

Smoke Signals

Annual Meeting Not to be Missed

Did you recently move into the neighborhood and secretly wished there was an Annual Meeting to attend? Have you lived here awhile but have never attended an Annual Meeting? Have you been sitting in your house just aching to get out and meet more of your neighbors?

Well, you are in luck! The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Indian Hills Residents Association will be held on

Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the NW Church of the Nazarene, 5707 Olentangy River Road.

The minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting appear on page 11, followed by the financial reports and proposed budget. Please review these documents prior to the meeting and bring them with you.

Disappointed that you can't attend? Never fear - The IHRA Code of Regulations provides that you 'may be represented and may vote by proxy appointed by a writing signed by such member. " So just grab a neighbor who will be attending and hand over your proxy. There - problem solved.



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Nominating Committee Seeks Folks to Serve on Board

The Nominating Committee, composed of **Rosemarie Lisko, George Rittel and Jack Conner**, are seeking residents who are interested in running for the following offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. These offices are for a term of one year. To be eligible candidates must be 18 years of age and a member of the Association.

The *President* is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and presides at all meetings of members and of the Executive Board, keep records of members entitled to vote and signs any documents, deeds or records thereof.

The *Vice-President* shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the latter's absence or disability.

The *Secretary* shall keep an accurate record of the acts and proceedings of the members and the Board, give all notices required by law and by the acts of the members and the Board.

The *Assistant Secretary* shall aid the Secretary in the performance of such duties.

The *Treasurer* shall receive and safely keep all money and property belonging to the Association and disburse same, under the direction of the members and the Executive Board and shall keep an accurate account of finances in the Association books especially provided for that purpose and hold the same open for inspection and examination by any member at reasonable hours.

This is a great opportunity to become more involved in your community and to run for office. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact **Rosemarie** (985-1150), **Georg** (846-0206) or **Jack** (888-4866) by October 19.

The officers will be determined by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting so you'll want to attend, or submit your proxy vote if you are unable to attend.

Welcome Mat

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

Hung Liang & Hsiu Lan Chiu, 5602 Linworth Road
Denise Rehg, 6006 Rocky Rill

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 any any of the members of the Board (see contact information on last page).

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!

5984 Rocky Rill, Bill Benninghofen, ReMax, www.billsellsolumbus.com

5818 Rocky Rill, Minister Realty, Jim Crowley, 638-7386, jcrowconsult@gmail.com

6100 Sedgwick, ColumbusOhiorealtor@gmail.com

5989 Winstead, Roya Ghodsi, ReMax, info@sellinghomesinOhio.com

999 Greenridge, Erik Hiss, Keller-Wms., ehiss@kw.com

934 Spring Grove, LaRae Matteo, 348-0980, HerRealtors.com

930 Stoney Creek, www.Realty.Ohio.com

6053 Rocky Rill, (Sandy.Schupp@realliving.com)

Recent Home Sales

5602 Linworth - \$175,000

6006 Rocky Rill - \$247,400

Pool Benefits from Fundraisers

September 5 was the date of the **Cornhole Tournament** down at the pool. Twelve folks participated and showed off their best tossing techniques. The winners were John Matson (l) and Tim Dondero (r). The best part of all - the pool raised \$60!

Bingo Night at the pool, held August 4, featured pizza and bingo - a winning combination. This event brought in \$61 for the pool.

And last, but not least, the 2nd Annual Indian Hills **Pups at the Pool** was held September 12. A total of \$80 was raised. Dogs took advantage of the last day the pool was open while their humans socialized. A great time was had by all. Check out these pictures of a fine group of canines.



(Photo by Bob Jacobsen)



Lucy Steele & Bella Haig(l)



Sophie Foley



Angus Zerkle,(l)
being held by
one of his
humans,
sports a
handsome red
collar

Sophie, Angus
& Bella (r)
invent a new
pool game



Ted Jacobsen (above) doesn't seem at all
concerned that he's about to lose his
swim trunks. But oh, what a fashion
statement he made!

