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Neighbor to Neighbor—"A Thing of the Past"

Sometimes, most often after watching the "Andy Griffith Show" or "Leave it to Beaver" on TV Land, I wonder whether neighborhoods can ever be what they once were. Maybe you can remember the scenes from those shows, and others. Do you remember Opie Taylor and his friends playing Robin Hood for a hobo who was camped out in the woods? Or the line worker, Mr. McVeebie, giving Opie a hatchet to play with? Do you remember that episode when the soft hearted Beaver let a drifter in to take a bath while Ward and June were away? How about all those episodes of Beaver where he and Larry Mondello just wander around town aimlessly looking for something to do? This is in stark contrast with the world today. Elizabeth Smart's family was kind to a modern day hobo and how amazing is it that she survived her parent's kindness? The world is changed and such kindness is, for good reason, a thing of the past.



Growing up in the country, a couple of miles outside of Ossian, I lived in a Mayberry atmosphere. After school we would walk to the town's one barber shop (run by Lloyd Yager, not Floyd Dawson) and read comic books while waiting for a haircut. The drugstore was nearby, and the town bank, and Heyerly's Bakery with its free donut hole samples. We pretty much went to school with the same kids for twelve years and our parents knew most of their parents who knew most of us.

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Great American Cleanup 2003



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, 5-17-2003 for the Great American Cleanup. Contact Jerry Deckard at Jerry@harrisonhill.com or call 744-9720 if you plan to volunteer so he can order Great American Cleanup supplies. Be sure to say what size T-Shirt you want ordered, as well.

One focus will be on the park area near the Calhoun entrance. Volunteers with access to chain saws and other brush removal tools would be most appreciated so we can cut back the overgrowth and make the area look a little less unkempt.

Upcoming Events

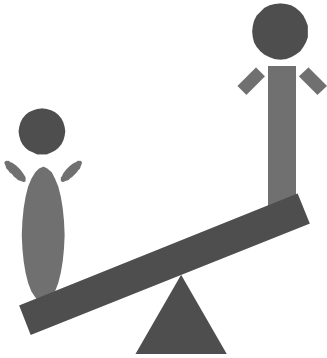
CCW General Meeting at the Police Station.	3/18 7pm
Neighborhood Meeting at Grace St. John's—Covenants	4/10 7pm
Association Breakfast at South Side Café on South Calhoun	4/12 8:30am
Easter Egg Hunt for neighborhood kids at Grace St. Johns	4/12 2:30pm
Harrison Hill Night Out Saturday Neighborhood Walk	4/26 4:00pm
Neighborhood Meeting at Grace St. John's	5/6 7pm
Great American Cleanup Saturday	5/17 In the a.m.

Special points of interest:

- Remember to pick up after your pet
- New salt barrels are available for icy intersections and sidewalks
- Please pay your 2003 dues if you haven't already.
- Great American Cleanup 2003

Neighbor to Neighbor (cont.)

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Numbers to Remember

Leaf Removal? Call **427-1235** and schedule the city to come pick them up.

Need to report a non-emergency, like a water main break, fender-bender, etc? Call **427-1222** to talk to the desk sergeant.

Have you noticed a pot hole that needs to be repaired? Call **427-1235**, the city has been repairing reported pot holes within 24 hrs. lately.

If you have problems with your sewer or flooding, call **Michelle Arnold at 427-5169**. Reported problems are the only ones fixed.

Animal Control: **427-1244**

Graffiti Hotline: **423-6185**

Rodent Control: **449-7494**

It is difficult to apply the lessons of my youth to the raising of my own kids. My own father ran more freely than I did when he was growing up and I ran more freely than my own kids do. At winter recess, my Dad and the other kids in Poe used to play on the ice of the St. Mary's river. Can you imagine such a thing today? Today, it is assumed that children have no common sense at all. The athletic director at South Side announces to parents, three times a year, "Participation in athletics may result in injury to your child." This is a legal statement he makes to protect the school.

When I was in grade school, only heavy rain kept us indoors for recess and then we had the run of the gym for tag and dodge ball. In the winter we were allowed to have large and wild snowball fights in a designated area. If you went out to "Snowball Territory" you couldn't go crying to the teacher when you got a pasting. At the time, it seemed clear that letting kids run wild for twenty minutes three times a day helped them sit still when it was time to learn. Today, in FWCS, elementary school children have been put in detention for kicking snow into the air. Recess is cancelled not only when it's cold or when it rains, but also whenever teachers are behind. It often seems as though it's the grown ups who have no common sense today. How many of us could have remained still from 8:30 to 2:30 without recess?

Anyway, back to my point. Looking back, the past few generations seem to be growing up with more danger and less freedom than the one before. How can the Harrison Hill neighborhood attempt to recapture some of the innocence for the youth who call this area home? One answer lies in participation. The more we all go to the neighborhood walks and meetings and nights out and parties, the more we meet and know one another, perhaps the more we will begin to trust our kids to be out and about the neighborhood, believing our neighbors are there for us, on duty, and ever watchful for the very real dangers of this very real world.

