The Newsletter of the Historic Ninth Street Hill Neighborhood Association

Sept 4, 2011

Celebrating 25 YEARS of Neighborhood!

It's the neighborhood event of the year - Yippie!

For ALL Neighbors! (that's YOU!)

Great Food! Fun Folks!

TUESDAY: September 13th!

Eat-in-the-Street

ANNUAL PICNIC

Gather at 5:30
We eat at 6:00!

Location: in the short 8th St. cul-de-sac (walk up or down 9th street until you come to STATE STREET (on the WEST side of 9th). Walk about 1/2 block until State Street "Ts" - turn RIGHT (north) and you'll see the tables and chairs set up at the end of the cul-de-sac. Easy, huh?

YOU ARE INVITED

(and expected!): This is a neighborhood picnic and it's for ALL RESIDENTS and FRIENDS....renters, property owners, new residents and old - if you get this newsletter - consider yourself invited! See you there!

We'll have NAMETAGS for everyone since we ARE expecting lots of new faces! (That would be YOU maybe?)

Provided: EVERYTHING (BBQ and hot dogs for all! Drinks! Table service!) EXCEPT whatever **You Bring** to add to the groaning buffet table. Yes - homemade goodies are great, but we also like bags of chips and Oreos too! Who brought that pasta salad last year? And the kids loved the cupcakes!! Hey - this is NOT a cooking contest...bring ANYTHING! Actually, even if you don't have time to bring anything, just COME ON 'cause there is ALWAYS enough!

Picnic Questions?

Call our Co-Chairs:
Cindy Gerlach:
742-1970
Jamie Derringer:
491-8444

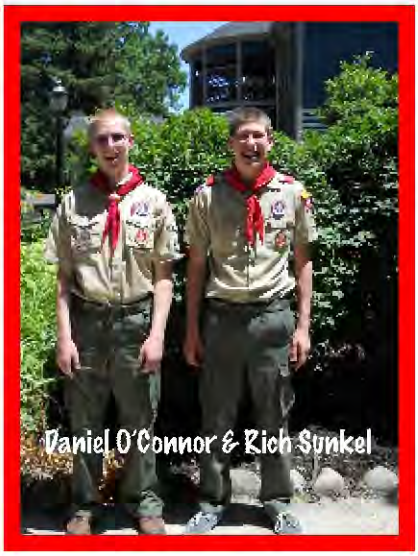
Oh Yeah: We could use LOTS OF extra YARD CHAIRS! (PUT YOUR NAME ON THEM!) We'll be setting up around 4:30: PLU-EEEZE drop chairs off early? And Pluuuuuueeeeze, we need some help! If you can: Come and help set up? Thanks!

Oops! You're right...we forgot!

So, you've scoured this newsletter looking for_____ (fill in the blank) and it's not here. "Well, rats," you say! Sorry - but after 25 years of doing this newsletter, I guarantee you: IT'S A TRADITION! (har har?) Seriously, would you help out by emailing YOUR neighborhood news or concerns (or whatever) to JANE BOSWELL at janeboswell@comcast.net? Written info is easier to keep track of! Thanks for understanding....

Bravo! Applause!

On Sunday July 24, 2011 at St. James Lutheran Church, Daniel O'Connor and Rich Sunkel were presented as the most recent members of the Eagle Scout Court of Honor in the St. James Church Troop 333. Daniel has earned 35 merit badges including the 21 required to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Rich has earned 30 merit badges including the 21 required to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations, gentlemen!



Daniel O'Connor & Rich Sunkel

ABOUT THE 'HOOD:

Early Fall is a time when we have lots of new residents! Here's some info about the Ninth Street Neighborhood that you'll want to know if YOU are new...

GARBAGE is collected on Wednesdays and city ordinance states that you may put it out AFTER 6:00p on TUESDAYS. Cans must be picked up BEFORE 6:00pm on Wednesday. Translated: DON'T put your garbage out on Monday or Thursday or any other day! Be a neat neighbor - you weren't born in a barn, huh?

CITY NOISE ORDINANCE: prohibits loud music, etc. which your neighbors may find irritating. C'mon. Be nice....

CITY DOG LEASH ORDINANCE which prohibits dogs running loose. That seems pretty clear, huh? Oh, yeah, yer supposed to pick up the "doggie chocolates" when you walk your dog! **PETS are wonderful!** But, didja know that you may **NOT** have more than 3 dogs or cats (past weaning) in your living space?

