

Smoke Signals

Celebrate the 4th of July at Indian Hills

Kid's Bike Parade

- ☼ 9:00 am: Kids bring your bikes down to the common area of the pool. We will decorate the bikes for July 4th.
- ☼ 10:30 am: We leave from the pool and make a few laps around the neighborhood for our Bike Parade. Be sure and watch for the parade coming down your street and be on hand outside to cheer on the kids on their nifty bikes!



Fun and Games at the Pool

- ☼ 2:00 pm Join the festivities at the pool for lots of fun games and prizes!

Cookout at the Pool

- ☼ 4:00 pm: Come join the fun at the pool and take part in a cookout. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for sale. You may want to bring something to share with the other celebrants, e.g. chips, pretzels, cookies - anything that won't spoil. And, if you're so inclined, feel free to bring your own "spirits" (in a cooler - cans only, no glass). If you're not a pool member but want to swim, guest fees are only \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. See you there!

The Welcome Mat

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

Cindy Elson
989 Greenridge

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.)

Easter Egg Hunt an Eggstraordinary Success

So, you didn't make it to the Easter Egg hunt. Well, you missed a hopping good time. The weather cooperated and the sun shone brightly for this Annual event. Kids of all ages, their parents, grandparents and friends wound their way down to the pool area on May 11 for the gala event. The Easter Bunny (**Tim Dondero's** alter ego) was on hand to greet the children and to lead them to the common area behind the pool where the candy was hidden. Coffee and donuts hit the spot on this bright, but breezy morning.



Thanks go to **Kristen Zerkle**, Activities Chair and her auxiliary bunny helpers, **Jane Matyac**, who assisted with the planning and to **Tim Dondero**, who bears a close resemblance to the Easter Bunny!



Crime Alert

The month of April will go down in the history of Indian Hills as the month of car break-ins. During the evening of Sunday, April 19 or early Monday, April 20, six break-ins were reported on Tulip Hill (1), Greenridge (2), Lynbrook(2), and Winstead (1). In at least several of these instances, the vehicles were left in the driveway unlocked. Cars were ransacked and one vehicle had a number of tools taken.

For your safety and the safety of your vehicles and possessions, please remember to keep your cars locked. Also, please keep your exterior lights, including lamp posts on *all* night to deter hooligans and ruffians from making your home their next target.

And, last but not least, there were yet more break-ins at Antrim Lake parking lot. On May 11 between 2:25 and 3 pm. a vehicle window was broken causing \$500 in damage, a \$400 purse was taken, a \$50 wallet and a number of personal items. On June 10 between 3:15 and 4 pm a wallet and other personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

How's Your Apron?

Is the apron at the end of your driveway crumbling into a mass of pebbles and stones? Do you fear that one day you will drive over it and you *and* your car will sink below sea level? Have you been meaning to do

something about this dangerous eyesore but just haven't gotten around to it?

Well, listen up homeowners -- **Barbara Endter** on Litchfield Court found herself in the same situation and decided to rectify it. She talked to a company who is willing to do the work for a reasonable price. However, they may be able to give an even *better* price if they come into the neighborhood and work on a bunch of homes at once. Makes sense, eh? So, Barbara has taken this on as a summer project.

If you are interested in participating, call Barbara by *July 15* at 888-4483. She'll do all the work - well, not the *actual* work but she'll contact the company with the number of folks interested and obtain a final quote. Saving money is a good thing and so is improving the curb appeal (no pun intended) of your home. So, don't delay - it doesn't get any easier than this! All you have to do is make a phone call, schedule the work and then pay the piper (the contractor in this case).

Garage Sale Sees a Flurry of Activity

The neighborhood was a bustle of activity on May 9 during the Annual Indian Hills Garage Sale. There seemed to be a record number of families participating and a record number of buyers. At times, it was a downright challenge to enter the neighborhood by way of Olentangy River Road. Take a look at some pictures - maybe you visited one of these homes during the sale.





Corn Hole Tourney Benefits Pool

May 30 was the date of the big Cornhole Tournament. With only 12 entrants, the tourney had a major emphasis on *quality* over *quantity*. And, the pool is now \$60 richer!. Thanks to all who entered and to everyone who came out to see the competition.