Hey, be careful out there. – Dan McAfee

City Council Contact

Timothy M. Pape represents Fort Wayne's 5th District on the Common Council. Tim is working to bring economic development to the central and south city areas, which make up the 5th District, and is advancing initiatives to reduce crime and increase home values in the 5th District. You can reach Tim by phone at work: 423-2695, home: 456-2695 or email: tmp@mcbm.com.

Aluminum Can Drop Site

The First Christian Church, at the corner of Pettit and Calhoun, is a drop site for Aluminum Cans for the Habitat for Humanity. Feel free to drop cans off anytime, as opposed to the every other week recycling the city performs.

Porch Lights Fight Crime: What's the Cost?

The police have noted that keeping our Porch Lights lit all night long helps to prevent crime in the area. You can use this formula from AEP to calculate how much your lights will add to your monthly bill:

(Watt of Bulb X Hours Used) divided by 1000 = Kilowatts.

Kilowatts X .08 = cost to leave lights on

A 60 watt bulb on for 11 hours a night is only \$1.64 per month.



2003 Dues are Due

Please notice the attached envelope for your dues. Our yearly budget, which includes neighborhood favorites like Dirt Day and Dumpster Day, relies on about 70 percent of our homes to pay dues. To the 31 percent of our neighbors who have paid 2003 dues, and to those who have contributed more than the voluntary, annual \$25.00, thank you!

February's Treasurer's Report

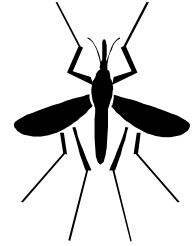
\$ 338.36	Beginning Balance
\$1,835.50	Income from Dues and Contributions
\$ -97.53	Expenses: Easement Lights, Insurance, Landscaping, Printing, Awards
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\$2,075.83	Current Balance

Harrison Hill Block Captains

Cindy Joyner, 4101 S. Harrison
 Cheryl Write 744-6981, 129 W. Lexington
 Doug Speakman & Tim Robison 456-1016, 306 N. Cornell
 Jack Zoch 745-5336, 211 W. Lexington
 Jill Brigman 456-4165, 316 W. Foster Parkway
 Eunice Conrad 744-9519, 4218 Hoagland
 Lois Foote 456-8535, 315 S. Cornell
 Rachel Messman 745-3218, 4530 S. Cornell

Diana Crumpacker 456-7415, 228 S. Cornell
 Sue Trowbridge 744-4440, 215 S. Seminole
 Chad Rader 744-9720, 313 N. Seminole
 Kelly Williams 456-4432, 226 N. Seminole
 Randy and Julie Rusk -456-7746, 226 N. Seminole Circle

Thank you to all the Block Captains for your time and effort.
 Keep up the good work!



- **Get rid of standing water**
- **Dispose of old tires**
- **Cut high grass and weeds**
- **Stock fish**
- **Attract birds**
- **Fight West Nile**

"The neighborhood pays for lights in the easements, insurance to cover accidents at our entrances, Dirt Day, Dumpster Day, Landscaping, Neighborhood get together, prizes for decorations, Postage, paper, printing and other various expenses that pop up throughout the year. Your help is much appreciated."



Cornell & Seminole Circles
Harrison Blvd.
Radial Lane,
Hoagland & W. Foster
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Email: hh@harrisonhill.com

Board of Managers

Jerry Deckard -President 744-9720
Cindy McAfee -Vice President 744-1339
Tim Dykehouse, Treasurer 456-2611
Kelly Williams, Secretary
Dana Merle
Cindy Joyner
Sue Trowbridge
Chad Rader
Angela Kuhn

Welcome Natalie Rose Geise,
born February 24 at 11:51 a.m.
Congratulations Greg and Denise!

Welcome Aaron Daniel Collins,
Born February 1 at 4:38 p.m.
Congratulations Dennis and Robin!

Repaving Projects

The city has contracted to have an outside firm repave Pasadena from Hoagland to Fairfield, hopefully this summer. Be prepared for traffic changes in the future because other streets, in and around our neighborhood, like Indiana, Maxine, Nutman, South Wayne, Arlington, Beaver, Kinsmore, Oakdale, and Webster are also contracted out for repair. We have not solid dates for street downtimes, but will pass them along if and when we do.

Automatic Water Meter Reading

The City of Fort Wayne is embarking on a three year project to upgrade their ability to read residential water meters more quickly and easily. The City will be installing devices to broadcast your water meter information to meter readers in cars on the street. The devices take about 30 minutes to install unless problems are encountered with your water shut off valve. Contact Phil Giaquinta with questions at 427-1334.

Meeting Minutes are online at our neighborhood website. If you want a hard copy, please contact Jerry Deckard.

