
Petman - 854-0905  
Prange - 846-3266  
Scott - 438-4133  
Smalldon - 847-3845  
Smucker - 846-8552  
Willer - 847-5908  
Williams - 430-0636



## Pet Care



BriecK - 985-1715  
Colasurd - 436-4422  
Deehan - 846-3471  
Defenbaugh - 433-7023  
Dorsky - 848-7879  
Heer - 781-0331  
LaMonte - 888-4931

McDowell - 888-1703  
Moore - 430-3854  
Prange - 846-3266  
Smalldon - 847-3845  
Smucker - 846-8552  
Steele - 854-0057  
Willer - 847-5908



## Yard Work

BriecK - 985-1715  
Colasurd - 436-4422  
Defenbaugh - 433-7023  
Heer - 781-0331  
Montgomery - 841-1241  
Moore - 430-3854

Prange - 846-3266  
Schultz - 436-3949  
Smalldon - 847-3845  
Willer - 847-5908  
Williams - 430-0636

**Just a note to pet care people, baby sitters, yard workers and snow removers.....**if you no longer provide these services please contact the Editor (848-3226 or [eaino111@gmail.com](mailto:eaino111@gmail.com)) so your name can be taken off the list and you won't be besieged with calls from neighbors looking for these services. Thanks.

## Does Anyone Know????

**Elizabeth Aino** is looking for a person or company who can repair or possibly replace an aging, decrepit split rail fence, preferably before it completely falls down into her neighbor's yard. If you can help please contact Elizabeth at: 848-3226 or [eaino111@gmail.com](mailto:eaino111@gmail.com). Thanks.



If you are you looking for a particular service (e.g. plumber, electrician, etc.) and want to list it in the next issue of *Smoke Signals* contact the Editor (who just happens to be the person with the falling down fence - see above). Thanks.

And, last but not least, if you have had a good experience with a craftsperson and/or home improvement-type company and would be willing to share their name(s) with other residents, please contact the Editor. We'll publish a list identifying the type of craft involved, e.g. interior painter, plumber, etc. and hook up the folks who need these services with the folks who have used these services. What a deal - eh?

## Have You Signed Up Yet????

### The Answer to Your Yard Waste Prayers is Just a Phone Call Away

To save money the City of Columbus announced in late January that it was canceling its contract with Rumpke to collect yard waste. (This action does *not* affect recyclables.)

So, what's a person to do now? Excellent question! The Indian Hills Residents Association has made arrangements with CMI Waste Removal Service to pick up yard waste curbside every week for a fee of just \$10 per month. Service began March 9. Our pickup day is *Monday* - very convenient. So now you can do yard work all weekend from sun up til sun down and on Monday all those bags and cans of leaves and brush and foliage will miraculously disappear. But, you have to call to start the service. So, if you're interested call CMI at 614-833-4612 and mention Indian Hills. If they're not available, they'll call you back. CMI will bill you every other month (\$20 six times a year).

If you choose not to participate in this voluntary program, you may take your yard waste to the following drop-off centers:

- ☀ Com-Til (the city's compost facility at 7000 Jackson Pike on the South Side) accepts tree limbs.
- ☀ Kurtz Brothers accepts leaves, grass clippings, small branches and Christmas trees (which hopefully you've already disposed of by now) at its facility at 2850 Rohr Road, Groveport. The company also takes homeowners' yard waste at 6055-C Westerville Road, Westerville and 6279 Houchard Road, Dublin.



☀ Lastly, Ohio Mulch takes yard waste at 4120 Roberts Road on the West Side. It also accepts yard waste in recyclable paper bags at 4665 Westerville Road, on the Northeast Side; 1600 Universal Road, on the South Side; 7320 Industrial Parkway, Plain City; 7765 Refugee Road, Pickerington; 840 S. Columbus Street, Lancaster; and 537 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, Blacklick.

If you forego the CMI pick ups, now would be a *great* time to create that compost pile you've always dreamed of. In addition, you may want to think about mulching the grass instead of bagging. It's better for the grass and for the environment.

## What You Should Know About Snow Plowing in Indian Hills

by Bob Jacobsen, IHRA Treasurer

A couple years ago, the IHRA Executive Board made the decision to spend some of our money – your money – to pay for a snow plowing service in Indian Hills. We're not required to do it. The City of Columbus is responsible for this function, but City plows get to us sometime between late and never. Our decision to plow has been overwhelmingly popular, but "perfect" service is a tall order.

