



# Harrison Hill Neighborhood News

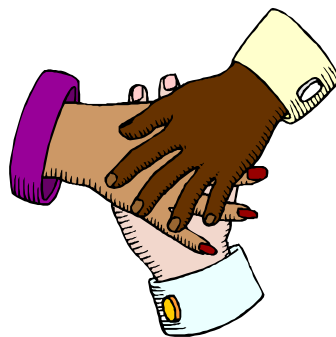
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## Neighbor to Neighbor— “Helping Hands”

As summer progresses, consider the many things we each can do to make our neighbors’ lives a little bit easier. Do you know your neighbors are headed off for vacation? Perhaps you can offer to keep an eye on their home, or feed their fish, or water their flowers. Perhaps you can set their garbage out on the curb and collect their cans. Perhaps you can collect their newspapers and mail for them. Perhaps you can surprise them by letting them come home to a freshly mown lawn.



On the other hand, if you are going away on vacation, it’s a great time to touch base with your neighbors. Let them know you’re going to be gone and whether they might see strangers on your property taking care of your home. Ask them to keep one eye and one ear out for problems and offer the same in return.

Even if vacations aren’t on the table, keeping an eye out for vandals in the area (like the teenagers who were playing war with paintballs and slingshots in the last week of April) can only strengthen our neighborhood. Consider lending a hand to older folk in the area with the heavy duty chores of summer. Consider offering a helping hand during the Great American Cleanup on May 17th. Robert Frost wrote, “Good Fences make for Good Neighbors,” but sometimes, with the best of intentions, it doesn’t hurt to have a gate in the fence.

## Great American Cleanup 2003

Volunteers for the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, 5-17-2003, should **meet at Jerry Deckard’s at 313 N. Seminole Circle at 8:30 a.m. for supplies.** Contact Jerry Deckard at [Jerry@harrisonhill.com](mailto: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. Please call if you have questions.



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. A large dumpster will be located at 4135 S. Harrison Blvd for trash, but please, no tires, paint, freon appliances or railroad ties should go into the dumpster.

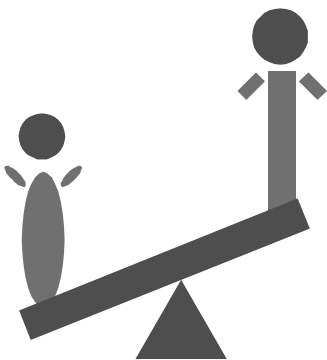
## Upcoming Events

<i>Dirt Day — dirt for flower pots, holes, gardens, etc.</i>	5/03
<i>Neighborhood Meeting at Grace St. John’s — West</i>	5/08 7pm
<i>Voting on Rental Covenant at Grace St. John’s</i>	5/15 6:30 to 7:30pm
<i>Great American Cleanup Saturday</i>	5/17 8:30am
<i>CCW General Meeting at Police Station on Creigh-</i>	5/20 6:30pm
<i>Neighborhood Garage Sale Day.</i>	6/07
<i>Block Party</i>	8/09 2:00pm

### Special points of interest:

- Remember to pick up after your pet
- Remember to keep neighborhood noise down.
- Please pay your 2003 dues if you haven’t already.
- Great American Cleanup 2003 on May 17, 8:30 am.

## Summer Approaches: Be Careful Out There



Take precautions against the summer sun, the summer bugs, and other summer dangers.

### 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 Water Pollution Control at 427-1255**. Reported problems are the only ones fixed.

Animal Control: **427-1244**

Graffiti Hotline: **423-6185**

Rodent Control: **449-7494**

Street Light Maintenance: **427-1236**

### Preston Hildenbrand

A summer approaches, take this time to remind yourself and your kids about the dangers bike riders and pedestrians face every day. Just a few weeks ago on Fairfield Ave., on April 17th, 13 year old Preston Hildenbrand, not realizing anyone was driving nearby, turned his bike into the path of a car. Preston had only recently moved from our neighborhood. He had been living at 334 Radial where his grandmother, Mary Hildenbrand, still resides. Preston is still working toward recovery in the hospital, if you want to send cards or donations, please contact Mary at her home on Radial.

### Fun in the Sun

As summer approaches, remember that the best defense against skin cancer is to stay out of the sun and cover up. Sun Block of SPF 15 at a minimum for kids should be applied ever two hours. Children under six months old should not spend time in direct summer sunlight.

Scented soaps and shampoos attract bugs and even loud, flowered shirts can fool the bees. Children should use repellent that contains no more than 10% DEET.

Bike riders, scooters, skateboarders — wear your helmets and your pads... and lets be careful out there.

### 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.

### City Council Contact

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



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### Board of Managers

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### Barking Dogs and Other Noises

Please remember that not everyone in our neighborhood works on the same daily schedule as everyone else. There are many — old and young alike — who lay themselves down for naps during the daylight hours. If we can all collect our barking dogs in short order, keep our music at reasonable levels, and take it easy on our gas pedals, our neighborhood will be much more nap-friendly.

### 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

Country Style Breakfast and Lunch	<b>South Side Café</b> 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	<b>Buy South!</b>	<b>Phone: 260-744-2255 FAX: 260-744-0004</b>
Eggs, Toast, French Toast, Omelets, Pancakes, Muffins Biscuits and Gravy, Cereal	<i>Children’s Menus and Desserts available</i>	
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	



### Next CCW Meeting

The next CCW general meeting is on Tuesday, March 20, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Station on Creighton.



### Covenant Signing Planned

The April Harrison Hill Neighborhood Association meeting touched upon a Rental Covenant addition to our by-laws. We have been 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 vote on this issue in May (Thursday May 15th from 6:30—7:30 pm).** If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call or write to any of the board members.

In addition to discussing the Rental Covenant at the last Neighborhood Meeting, we also planned the Easter Egg Hunt, which was very well attended. Thanks to all who helped with signs, hiding eggs, planning the event, and supervising the children who participated. Thanks to those who are storing our salt barrels for the summer.

Another topic at our April meeting was the West Nile Virus. We will have six different tire days this spring and summer to rid our neighborhood of mosquito hang outs. Remember to clean and treat your gutters, pool covers, bird baths, flower pots, etc. Lowes has treatment pellets for standing water that will prevent mosquitoes from breeding.



### Summer Block Party

Representatives from our neighborhood and from Grace St. John’s United Church of Christ held a planning meeting for an August 9th Block Party. Julie Goodall (RevJulia@aol.com 745-8012), is the pastor at Grace St. John’s United Church of Christ, and it sounds like the Block Party will be a great time for young and old alike.

Although plans are still being worked, please set aside August 9th from 2 p.m. until whenever. There will be many activities, lots of food and fun, and many opportunities for our neighborhood to shine as the heart of the South Side of town. The next planning meeting will be on May 19th at 7:30pm at Grace St. John’s — everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas.

### 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.