Duncan Bohnert (below) prefers his drinking
water de-chlorinated



Fun and Frivolity at the July 3rd Pool Celebration

A Splash Contest, a Scavenger Hunt and a Balloon Race were just some of the many activities that made the July 4th festivities special this year. Kids of all ages seemed to have a good time. The pictures speak for themselves.

Balloon race with Elizabeth Rieser and Anna Obergefell



Water balloon toss



Kids check the list for the scavenger hunt



Dads shaving (with cool whip) Bob LaMonte with Nena & Shannon (above)

Tom Rubino with Dominic (left)



**Big splash contest
with Corey Zerkle,
Tim Dondero, Jay
Matson * Bob
Jacobsen**



Cup race with Autumn Hart, Abby Rieser and Layla Bergman (below l)



Cup race with Autumn Hart (above - r)

Photos by Bob Jacobsen)

Calling All Ghosts and Goblins

Kids of all ages will want to don their ghost, pirate, and superhero costumes for the Indian Hills **Annual Halloween Party** to be held *Friday, October 29 at 7 p.m.* at the Common grounds. In addition to a bonfire and hot dogs there will be games and a ton of fun for everyone. So, mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend.

New Additions to the Neighborhood

Erin Arthur reports that her family increased by one on April 8. **Harrison Leo Arthur** was welcomed by his proud big brother, **Keegan**.

If you have a recent addition to the family you would like to share, contact the Editor, **Elizabeth Aino**, 848-3226, eaino111@gmail.com.

Be Mindful of Where You (and your Guests) Park

Bob Jacobsen reports that Station Captain Richardson, of Fire Station #11 on West Case Road (the station that covers our area) made the following suggestion. When possible, resident should try to avoid parking vehicles on both sides of the street directly across from each other. This creates a slow-down point for some of their larger equipment when responding to a call. Sounds like good advice that you may want to pass along to your family and friends who visit our community.

Crime Alert

The criminal element has been active in Indian Hills over the past three months. This is very unusual for our neighborhood and unsettling to say the least.

Sometime between the hours of 10 p.m. July 2 and 6 am July 3 someone threw a softball-sized rock threw the front window of a home on **Rocky Rill**. In addition to damaging the screen and the window, a chair in the house was also damaged.

A **Sedgwick** resident reported that on Saturday, July 16 three expensive bikes were stolen out of a garage that inadvertently had been left open. The bikes were hanging on wall hooks in the corner of the garage.

Sometime between late Saturday, August 21 and early Sunday, August 22, thieves broke into a backyard storage shed on **Spring Grove** and took two lawnmowers and a chainsaw.







In the early morning hours of September 4 vandals damaged four mailboxes at homes on **Greenridge**, close to the Olentangy River Road entrance.

On September 11 a couple of bicycles were stolen from an open garage on **Litchfield**.

*These incidents reinforce the necessity of being vigilant at all times. If you see your neighbor's garage door open late at night (or even in the middle of the day), give them a call and let them know. Also, keep those porch lights, path lights and lamp posts on **all** night. Don't make it easy for these crooks to target your home.*

Tom O'Mahoney, suggests residents conduct an inventory of items that might easily be stolen from the house, especially the garage (e.g. snowblowers, lawnmowers, bikes, electric tools, anything that might be sold in a pawn shop.) Copy down the serial numbers and store them in a safe place. Keep receipts. Take photos of things in your house, garage, patio and car. That way if you are robbed, you'll have all the salient info right at hand. Fortunately this is very easy to do with digital cameras these days. Just be sure to transfer the pictures to a thumb drive in case your computers and/or cameras are also stolen.