PET or ANIMAL concerns and complaints: contact ANIMAL CONTROL through the **Police Dept: 807-1200**

GOOD NEIGHBORS are considerate....how's about we all stay aware of common courtesies? Like - barking dogs, lawn mowing at 7 a.m. or 9 p.m....you get the picture?

YOU MAY NOT REPAIR CARS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. Among other GOOD reasons, automotive fluids leach into the City water supplyand cost taxpayers more $$. And consider the environmental issues...

SNOW EMERGENCIES which require all cars to be moved off the street **DO NOT APPLY** to the few houses at the bottom of 9th St. which do not have (or have never had) driveways and off-street parking.

NO MORE than 3 UNRELATED PERSONS may live in an apartment or house. Period. It's the law.

ZONING LAWS protect stable neighborhoods! Our 'hood is basically R-2 (2-units) and R1-B (single family) with a very few specific older homes "grandfathered" (3 or more units). So, if you're thinking about adding an apartment or renting out rooms, don't. Please check the zoning for your property.

HOUSES, GROUNDS & APARTMENTS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE OWNER to provide SAFE dwelling space for residents. Stuff falling off the outside of your house, peeling lead paint, etc., are prohibited by city ordinance. NOTE: this summer we've had a few reports of standing stagnent water in old pools, large and small (yuk). This is a PUBLIC HEALTH issue! Also, by ordinance, RENTERS must be provided with apartments that have SAFE electrical, heating, water systems, window screens, etc. Responsible property OWNERS and responsible RESIDENTS make GREAT neighborhoods! Renters or property owners may call the CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE (807-1050) with concerns or questions.

OTHER QUESTIONS about the 'HOOD?

Call our **CO-CHAIRS** or call your **BLOCK REP.** Nice folks - they'll help you!

Thank you...

...to all the residents, owners and friends who've **DONATED** to the Association's "General Fund" this calendar year - these dollars help with the month-to-month, on-going expenses of the 'hood. **IMPORTANT** reminder - there are **NO "DUES"** or cash "requirements" to be part of our Association - you just donate **what** you can, **when** you can, **if** you can...

Send your contributions (any amount is fine!) to:

MARY ANN LOEPKER 528 S. 9th; 47901

To date, these neighbors & friends have donated in 2011.

THANK YOU!

Scott & Sue Abney
Dick Baker
Tracy Bibler
Bob & Carol Bloom
Jeff & Jane Boswell
Annette Winter Bottum
Lisa Burks
Barrett Caldwell
Doug & Karen Cooper
Ron & June Davis
Ron & Jan Ditto
Steve & Bevery Dussault
Guy & Cordelia Embry
Bob Ford & Mimi Allen
Herschel Ford
John & M.R. Graham
Ben & Melody Gramig
Brian & Tracy Hudson
Michael & Phyllis Hunt
Bill & Tree Huston
Al & Carla Jones
Michael Johnston & Robin Malo
Dick Kamp
Izzy & Mary Ann Loepker
Jim & Sherry Mattern
John & Prella McBride
Will & Sally Miller
Dick & Cindy Murray
Lou & Nancy Nargi
Tom & Ruth O'Connor
Dave & Deborah Poelstra
Ted & Amy Paget
Glenn & Suzi Parker
Karah Rawlings & Kevin Smith
Betty Reed
Tom & Joanne Sanders
John & Bev Rousselle
Bob & Diana Sexton
Phyllis Smith
Glen Vick
Joy Wang
Mary Beth Whalen
Dave & Charmy Williams
Joanne Willis
Your name here?

SENIOR CO-CHAIRS: Cindy Gerlach & Gary Mueller (742-1970) cjgerlach@gmail.com & muellgp@gmail.com

JUNIOR CO-CHAIRS: Scott Gilkey, 404-2167, sgilkey475@gmail.com
Jamie Derringer, 491-8444; hathor1977@yahoo.com

BLOCK REPS:

100 blk. S. 9th: *NEED A VOLUNTEER!!*
200 blk. S. 9th: Beth Riedeman - 409-3396 beth.riedeman@gmail.com
300-400 blks S. 9th: Nancy Nargi - 742-4147 - nnargi@aol.com
Payne Apts (303/305 S. 9th): Ann Bostick - 423-4519
500 block of S. 9th: Ben Gramig - 532 S. 9th - 412-9573
600 blk S. 9th & Kossuth: Sandy Lahr - 742-6905 lahrandlahr@aol.com
Hitt & 400 block of S. 7th: Bill Huston - 420-8099 bill.starguy@gmail.com
500/600 block S. 7th & Lingle Ter.: Linda Phillips - 423-2699 lphillip@jonesphillips.com
State and 8th streets: Carol Korty - 423-1583 - ckorty@aol.com
Block Rep Coordinator: Gena Brown - 742-5521 historichiller403@yahoo.com

Neighbor **BETTY REED**, WWII Coast Guard Veteran (in her original uniform!), led the 2011 Box Parade as GRAND MARSHALL!

