

**KIRKWOOD ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2009**

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**From the President's Desk:**

**2009 Annual Fishing Contest:**

The third annual Fishing Contest was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m. Twenty-four fishermen and women tried their luck at catching the biggest and most fish. There were also onlookers watching the fun.

Brian Kurtz won for the most fish with three fish, winning a singing fish and a \$20.00 gift certificate to Pam's Corner Café in Mooresville. A. J. Cotton (the White's son) won for catching the biggest fish. A. J. also won a singing fish and a free oil change from Midas Muffler. All and all only ten fish were caught the entire time. (The two prizes were donations from local businesses.)

Just a day after the fishing contest the winner of the most fish caught came out near dusk and caught 7 or 8 blue gill in less than a half hour. He did the same on a subsequent evening. It looks like next year we will have to plan to hold the fishing contest when the sun is not so high in the sky!

**2009 Annual Picnic:**

The fourth annual picnic was held at the gazebo on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The day was hot, but under the trees and the provided tent shelters, it was a beautiful day.

Approximately 28 people attended the picnic representing about 11 households. We also had one special guest. A dove wanted

to join the picnic and was so tame that she sat on heads, fingers and the back of chairs. She ate and drank from anyone who cared to feed her.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken were grilled and the pitch-in's provided by the families were delicious.

The children (young and older) played ladder ball, balloon toss, tossing of football, and guess the amount of beans in a jar game. Pam Kaufman guessed closest to the amount of beans in the jar and won a "one night stay in a family suite at the Country Inn & Suites."

The children played water balloon toss and did a crab walk. They each received various small prizes. A fun day was had by all.

Other prizes given as a donation to our community for the picnic were:

Midas – 6305 Washington St. – 2 free oil changes

Brickhouse Burger Co. – A \$15.00 gift certificate

Denny's Restaurant - 2 gift certificates for "A free entrée and drink"

Ponderosa Steakhouse – 2 gift certificates for "A meal of your choice"

Culver's Restaurant – 15 butter bucks and 2 coupons for single cones or dish of ice cream

Dori Volturo – 2 handmade cork trivets & potholders

Please support these businesses that supported our community for the fishing contest and picnic.

### **Dues:**

Dues for the year 2009/2010 will remain at \$35.00 annually. The annual dues were payable on August 1<sup>st</sup> so consider this a friendly reminder if you have not as yet paid them. Seventeen (17) households have currently paid their dues.

### **Landscape Issues:**

You may have noticed the last windstorm took down several trees in the gazebo area. These trees being down and flowerbeds not being weeded have been reported many times to the representative of Holliday Properties, via voice message. After no response for the last three or four weeks, I went to their office to advise them of the damage. I was told our representative had been on vacation. I think it helped to go there however, as I received a voice message acknowledging that the trees were down and advising that they would be taken care of within a week.

I am not satisfied that the representative is upholding the promises he made during our spring property inspection and will continue to attempt to get the problems resolved.

### **Railroad Gates Malfunctioning:**

The railroad has been advised that its gates at Stirling Pointe Drive and Kentucky Avenue have been malfunctioning. The representative for our area lost his job due to the railroad downsizing, so when complaints are made they must be left on a voice message. However, I feel they are receiving my voice messages as each time I call there has been someone to repair the gates.

I stressed to the railroad that this railroad crossing is our fastest emergency route and cannot and should not be blocked unnecessarily at any time.

### **Mosquito Control:**

Have you noticed how bad our mosquitoes have been this summer? Mosquito Control came to check our lake early this spring and found no larva. They have sprayed in our community twice this summer. I called on August 17<sup>th</sup> and they promptly sprayed on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you should have a non-working fountain or any standing water on your property, please correct the problem as soon as possible as standing water is where mosquito larva breeds. If you notice an excessive amount of mosquitoes call Mosquito Control at 221-7440.

### **Kirkwood Neighborhood Directory:**

Thank you to Heather Kurtz who has volunteered to make a new directory for the community. Please be sure to write on the dues remittance slip your name, address, telephone number(s) and e-mail address exactly as you want it printed in the directory or call Carolyn at 821-8077 with any changes since the last directory was printed. The directories will be distributed when completed.

### **City of Indianapolis Petition 2009-MOD-003**

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not try to inform the community concerning a petition to the city by the homeowner at 5107 Stirling Pointe Drive.

### **Petition 2009-MOD-003 (Continued)**

Many homeowners have signed petitions either for or against the modification to the commitment made with the city of Indianapolis in 1988. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and how it may or may not affect their property value. Can we all respect the differences?

Please be advised that Kirkwood Estates Neighborhood Association (K.E.N.A.) has not taken a position for or against the request to modify the city commitment.

I did not have a copy of the 1988 city commitments until I just recently requested it, and I am sure many or most of our residents do not have one. So, in an effort to supply the neighborhood with all pertinent facts and information on the above, I have attached a copy of the city commitments and a copy of the proposed change as submitted. **The 1988 city commitments apply to all lots in Kirkwood Estates, so you may want to keep the attached copy with your important household papers.** (Please note, the city commitment document is a poor copy as documents this old have been placed on Microfiche film and had to be retrieved.) If you want a better copy you may go to the City Government Building and obtain a clearer copy from the Records Department.

If you have strong feelings in support or denial of this position, there are several public hearings scheduled where you can voice your opinions. **The next hearing is to be held at Decatur Middle School on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. before the Decatur Township Civic Council.**

**A subsequent meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on September 24, 2009, before a Hearing Examiner of the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC) at:**

1821 City County Building  
200 East Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The City of Indianapolis Senior Planner for the Division of Planning handling this issue is David Hittle. If you have questions concerning this matter, he would be the person to provide you with the best non-partial information. You may call him at (317) 327-5901, fax him at (317) 327-7883 or e-mail him at [dhittle@indygov.org](mailto:dhittle@indygov.org).

### **Streetlights on Gatwick:**

The first three streetlights on Gatwick from Kentucky Avenue were out and reported to IPL. I saw a truck there Friday repairing them and hope by the time this newsletter goes out, they are working.