Friendly Neighbor Reminders

-  Sign up for an electronic copy of the **newsletter** if you haven't already. Not only will you get the newsletter by e-mail but you will also receive valuable information throughout the year. In the past the e-mail alert system has been timely in alerting residents of car break-ins, missing pets, and other matters that arise between newsletter publications. Send your e-mail address to Bob Jacobsen : jake_43235@yahoo.com.
-  Need a **pet sitter, a baby sitter or yard maintenance**? Be sure to check out the 2010 IHRA Directory which lists families that provide these services. Let's spread the wealth around Indian Hills and support our budding entrepreneurs.
-  Keep your **speed** to 25 miles per hour on all Indian Hills streets.
-  Several residents have suggested that each homeowner spray a little Round Up along their curb line **pavement cracks** to get rid of any and all noxious weeds. If you don't have Round Up just spray white vinegar on those little buggers. It will have the same effect but will take a lot longer. Each of us will do our part to beautify the street and the neighborhood! You'll feel better about your self and you'll notice more folks smiling as they pass your house.
-  Yet another reminder to wear something reflective that makes you **visible to drivers** if you will be out walking or running at dusk or when it's dark. You may think drivers can see you because you can see them, but this is not the case. The best protection is a reflective vest for you (and your dog if you're walking your dog). It's a small investment to ensure your safety.
-  If you'd like to help out **distributing Smoke Signals** to your neighbors who don't have e-mail, please contact **Elizabeth Aino** at 848-3226.

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 Winter newsletter. The deadline is *December 28*.

Support Your Local Economy

Looking for a particular service? Why not call upon your fellow residents who own and operate their own businesses and 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
- * **Clock Repair** (especially antique clocks), Jack Conner, 888-4866.
- * **House Painting** (interior and some exterior), Ron Anderson, 905-2415, ronandjen@me.com.
- * **Floral Designs**, Regina Prange, naturaldesigns@columbus.rr.com, 395-3466
- * **Summer Child Care & Summer Tutoring, Grades K - 4**, Mary Lewis, 580-4083, lewissasala@hotmail.com.
- * **Zumba Fitness Group**, Wendy Rieser, 854-0621, rrieser513@yahoo.com.
- * **Chair Caning**, Elizabeth Aino, 848-3226, eaino111@gmail.com

Indian Hills Has its Own Facebook Page

Joan Defenbaugh, Rocky Rill, has created a Facebook page for Indian Hills. Just go to Facebook and search for Indian Hills, Columbus, Ohio Neighborhood and you'll get right to it. The site only for residents of the community. Just click on the "Join" button. The site then sends Joan a message and Joan, in turn, verifies that the request is from a resident. Members will be able to upload pictures, videos, make comments and send messages to other members. So, check it out!

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?

Concealing Garbage Containers

How does Columbus Compare

For years we have been asking each home owner to hide away their big green garbage container. We've pleaded, cajoled and even begged for these cans to be kept inside the garage. Many residents have constructed fences around the containers and keep them to the side of the house. The idea is to make sure they are invisible from the street. Are we nagging too much? Sometimes it may seem that way but we just want the neighborhood to make a good impression. With so many homes for sale, this is something *each* of us can do to improve the "scenery".

Compare our situation with that of Dublin residents. In June that city passed a law requiring residents to keep their garbage cans and recycling containers fully out of view. This means they can't be stored at the side of the garage or in the backyard unless trees or shrubs *completely* shield the containers from the street and *from the view of every neighbor year-round*. Violators face a *daily* fine of \$100 - yikes!

Reynoldsburg, Hilliard and Westerville all have similar laws on the books. But Reynoldsburg does allow the cans to be at the rear or side of a home, or to have a "constructed enclosure" in lieu of natural landscaping to block the view.

So you see, we're not so unreasonable after all.

Kudos to.....

Janet & George Korpi, Spring Grove, **Rosemarie Lisko**, Stoney Creek, **Joan & Jerry Defenbaugh**, Rocky Rill, **Kathy Resor**, Winstead, **Bob Jacobsen**, Greenridge, **Jane Matson**, Litchfield, **Rae Beasley**, Sedgwick, and **Carol Zimmerman**, Winstead who helped deliver the Fall newsletter. Please take a moment to thank them.

These folks make our community a better place to live!

Start Thinking About those Christmas Decorations

Indian Hills will once again hold its Annual **Christmas Decorating Contest**.

The efforts of residents in prior years have been quite festive, providing much enjoyment for the community and visitors to our neighborhood. So you'll want to be thinking now about your design, untangling those lights and brushing off those Santas in preparation. Details will follow as we get closer to the holiday. .