Jeff
Lensmire
&
Tim
Dondero



Craig Clifton & Brett Coleman



And the winners are Jeff Lensmire & Craig Clifton



“Floating Flix” Kicks off Summer Season

Friday, June 19 was the first “Floating Flix” show of the year, featuring “Hotel for Dogs.” At \$2 admission this is a true bargain considering you have access to the pool too. **Tammie Dondero**, Pool Chair, plans to have another poolside show later in the season. The date and movie to be shown will be announced by e-mail.

Mayor to Address Proposed Income Tax

Mayor Coleman plans to address the Northwest Columbus residents regarding the proposed income tax increase to be put on the ballot in a special August election. The meeting will take place on *July 15, 2009* at the Carriage Place Recreation Center, 4900 Sawmill at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Thanks to **Rosemarie Lisko** for providing this information.

Want to Get Together????

Let's say you live alone and you want to do something but you wish you could join others in the neighborhood in that activity? Now that summer is in full swing, maybe you'd like to walk around Antrim Lake, take your dog for a walk in the neighborhood, go bike riding, get together to play cards, participate in a Book Club or join others for a TGI Friday cocktail. A lot of times it's nice just to have another resident to do these things with, especially if you are single. Besides, unless you're playing Solitaire, a rousing game of Bridge or Hearts is difficult and not nearly as much fun if you're playing alone.

Okay, so what's a person to do? **Patti Villari**, has volunteered to coordinate activities of mutual interest. Here's how it would work -- if you are interested in playing bridge, walking at a certain time at night, etc. etc. contact Patti. She will gather the info and try to find one person in that group to plan that activity. Pretty simple, eh?? So, all you need to do is give Patti a call at 310-5942, (H), or send her an e-mail at pvillari@columbus.rr.com. Who knows, this may be the start of some beautiful friendships!

Recent Home Sales

The Franklin County Auditor's office lists the sale of the following homes:

989 Greenridge for \$300,000.

5855 Rocky Rill for \$190,000



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!

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

5963 Tulip Hill, Keller Williams Capital Partners, JoAnne LaBuda, 431-9111, jlabuda@kw.com

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

5812 Rocky Rill, Chris Reed, 317-5594, www.casasantarealty.com

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

880 Greenridge, Mindy Farwick, Keller Williams, 329-4337, mfarwick@kw.com

950 Spring Grove, Keller Williams Capital Partners, Erik Hiss, 431-1770, ehiss@kw.com

865 Litchfield Court, Keller Williams Capital Partners, Cynthia MacKenzie, 846-8877, cy@cymack.com

5924 Litchfield, For Sale by Owner, 740-517-3569, www.owners.com, JJJ7298

Kudos to.....

The Carseys, Rocky Rill; the **Stotzers**, Rocky Rill; the **Goslows**, Sedgwick; the **Smuckers**, Sedgwick; and the **Tiemans**, Olentangy River Road for the use of their hoses and water to help maintain the entrance plantings. And a big thank to to **Sandy Hindall**, Olentangy River Road, for her efforts in planting and maintaining the Olentangy River Road entrances and to **Lynn Moore** for her work on the Rocky Rill and Sedgwick entrances They look great!

These folks make our community a better place to live!

Pool & Tennis Update

Another fun season is underway at the pool The water's great and memberships are still available. Registration forms are available on the IHRA website and also at the pool office. Books of Guest Passes are available or you can just walk up and pay the daily Guest Fee (\$5-adults, \$3-kids).

Swim lessons are underway and the swim team too. The first meet for our swim team was June 24 at Northland. Another set of lessons will begin July 6. Lesson sign-up forms are available at the pool.

Last, but not least, this year the Indian Hills Swim Club is selling pre-paid snack shack cards. Each card has a value of \$5 good toward any snack or beverage. This suggestion, which originated with some parents, has been a big hit. The kids don't have to carry cash to the pool but can still buy a snack to nibble on or a beverage if they're thirsty. The pre-paid cards are available at the snack shack.

Tennis memberships are still available for just \$30 per household. Registration forms may be found on the IHRA website. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in tennis lessons so they were not offered. Maybe next year.....