Our plowing service is automatic at a predetermined snow depth. The provider has customers other than us. We won't always be first, nor will we always be last. The plow will get to us. Please be patient.

It's not always possible to plow down to bare pavement, and you can't plow ice. Our provider will apply salt/deicer as necessary and when temperatures allow.

Plowing will not necessarily be curb to curb. Our provider will come as close as possible, but must deal with corners, curves, parked cars and so forth.

Plowing does not mean removal. The snow and slush will not literally disappear. It must go somewhere. On public streets such as ours, generally the plows will move in the direction of traffic. But whatever the plow's direction, the end result is half the snow pushed to one side of the street and half to the other. (Cul-de-sacs require a bit more "art".)

Inevitably, therefore, some snow will be plowed up onto the edges of your yard and driveway. It will be plowed onto and over the storm sewer drains on the streets and the curb outlets of your gutter and downspout drain lines. It may be plowed toward your mailbox. This is unavoidable and simply the way it goes.

It remains the responsibility of each resident to clear their own driveway, and clear their mailbox area, drain line outlets, and storm drain if necessary.

## The Eyes Have It or Could Have It

When you open your dresser drawers are you faced with old eye glasses that have been accumulating for years on end? Have you sworn that this is the year you are going to find a good cause and donate them? Well, we're gonna make it easy for you. Now you can help yourself *and* help others at the same time. That's sure to get you mega karma points - right? Read on....

**Tom O'Mahoney**, 950 Greenridge Road, is helping out SVOSH - **S**tudent **V**olunteers of **O**ptometric **S**ervices to **H**umanity at the Ohio State University College of Optometry. SVOSH's goal is to offer eye exams and glasses to folks who otherwise would not be able to get the care they need. This year about 45 students, technicians and optometrists will travel to Ecuador for four days. Each patient is given an exam, corrective lenses, medicine if necessary and a pair of sunglasses. For some patients this will be the only eye care they receive in their lifetimes.

So, where do all these glasses come from? The students gather the glasses that have been donated in large part by Lions Clubs and optometry offices throughout Ohio. They examine, clean and check the prescription of each pair to ensure patients receive high quality glasses. Other supplies are donated by businesses and travel expenses are paid for with public donations.

How can you help? All you have to do is scour the house to find those old glasses and sunglasses. Then call or e-mail Tom at: 436-3655, [tkomahoney1@yahoo.com](mailto:tkomahoney1@yahoo.com). Aside from the house scouring and the phone call or e-mail you send, Tom will do all the work. What a guy! He'll make sure that the glasses get to SVOSH and you won't even have to leave the

comfort of your family room. Maybe your friends and relatives would also like to participate. Then they too will feel that sense of satisfaction which comes from decluttering their house and helping out a good cause.

## Friendly Neighbor Reminders

On-going reminders....

- 🌐 With improving weather upon us, outdoor recreation is on the minds of many. We remind everyone that long-term parking or storage of *boats, trailers, RV's, motorhomes, utility trailers*, and the like is prohibited by both City Code and Indian Hills Restrictive Covenants. Such vehicles may not be parked or stored on the street, on a driveway, or in a yard or lot. They may be parked/stored if wholly enclosed in a garage. We thank our residents for their cooperation.
- 🌐 If you're out walking the streets (so to speak) at night or early in the morning be sure you wear something that makes you visible to drivers. Remember - safety first.
- 🌐 Keep your speed to 25 miles per hour on all Indian Hills streets. If you must speed, please go to a race track or to some other neighborhood (only kidding)!
- 🌐 Keep your streets litter free - pick up trash when you come across it.
- 🌐 Don't be a target for thieves - ask your neighbors to pick up your weekly papers if you are going to be away.
- 🌐 Check out the Indian Hills website at: [www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/ihra](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/ihra). This site includes archived *Smoke Signals*, our Code of Regulations & Deed Restrictions (see "About Our Association"), financial statements, neighborhood discussion and links to other useful sites.
- 🌐 Lastly, please, please, please be sure to hide away your lovely green trash can - either in the garage or to the side of the house. If it sounds like we're begging, well we are. Thanks!