**Indian Hills Residents Association
Annual Meeting of Members
October 28, 2009, Northwest Church of the Nazarene, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Officers in attendance;

Ed Geraghty, President
Tim Matyac, Vice President
Bob Jacobsen, Treasurer
Tim Carroll, Assistant Secretary
Jack Conner, Trustee
George Rittel, Trustee
Rosemarie Lisko, Trustee

Meeting called to order by President Geraghty.

Motion to accept minutes of last Annual Meeting, motion seconded and approved.
Motion to dispense reading of minutes, motion seconded and approved.

Introduction of new residents.

Treasurer's report by Bob Jacobsen

Treasurer discussed Balance Sheet 10/1/08 - 09/30/09. Cash increased approximately 1500.00 from last year. Two significant pool repairs for Pool Improvement 2009. Treasurer discussed Income & Expense Statement. Income up approximately 400 from last year, primarily from annual fees and memberships. Lien was file against one owner/property for collection of annual fee. Expenses include professional maintenance of Linworth entrance. Net Operating surplus of 3058.72. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, motion was seconded and approved.

Pool report presentation by Tammy Dondero

Pool had 49 memberships, down from 61. There were three movie nights, two cornhole tournaments and a doggie dip, all were successful. Daycare income increased. There was a request from the floor to consider incentive for family memberships and a 'teen' night. There was a motion to accept the Pool report, motion was seconded and approved.

Tennis report by John Hoffman

There were 16 memberships, increase of 3. Tennis lessons to resume in 2010, no enrollment in 2009. There was a motion to accept the Tennis report, motion was seconded and approved.

Entrances report by Bob Jacobsen for Lynn Moore

Flags and other decorations at entrances kept up with seasonal changes.

Old Business - none

New Business - Airport

Bob Jacobsen and Rosemarie Lisko provided some details on possible North runway expansion and the noise studies done by consultants. Twenty-one key recommendations by consultants. Next step; another study then results to OSU Airport Board and OSU Trustees. Any decisions more than likely at least a few years away. Expansion will not result in increase in size of aircraft but rather shift more traffic to north. Check airport website for more information.

Reminder for speed limit awareness and barking dogs.

Question from floor regarding leaf pick-up. City will not resume until at least 2010. CMI and Rumpke are options. Leaf raking into street not permitted.

Question from floor regarding snow removal for 2010. It will continue for 2010.

Question from floor regarding any long range plan for significant expenses. There are no formal plans.

Proposed budget for 2009-2010 was presented. There was a motion to accept proposed budget, motion was seconded and approved.

President Geraghty announced names on the ballot for the election of officers and trustees 2009-2010. Listed officers did not have opposition. There was a motion from the floor to accept slate of officers as listed, motion was seconded and approved. IHRA Officers and Trustees for 2009-2010 were elected as followed (all one year term unless noted);

President Ed Geraghty
Vice President Tim Matyac
Treasurer Bob Jacobsen
Secretary Tim Carroll
Assist. Secretary Elizabeth Aino
Trustee George Rittel (5 year term expiring 10/31/2014)

There was a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Prepared by Tim Carroll 10/29/2009

BALANCE SHEET

Indian Hills Residents Association, 10/1/09 thru 9/30/10

ASSETS

CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS

IHRA Checking	1,367.79
IHRA Savings	17,499.46
Swim Checking	13,772.24
Tennis Checking	<u>530.93</u>

TOTAL CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	33,170.42
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OTHER ASSETS

Tennis Improvement – '01	1,170.00
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
Pool Improvement – '09	1,600.00
Pool Improvement – '10	1,350.00
Entrances Improvement – '08	3,848.34
Parking Lot Improvement – '10	2,056.50
Parking Lot Construction – '96	<u>25,212.00</u>

TOTAL CAP. IMPROVEMENTS	57,877.47
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TOTAL DEPRECIATION	<u>-33,424.57</u>
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	24,452.90
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<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>57,623.32</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Bonds - Swim	3,500.00
Bonds - Tennis	<u>3,100.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,600.00
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TOTAL EQUITY	51,023.32
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<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	<u>57,623.32</u>
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RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS STATEMENT

