May 2012

# Westchester News

WESTCHESTER ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOC

**WEHA COVENANTS MEETING:** We promised a meeting for Westchester Estate home/property owners to ask questions and express concerns about the proposed amended and restated neighborhood covenants. This meeting will be held at Joy Baptist Church 4309 West 79th Street, on May 10th. 6.30 PM. The lawyer who drafted this document is expected around 7:00 P.M. Feel free to arrive or leave the meeting at any time during the session. We hope to wrap things up by 8:30 P.M. If you cannot attend you may send questions in advance to Roger Vandrey; 2810 Cardigan Road, 46268; rogervandrey@comcast.net

#### **Westchester Estates Zoning Appeal**

#### Important Information impacting our neighborhood!

WEHA appealed a decision by the Indianapolis Board of Zoning Appeals, (BZA) granting a variance for a commercial business to operate at 3118 Thorneycroft Drive. This appeal by WEHA may seem radical and undesirable to some, but the decision by the BZA has huge ramifications for our neighborhood as well as Pike Township and Marion County. The appeal is based on the following facts:

- 1) The owner is operating a commercial Adult Foster Care Facility at this address deep within a residentially zoned area.
- 2) This sets a precedent for other commercial businesses to obtain a similar variance.
- 3) A non-appeal of this decision indicates Westchester neighbors do not mind a commercial businesses operating within it's boundaries.
- 4) A non-appeal makes it harder to fight future variance requests.
- 5) A commercial business in a neighborhood increases traffic flow.
- 6) Property values will be negatively impacted.

WEHA needs additional funds to see this appeal process through to the end. The Pike Township Resident's Association (PTRA) is in full support of our position and has taken the unprecedented action of offering to match up to \$1000.00 any donations for this appeal. If you wish to donate to this cause, make a check payable to "WEHA" and note "legal action" on the memo line. Drop off or mail to WEHA c/o Shel Polzin, 2615 Westleigh Drive, 46268. If you have any questions about this appeal contact Shel Polzin; <a href="mailto:shel@comcast.net">shel@comcast.net</a> or Roger Vandrey; <a href="mailto:rogervandrey@comcast.net">rogervandrey@comcast.net</a>.

#### POOL NEWS

## Westchester Pool Accepting Memberships for This Summer!



Join neighbors and friends at the pool this year. Conveniently located in the middle your neighborhood! Opening Saturday May 26.

Take swim lessons, start an exercise program or join the swim team. Great fun!

For more information, check out our website at <a href="www.westchesterpool.com">www.westchesterpool.com</a> or like us on Facebook at WERCWhales! Also, we are preparing for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 7 & 8. If you would like to help or participate, contact Tom Young at 875-8681, or through Facebook or Twitter <a href="www.westchesterpool">www.westchesterpool</a>.

## **Important Dates**

May 8 Polling Day

visit indy.gov for poll locations.

May 5/12 Pool work Days

May 10th 6:30 WEHA Covenant Meeting

@ Joy Baptist Church

May 23–26 Neighborhood USA Conf.

May 26 Pool Opens

May 28 Memorial Day

June 2 Saturday Trash Pick up

### CRIME WATCH NEWS

Please be especially alert to unusual activity.

Remember: do not confront individuals, call 911.

Notify your Block Captain or Carol Dutt @876-1243

## WEHA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those who support our neighborhood and have sent financial support. Unfortunately many Westchester residents have not joined or renewed their 2012 membership.

Although membership is voluntary, dollars support functions that benefit the entire community. Funds are used for snow removal, street lights, printing, PTRA membership and community events like the Spring Fling Egg Hunt and Fall Festival. We need you. Support your neighborhood today.

Yearly dues are \$50.00 payable to:
Westchester Estates Homeowners Assoc.
(WEHA)

# Neighborhood

**Condolences to** the family of Joyce Berner who passed away on April 18th. There will be a memorial service May 18th.

#### Welcome:

Tye Burgland and son Jan 7079 Witherington—Tel # 908-1911

If you have items or ideas for upcoming newsletters please send them to **Carol Mullins** at <u>Westchester.indy@gmail.com</u>. Put Newsletter item in subject line. We would like to recognize 2012 graduates so please send these for inclusion in the June newsletter ASAP.