## Help Needed - Act Now!

Have you been sitting around this past winter just wondering how you could contribute more to the betterment of Indian Hills? Have you wanted to get involved in a meaningful activity? Do you enjoy working in the garden? Do you relish being outside communing with nature? Would you like to help make our community even more beautiful? Then, we have the *perfect* job for you.

**Lynn Moore** needs help maintaining the entrances. Soon, it will be time to plant a few annual flowers, weed, trim, water and spruce up these important areas of our neighborhood. You can work alone or grab a neighbor or two and spend some quality time banishing the flower beds of those pesky overgrown weeds.

Where else can you name your own hours, work at your leisure and get the satisfaction of seeing *immediate* results? It just doesn't get any better than this. And the pay - oh wait - we don't compensate volunteers in actual money. But, the accolades you will receive from your neighbors when they learn that *you* had a hand in beautifying the community certainly is pay enough - right?

So, please don't delay. Contact Lynn at: 430-3854 or [Lynngenemoore@wowway.com](mailto:Lynngenemoore@wowway.com). Remember, the first to respond will get their choice of entrances. So, grab those garden gloves, dig out those trowels, sharpen those clippers and call Lynn. You'll be glad you did and so will we!

## Kudos to Joan, Jerry, Kristen & Bob

Thanks go out to **Joan and Jerry Defenbaugh** for hand delivering the January issue of *Smoke Signals* on one of the coldest days of the year. Joan's idea for a flyer encouraging residents to register their e-mail addresses certainly paid off! Thanks, too, for the calendar magnet! Thanks also go to **Bob Jacobsen** for helping to hand deliver the April issue of *Smoke Signals*.

A belated thank you goes to **Kristen Zerkle** who also braved the cold temperatures to take pictures of the homes that placed in the holiday decorating contest.

*These folks make our community a better place to live!*

**RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS STATEMENT**  
**Indian Hills Residents Association, 10/1/08 thru 3/23/09**

**INCOME ACCOUNTS**

Annual Fees	22,425.00
Association Memberships	1,250.00
Interest & Dividends - IHRA	<u>0.77</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>23,675.77</b>

**EXPENSES**

Entrances	752.90
Common Grounds	50.00
Postage	234.10
Printing	435.55
Utilities - IHRA	1,180.17
Office Expense	61.75
Bank Charges - IHRA	50.00
Taxes	2,280.21
Misc. Expense - IHRA	95.89
Maintenance & Repair- IHRA	2,721.69
Activities	370.24
Directory	336.27
Snow & Ice Removal – IHRA	2,004.78
Payroll & Payroll Tax - Swim	917.25
Utilities - Swim	1,772.57
Utilities - Tennis	<u>180.40</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,443.77</b>
<b><i>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</i></b>	<b><i>10,232.00</i></b>

**BALANCE SHEET****Indian Hills Residents Association, 10/1/08 thru 3/23/09****ASSETS****CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS**

IHRA Checking	15,743.77
IHRA Cap. Impr. Fund	19,246.81
Swim Checking	5,694.41
Tennis Checking	<u>240.08</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; BANK ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>40,925.07</b>

**OTHER ASSETS**

Tennis Improvement – '01	1,170.00
Entrance Improvement - '99	13,374.80
Pool Improvement - '99	1,100.00
Pool Improvement – '01	1,381.25
Pool Improvement – '02	3,046.24
Tennis Improvement – '05	6,249.00
Pool Improvement – '05	1,075.00
Pool Improvement – '06	4,045.93
Pool Improvement – '07	2,754.21
Pool Improvement – '08	4,089.00
Entrances Improvement – '08	3,848.34
Fixed Assets - Parking Lot	<u>25,212.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CAP. IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>67,345.44</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION</b>	<b><u>35,577.63</u></b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>31,768.14</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>72,693.21</u></b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY****LIABILITIES**

Bonds - Swim	3,500.00
Bonds - Tennis	<u>3,100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>66,093.21</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY****72,693.21**

## **Board Members**

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## **Calendar**

<b>April 11</b>	Easter egg hunt
<b>May 9</b>	Garage Sale
<b>June 30</b>	Deadline for Summer issue of <i>Smoke Signals</i>

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