Indian Hills Residents Association, 10/1/09 thru 9/30/10

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS</u>
Annual Fees - IHRA	22,950.00
Association Memberships - IHRA	2,000.00
Interest & Dividends - IHRA	1.56
Misc. Income – IHRA	116.59
Memberships – Swim	14,055.00
Day Care – Swim	7,106.75
Lessons – Swim	1,840.00
Swim Team Income – Swim	1,471.20
Guest Fees – Swim	5,994.00
Snack Bar – Swim	3,993.00
Fundraisers – Swim	753.00
Private Parties – Swim	1,000.00
Misc. Income – Swim	30.00
Memberships – Tennis	<u>330.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	61,641.10

<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Entrances - IHRA	2,455.57
Insurance – IHRA	3,383.00
Common Grounds - IHRA	805.72
Postage - IHRA	188.78
Printing - IHRA	679.67
Utilities - IHRA	3,250.05
Office Expense - IHRA	
Bank Charges - IHRA	
Property Taxes - IHRA	4,628.06
Misc. Expense - IHRA	78.00
Maintenance & Repair Swim - IHRA	5,833.00
Maintenance & Repair Other - IHRA	
Activities - IHRA	763.32
Directory - IHRA	653.31
Snow & Ice Removal – IHRA	2,505.43
Payroll & Payroll Tax - Swim	17,522.19
Maintenance & Repair – Swim	1,128.62
Snack Bar – Swim	2,394.93
Utilities - Swim	5,295.39
Chemicals – Swim	2,682.11
General Supplies – Swim	643.28

Bank Charges – Swim	4.19
Licenses – Swim	644.00
Swim Team Expense – Swim	792.59
Misc. Expense – Swim	423.51
Utilities - Tennis	<u>310.30</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	57,215.97
 SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	 4,425.13
 NON-CASH ITEM	
Depreciation	5,710.43
 NET SURPLUS (NET DEFICIT)	 -1,285.30

INDIAN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 10/1/10 – 9/30/11

Estimated Receipts

Annual Fee	23,025.00
Assoc. Memberships	2,500.00
Interest & Dividends	2.00
Misc. Income	100.00
Swim Club	35,275.00
Tennis Club	<u>390.00</u>

Total Receipts \$61,292.00

Estimated Disbursements

Activities	1,000.00
Bank Fees	0.00
Blockwatch	25.00
Directory	325.00
Entrances	3,000.00
Insurance	3,400.00
Common Grounds	800.00
Maint. & Repair Swim	4,000.00
Maint. & Repair Other	0.00
Misc. Expense	100.00
Office Expense	100.00
Postage	200.00
Printing	700.00
Swim Club	32,455.00
Taxes	4,650.00
Tennis Club	390.00
Utilities	3,200.00
Snow Removal	<u>2,500.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$56,780.00

Budget Surplus \$4,512.00

INDIAN HILLS DIRECTORY – INFORMATION UPDATE FOR 2011

Please complete if:

- a. you moved into Indian Hills recently;
- b. your listing in the last directory contained errors or needs other revisions;
- c. you would like to receive the *Smoke Signals* newsletter, blockwatch alerts and other useful neighborhood information via email

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR SPOUSE'S
NAME _____

YOUR STREET
ADDRESS _____

YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS _____

YOUR TELEPHONE

If you would like to be listed as providing one or more of the following services, please indicate (X) in the appropriate space(s):

- ___ Family member does yard work (Y)
- ___ Family member provides pet care (P)
- ___ Family member does babysitting (B)
- ___ Family member removes snow (S)

***Please return to Bob Jacobsen, 969 Greenridge Rd.
or email jake_43235@yahoo.com***

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Trustee (exp. 10/12)	Jack Conner (888-4866), jconner@columbus.rr.com
Trustee (exp. 10/11)	Rosemarie Lisko (985-1150), rosemarielisko@sbcglobal.net
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Pool	Tammie Dondero (505-0342), tnt99d@wowway.com
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Activities	Kristin Zerkle (505-0123), ZERKLEK@nationwide.com
Blockwatch	Vacant

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Calendar

December 27 Deadline for Winter issue of *Smoke Signals*

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