Volunteer Opportunities Still Exist

Have you noticed a void in your life and just don't know how to fill it? Well, look no more. Opportunities abound right here in River City -- er, I mean right here in Indian Hills.

IHRA is still looking for a **Blockwatch Chair**. This prestigious position holds a seat on the Executive Board. The Blockwatch Chair works together with a liaison officer of the Columbus Police Department to try to keep our residents as secure as can be and also to inform us of any crimes/issues in the immediate area. Folks who are interested should go to www.columbuspolice.org and click on the "neighborhood watch" link to find out if this is something you'd like to take on. Then, once you've decided that this is exactly what you've been looking to do, just contact **Ed Geraghty**, President, at 985-5110 and volunteer up your services. .

We're also looking for budding **gardeners** to periodically take care of the entrances, e.g. weeding, watering as needed, etc. The time commitment is very small but the payment is very big and takes the form of community appreciation and gratitude! If you're interested contact **Lynn Moore**, Entrance Chair, 430-3854. I'm sure Lynn will appreciate your help, especially when she goes on vacation.

Garden Tips

The following tips appeared in *Backyard Living*, Dec/Jan 09.






- ➔ Put coffee grounds around your hostas to discourage slugs (a good reason to drink more coffee!)
- ➔ Kill cutworms by sprinkling cornmeal around the plants they're eating (just what the heck *are* cutworms anyway?)
- ➔ Repel plant-eating pests, flies and mosquitoes by planting basil near tomatoes and in patio or deck containers (just add olive oil and you'll have a tasty salad)
- ➔ Make eco-safe repellents from pure essential oils. Add two drops garlic oil and five drops lavender oil to a water-filled quart trigger sprayer. Shake contents as you spray on plants (oils may be found in health food stores).

IHRA Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your IHRA Directory:

- Delete the **Knox** family from the list of folks who provide *babysitting services*.
- **Joan & Jerry Defenbaugh** have a new *phone number* - 781-1396. And, while you're making that change, please note that the Defenbaughs no longer provide *babysitting, snow removal, yard work or pet sitting services*.

Friendly Neighbor Reminders

-  Long-term parking or storage of boats, trailers, RV's, motor homes, utility trailers, and the like is prohibited by both City Code and Indian Hills Restrictive Covenants. Please do not park or store them on the street, in a driveway, or in a yard or lot. If you must keep them near at hand, they must be wholly enclosed in a garage or kept in the basement (only kidding).
-  Now that warm weather is here to stay, more of us are out walking dogs. Remember to always *clean up after your dog* or teach your dog to clean up after him/herself. Homes of offending dog owners will be besieged by a swarm of Asian lady bugs - only kidding - but we're serious about this. Keep a baggie tied to your leashes and you'll always be prepared! And, please don't throw those baggies down the storm drains - it clogs up the sewers and is bad for the environment. Lastly, one further reminder *not* to use your neighbor's trash cans to deposit baggies (even if the cans are out at the curb). Yep, I know, this means you have to carry that baggie all the way back home with you. But, just look at it as doing your civic duty.
-  If you are reading a print copy of this newsletter and you have a computer at home, please consider getting the next issue electronically. It will come to you in living color & you won't be bogged down carrying a print copy from your mailbox all the way into your house. More and more the Board is relying on e-mail as an efficient and inexpensive means of communication. Plus, if you're not on our e-mail distribution list, you're missing out on some neighborhood information and discussion. So, *send your e-mail address* to Bob Jacobsen : jake_43235@yahoo.com. You'll help the association save printing costs and you'll help save a tree.
-  To sign up for *yard waste pick up* call CMI at 614-833-4612 and mention Indian Hills. If they're not available, they'll call you back. The cost is \$10 a month, (billed \$20 six times a year).
-  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. Sometimes we're in a hurry and just don't realize how fast we're traveling, especially around blind corners. If you must speed, please go to a race track or to some other neighborhood (only kidding)!
- Check out the Indian Hills website at: 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. This is also where you can find the Swim and Tennis Club applications.
- Hide away your lovely green *trash can* - either in the garage or to the side of the house - or, if you have room down there, in your basement.
- All residents are asked to pick up any trash in front of their property (this is not meant to imply that you have a trashy house). We're just talking about trash that thoughtless (most likely, non-residents) happen to drop from their cars or trash that lands in front of your house (no doubt having blown in from a neighboring community).
- Please ask a neighbor or house watcher to bring in your newspapers if you are away. This includes the two weekly papers our community receives. A pile-up of newspapers and ad circulars is a dead give-away that you're not home, thereby making your house a more favored target for thieves. Don't make it easy for those criminals out there.