Community kids had fun, too!

BOX PARADE Thank you!

Janna Minjarez, Parade Chair

Well this certainly was the most memorable Box Parade that I can think of recently. What an amazing turnout! I would personally like to thank in no particular order: • Adele and Ron Needham for the wonderful balloons that they handed out to the children and decorated the grounds at the Fowler House with. • Kathy Atwell and the crew at the Fowler house for yet another wonderful ice-cream social. • Kendal Smith and the Art Museum staff for opening up museum and the tours provided. • Mayor Roswarski, City Clerk Cindy Murray, and the City Councilmen for leading our parade. • Retired Lt. Colonel Eldon Fredericks for escorting our Grand Marshall Betty Reed in his beautiful antique car. • Nancy & Lou Nargi for once again allowing us to use the "back 40" for the children to gather. • Representative Sheila Klinker, Kevin Klinker and Kelly Jacobs for leading us in "The Star Spangled Banner." • Brent Laidler for the amazing music during the celebration. • The Voyager Ancient Fife and Drum Corp for leading the children down the hill. • Tamara Cox and Kidzart for providing such fun activities. • Joseph White for the balloons creations that always make the children smile. • The Columbian Park Mobile Zoo and the fascinating critters. • Shsh Shsh Mime troop (boy those guys were silly!) Heavens, I hope that I did not miss anyone! It was a fantastic event! **Thank you again for all who helped!**

Editoral note: Janna, all of your neighbors thank YOU for creating, organizing, and supervising this wonderful "All-American" community event. We appreciate and celebrate your talents and enthusiasm!

A Very Special Message

Ninth Street Hill had certainly proved itself to be a truly great neighborhood! Greatness is demonstrated by action, and the neighborhood has done a great number of kind deeds for us. We are exceedingly thankful for all the help that we have received. Many neighbors expressed sympathy to us right away. We had a schedule of house sitting, so we had one less concern. Many of the neighbors stood in line for a long time at the visitation, and we certainly appreciated your attendance. We were also thankful to see many of you at the funeral. Many neighbors showed an abundance of kindness by bringing us food. The meals were much appreciated in our time of need.

Most of you have heard of the sudden death of our beloved husband and father on June 21. Our grief is still very deep. But we know that Tom was prepared to leave this earth and be taken to his home in heaven, because he had true faith and repentance. We look forward to seeing him again. People say that we have great faith. That is true. But our faith is just a tiny drop, compared to the object of our faith, the shoreless ocean of God's love and mercy. We cling to the promises of Christ.

Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Ruth O'Connor and family

A group of about 20 neighbors spontaneously gathered on June 22 to drape our neighborhood marker in honor & memory of Dr. Tom O'Connor.

Neighbor kid DJ Gilkey is definitely a child of the technology age!

UPDATE!

Home & Garden Tour

Yep. It is gonna happen...but coordinating dates and volunteer crews has proved to be an organizational challenge! So, it WILL happen in 2012! (Date TBA)

We already have a good template in place, volunteers are stepping up, and the enthusiasm continues - so watch for more info in future newsletters.

If you do have questons, comments, or would like to be part of the fun, call one of the "old guard" tour helpers:

Jane Boswell - 742-4388 or
Sandy Lahr - 742-6905

Speaking of HELPING...have we got a deal for YOU! Thanks to Janna Minjarez's organizational skills, the volunteer task list is long and quite varied - and there's task to fit any neighbor's time, skill, age, and/or ability. Easy (and inclusive), huh?

So look at the list to the right. Some folks have already volunteered, but we thought you'd like to see the "big picture" of everything we'll be doing - check it out!