Child Care

Child Care/Children's Learning House

- Home child care in a preschool environment
- 10 years experience in licensed child care facilities, home child care, and Early Childhood Education
- Member of the National Assoc. of Young Children and National Assoc. of Family Child Care
- 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday—Friday
- Developmentally appropriate learning activities & curriculum
- Preparation for kindergarten
- Impeccable references
- Call Michelle at 745-3646

Painting

Sue Trowbridge, Member of Painters' Union 744-4440

Country Style
Breakfast and
Lunch

South Side Café
3028 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN

Great
Home
Cooking

Mon-Fri 5:30 — 3:00
Saturday 5:30 — 2:00
Sunday 6:30 — 1:00

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South!**

**Phone: 260-744-2255
FAX: 260-744-0004**

Eggs, Toast, French Toast,
Omelets, Pancakes, Muffins
Biscuits and Gravy, Cereal

*Children's Menus and
Desserts available*

Soup, Chili, Sandwiches,
Salads, Chicken, Fish,
Grilled Cheese, A la Carte,
Hot Dogs, Tenderloin

Soft Drinks, Iced Tea,
Lemonade, Juice, Milk,
Coffee, Cappuccino,
Hot Chocolate

Komet Hockey Night

The Harrison Hill Neighborhood Association and Grace Saint John's United Church of Christ attended a Komet Hockey Match on Saturday March 15th at 7:00 p.m. The Komets had a great night, winning 6-2 with one of the Komets scoring four goals himself. Two of the hockey players came by to sit with our group, say, "Hi," to the kids and sign autographs. The new coliseum looked great and even though our seats were near the new top of the arena, we had a fine view of the match.



Junior Achievement

The purpose of Junior Achievement (JA) is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready. Junior Achievement's sequential pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade programs use volunteers from all walks of life to facilitate engaging, age appropriate lessons, provided through a partnership with the business community.

Delilah Brown attended our last neighborhood meeting as a representative of JA and told us that the city's south and southeast sides are struggling to find enough JA volunteers cover all the JA programs in the South Side schools. If you want to volunteer for JA, or want more information, here is the contact information:

Junior Achievement
601 Noble Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
(260) 484-2543
<http://www.jani.org>

City Code 91.018 Pick up after your Pet

Since 1981, it has been the city code that people responsible for an animal shall immediately remove the animal's waste from public lands or from the property of another, excepting a blind person working with a guide dog.

Owners failing to perform this duty (or doody, one might say) is committing a Class B offense, which is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1000.

Residents who feed their pets outside should make sure that all dog food is cleaned up regularly, because rats are attracted to the dog food, which in turn makes them attracted to the dog feces.

The Health department and Animal Control can both issue tickets and fines to residents who do not adequately clean up after their animals.

Let's keep our neighborhood yards, parks and sidewalks as clean as possible.

The Internet as a Tool for Modern Life

As I was watching a rerun of Tennessee Tuxedo (a cartoon you may or may not remember from the 1960's) the other day, I realized that I had been preparing for the Internet all my life. Whenever Tennessee and his friend, Chumley the walrus have an idea they want to flesh out, they visit Mr. Whoopie. Mr. Whoopie didn't always know the answer to Tennessee and Chumley's questions, but he had a three dimensional virtual blackboard (a 3DVB) that could explain EVERYTHING. Want to know why the phone still works when you lose electricity in your house? Just go to the "How Stuff Works" website, question number 62 at <http://www.howstuffworks.com/question62.htm> Do you want a copy of George W. Bush's Inaugural Address? Just go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/inaugural-address.html> Even the most outlandish questions have their answers. When was the flush toilet invented? Just go to the website for the International Museum of Toilets at <http://www.sulabh toiletmuseum.org/> and get the whole story. (The answer? Well, 1000 BC if you're interested). - Dan McAfee



Next CCW Meeting

The next CCW general meeting is on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Station on Creighton.



Neighborhood Covenants

The April Harrison Hill Neighborhood Association meeting will again touch upon a Rental Covenant addition to our by-laws. We will be looking at and discussing adding a Rental Covenant to our by-laws (in effect freezing our neighborhood to the number of Rental Properties currently in existence). We plan to discuss the issue again at the April meeting (Thursday April 10th) before voting on the change to our by-laws in May. Quinton Ellis, the Attorney for Harrison Hill will work on the language of the Rental Covenant to be added to our by-laws.

We looked at several proposed additions and changes at the March neighborhood meeting, and we will have time for more questions and comments in the April meeting. After the April meeting Quinton will work on the final wording of the Rental covenant to be brought up for a vote in May.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to raise them at our next meeting.
—Jerry



Summer Block Party

What better time than mid-winter to think about a summer block party. At our last neighborhood association meeting, Julie Goodall (RevJulia@aol.com 745-8012), who is the pastor at Grace St. John's United Church of Christ, invited our neighborhood to join with them in planning a block party on Saturday August 9th, 2003.

Reverend Goodall said the church would like to get more involved in the neighborhood. Another upcoming event is Grace St. John's Feb 6th, all-you-can-eat \$6.00 spaghetti dinner from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Grace St. John's.

Grace St. John's will also be involved in the South Side Congregations Choir Festival (see Page 1).

2004 Cedit Projects

We are investigating projects to submit for 2004 CEDIT funding. We haven't submitted projects for some time, and we have several areas where the sidewalks, curbs and entrances need work or improvements.

Woodhurst and Old Mill have both used CEDIT and Barrett Law money for sidewalk, curb and entrance repairs in the last years, so our area shouldn't have any problem moving up on the list.