For Barter or Worse

Sell, Swap, Trade or Give Away

Have something you want to sell or give away? Use this space to advertise your stuff. You never know when your neighbor two streets away is looking for your now unused possessions. Contact the Editor to include items in the Fall newsletter.

Look, Up in the Sky..... Are there really fewer planes overhead or what?

On June 15 the OSU Airport began a complete rehabilitation of its south runway. The runway will be closed for approximately 55 days. This construction will significantly alter the traffic flow, moving most traffic to the north runway and occasionally to the crosswind runways. As a result, some residents might notice an increase or decrease in air traffic near their homes. The direction of traffic will depend on a variety of safety factors, including the specific location of construction activity, wind direction and aircraft taxiing to and from the north runway. The Air Traffic Control tower will continue to provide full service during the project period.

Indian Hills lies under the glide path for aircraft landing on the south runway. The south runway, being longer, normally handles the majority of traffic. So, for the short term, the construction project means that we will experience a noticeable decrease in air traffic and noise. So, get outside and fire up those grills, sit around the campfire or just flop down on a lawn chair with a good book and *enjoy the temporary peace and quiet!*

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 Fall issue of *Smoke Signals*, please contact the Editor by the next deadline (see last page).

- * **Avon Sales**, Toni Magora, 888-8833, tmagora@hotmail.com
- * **Math and Reading Tutoring (grades K-5)**. Mary Lewis, 580-4083
- * **Cake Decorating (any occasion)**, Mary Lewis, 580-4083
- * **Clock Repair** (especially antique clocks), Jack Conner, 888-4866.
- * **House Painting** [(interior and some exterior), Ron Anderson, 905-2415, ronandjen@me.com.

And now, a special note of interest to our entrepreneurs since the newsletter only comes out quarterly and since a lot can happen in those three months, listings will only be good for the *current* issue. So, this means, if you want your service to be listed in the *next* issue of *Smoke Signals*, you need to contact the editor by the deadline (see "Calendar" on last page.) I know, I know, this sounds like a big pain but I hope you will understand that we want to provide the most current information to our readers. Plus, this is a small price to pay for *free* advertising - right? Thanks for your cooperation!

Does Anyone Know?????

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. Thanks.

If you've 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?

Speaking of experience, **Jack Conner**, can recommend a good *interior painter* who also does *exterior power washing, deck and fence care*. Contact Jack at 888-4866 for more information.

Keep your car keys beside your bed

If your car keys have an electronic entry button you just may want to keep them beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.

This would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone.

If you hear a bunch of car alarms going off on or around July 1 (when *Smoke Signals* is delivered), don't be overly concerned. It's probably just folks testing their car alarms from various rooms in their homes.

This article was contributed by **Hank Pollner**].

Newsletter Distribution Aides Sought

Have you spent the last few months wondering what you could do or how you could help out with *Smoke Signals*? Have you been saying to yourself that you wish you could get more exercise? Would you like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to combine both?

Well, maybe you could become an NDA (Newsletter Distribution Aide). These highly sought-after positions are needed for only one day a quarter and merely entail delivering the newsletter to residents on your street who do not get the e-mail version. Pretty simple, eh? The Editor will drop off the newsletters for your street in the morning and all you have to do is saunter from mailbox to mailbox. If you prefer a more personal touch, you could actually deliver them directly to each real-live homeowner.

The pay for this position is the same as the other positions within Indian Hills -- the undying gratitude of the Executive Board and your neighbors.

So, don't delay. Contact the Editor by phone or e-mail (see last page) and be the first on your street to volunteer!!!!

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