Tour Volunteer Areas:

- *Confirm site participants (your name here?) - homes, apartments, gardens*
- *Publicity & Media Coordination*
- *Graphic Design*
- *Writing*
- *Coordinate Printing*
- *Insurance & Liability*
- *Tour Booklet: Advertisers, Sponsors, "Happy Ads"*
- *Trash Can rental ("Living Green" Initiative)*
- *Ticket numbering*
- *Ticket Sales Coordinators: (pre-tour & day of)*
- *Volunteer & Docent coordination & training*
- *Pre-Tour Site Participant meeting*
- *Port-A-Potty rental*
- *Arrange downtown parking resources*
- *Coordinate shuttle busses*
- *Information Center*
- *First Aid*
- *Sanitation Department: street cleaning*
- *Day-of-tour set up (banners, signs, etc.)*
- *Refreshments, Lunch, Bottled Water*
- *Interior floor runners; exterior mats*
- *Site Participant & Advertiser thank-yous*
- *Art Museum & Fowler House coordination*
- *Video & Photo record of event*
- *QR ap for event*
- *Website info & coordination*
- *PayPal account oversight & coordination*
- *After-Tour 'tour & party' for participants, docents & volunteers*

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD

At EAT-IN-THE-STREET on the 13th, you can pick up magnets and vehicle stickers that are part of our "SAFE NEIGHBOHOOD" program.

The **MAGNETS** give you ALL the important contact info for the 'hood, the police, poison control, etc.

The **CAR STICKERS** can be placed in the rear window of your vehicle and serve to help police crime patrols know that YOU belong the neighborhood.

If you can't come on the 13th, your Block Rep will stop by this fall to give you a magnet & sticker, etc....

Read the great email from neighbor Glen Vick (below)... The stately mature trees in our neighborhood are not only part of area's visual charm, but they are part of our history! Anyone else concerned? Shall we meet? Contact Glen or our Co-Chairs. The parkway trees are under City jurisdiction, so we can also contact the City Forester, Belinda Kiger, online at: www.lafayette.in.gov or by phone, 801-1383.

"I was noticing that just in my area of 7th Street we have ten (10) ash trees and with the Emerald Ash Borer now in our area, it sounds like it's only a matter of time when this unwelcomed visitor hits the Historic 9th Street area.

Do you know if there is been any discussion or assessment on the impact to our neighborhood? Do we know how many ash trees are in our area? Has anyone thought of forming an action committee and maybe working with the city on a plan to remove the trees and obtain replacement trees at a subsidized cost?

These are just a few ideas that I wanted to suggest to get people thinking. If the Ash Borer hits our trees as expected, the look on 9th, 8th and 7th in the next five (5) years could look dramatically different.

Here's a link to a Purdue Extension page that gives some good info:
http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/EAB/"

IMPORTANT!

MORE numbers

EMERGENCIES *(life-threatening)*	911
POLICE	807-1200
FIRE	807-1600
WeTip CRIME Report	1-800-78-CRIME
Animal Control	807-1200
Mayor Roswarski	807-1002
City Clerk Cindy Murray	807-1021
Our City Councilman:	
Ron Campbell	474-1862
At-Large Councilmen:	
Kevin Klinker	742-7011
Lon Heide	474-1776
Steve Meyer	474-6114
Street Department	807-1410
Sanitation Department	807-1411
Building & Safety Codes	807-1050
Historic District Commmission	807-1090

Recycling is EASY!!

RECYCLING Reminder:
WHEN IN DOUBT, TOSS IT IN
'cause it's hand-sorted again later!
If you have ANY questions, or need a blue bin: call **807-1411**

HANDY TIP for BIG RECYCLERS:

Yes, you can get lots of free bins from the Sanitation Department, but wait!
There's an easier way:
Make a BIG RECYCLING CAN!
GO TO: www.lafayette.in.gov • CLICK ON: "Departments" • CHOOSE: "Sanitation"
• SCROLL DOWN to: "Department News"
• CLICK ON: "Make a larger recycling bin"
• PRINT the big SYMBOL, attach it to your big can, and you're done!

Make your own BIG recycling can! Be sure to BAG your recycling!

Do NOT put YARD & GARDEN WASTE in garbage toters or recycling bins!

YOU MUST BAG:

-- Leaves
-- Grass Clippings
-- Weeds & Garden debris

These must be in compostable PAPER bags!

BRANCHES & LIMBS may be left loose.

What to RECYCLE at CURBSIDE

YES!

- PLASTIC
- PAPER
- METAL
- GLASS

Don't Sort!

When in doubt TOSS IT IN the BIN!

Recycling is EASY!

NO!

DON'T SORT YOUR RECYCLING BECAUSE:

All Lafayette recycling is HAND-SORTED in Muncie, Frankfort, or Chicago. That's right! Every piece in YOUR BLUE BIN is handled in order to make sure it will be properly recycled and will NOT be sent to landfills!

RECYCLE NOW! Lafayette Indiana MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

Leave BESIDE your bin:

QUESTIONS? Need more INFO?

807-1411
Lafayette Sanitation Department

* About GRASS & GRASS CLIPPINGS:

1) Don't bag: leave clippings on the yard. It's better for your grass! Get a mulching mower next time.
2) Don't scalp yer yard! Keep your grass healthy: the experts say that's at least 3" high.
3) Do NOT sweep clippings into the street! Clippings can clog city drains and sewers.
4) PICK UP your own grass clippings on SIDEWALKS! Why? It's the neighborly thing to do.... THANKS!

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"America's Top 10 Neighborhoods" (American Planning Assoc.)
"America's Most Fun Neighborhood" (Disney Magazine)
Lafayette's first Residential Local Historic District

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

THIS Tuesday - SEPT 13!

Eat-in-the-Street

ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark yer CALENDARS!

OCT 22 (SAT): Progressive Halloween Party!
We need 2 more locations - how about your apt or house?

NOV (date TBA): Put the Neighborhood Garden to bed!

NOV 17 (THU): Business Mtg & Bag Folding Party
Need a host house for this gathering!

DEC 16 or 17 (FRI or SAT): Holiday Party
Wonder where it'll be this year?

DEC 22 (WED): Luminaria Warm-up Party!
Another fun "intergenerational" gathering!

DEC 22, 23, 24: 25th ANNUAL Luminaria Display
That's a LOT of little candles & bags...

JAN 19 (THU): POT LUCK Dinner & Annual Meeting
(Feed 'em and they will come!)

Neighbor News!

-- Happy (summertime) birthday to neighbor Betty Reed who is now 88 (wow!) and former neighbor John Graham who turned 93 (John - a BIG "wow" to you!).

-- Congratulations to Rachel Loepker, granddaughter of Izzy & Mary Ann Loepker, who recently published her first book, "Bleeding Ink."

-- WELCOME to NEW RESIDENTS (and hope to see you at Eat-in-the-Street!) - Michael Rowe & Sydney Kok John at 460 S. 9th; Devon Sailors & Justine Spychalski at 405 S. 7th; and the Berryman Family at 534 S. 9th. (And, "welcome" to all the new residents we haven't met yet - hope to meet you SOON!)

-- Congratulations to the new owner of 118 S. 9th, Joey Senesac of Fowler.

-- THANK YOU to Jerry Downham, owner of Downham custom homes, and his crew, Kirk Gilbert & Mike McDonald who installed the missing-for-years columns at 907 State Street. ALthough we're told that no further work is immediately in the works, we understand that this landmark home may be for sale. Contact the owner's attorney, Ed Chosnek, at 742-9081 for questions or more info.

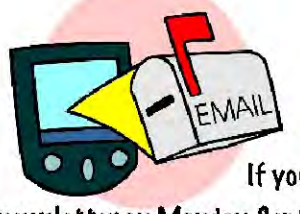
-- Congratulations to SEAN ALLISON , a sophmore at Jeff High School, who will be serving on the Lafayette Mayor's Youth Council this year.

-- Congratulations to BEVERLY & STEVE DUSSAULT who have announced that they are expecting TWINS!

-- Our sympathy to neighbor Margie Wolczak on the death of her dear "Aunt Margie."

-- A special thank you to CURT SLYDER, former reporter for the Journal and Courier, who was a friend to our neighborhood and a real community-spirited guy. Curt, we wish you the best in your new endeavors!

-- Hey! Notice the NICE new stone wall at 519 S. 9th (the XIOUFARIDOU rental) and the great new driveway and wall at 511 S. 9th (the LIPTON-CHMIELEWSKI home) - lookin' G-O-O-O-D!



HELP! E-MAIL UPDATES plz?

If you did NOT receive an e-copy of this newsletter on Monday, September 4th, then: **we do NOT have your correct email.** Some long-time emails are bouncing back - has your email address changed? Or, if you're new to the 'hood, we'd like to add YOU to the neighborhood list - this list is used **ONLY** for important neighborhood notifications (newsletters, neighborhood alerts, safety & security issues, etc.) The list is **NOT USED** for private parties, cutesy "forwards," etc. **PLEASE** send your email address to:

hiller@NinthStreetHill.org Thank you!