



The  
College Commons  
Neighborhood  
Association

*An Uncommonly Nice  
Place to Live*

[www.collegecommons.org](http://www.collegecommons.org)

December, 2010

## Letter from the President:

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. and the executive board for 2011 was confirmed with President Connie Jones, Vice President Tim Jones, and Secretary/Treasurer Terri Atkinson. I would like to thank all those who attended, including several new College Commons neighbors.

Please be sure to stop by our new website, [www.collegecommons.org](http://www.collegecommons.org), which offers many helpful links and more neighborhood information. Add your email address to our list

to receive email crime alerts and notices.

In celebration of the holiday season, we are asking that ALL residents turn on their decorations, both in and out, on Sunday, December 19 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. This gives your College Commons neighbors an opportunity to enjoy a sense of community. Be sure to drive our streets so you, too, can feel the calm of our little pocket of the city.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season!

Connie Jones

The holiday season also increases the number of break-ins. Don't be an easy target for criminals:

- ▶ Keep exterior house lights on from dusk to dawn. Look at your property at night to see how it looks to a burglar. If someone is lurking around your home, the police can't see them if your property is dark.
- ▶ Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- ▶ Keep trees and bushes around your house trimmed.
- ▶ Know your neighbors, their vehicles, and their habits. Make a sketch of your home and surrounding neighbors in all directions. Use your orange neighborhood directory to note their address and name, then place by your phone so you will have EXACT information if you call 911.
- ▶ Make sure your mailbox numbers can be easily seen at night. Emergency personnel need the numbers to be visible from all directions.
- ▶ Make your home appear lived-in and occupied at all times. Criminals prefer vacant homes. Use timers for interior lights. Do not leave your trash cans or personal items outside your home.
- ▶ If you see suspicious behavior CALL 911 immediately! DON'T INTERVENE. Give the dispatcher as many details as possible regarding people and vehicles. Specify that the crime is "IN PROGRESS" for immediate response by patrolling officers.
- ▶ Do not open your door unless you know who is knocking. DO NOT buy anything from door-to-door solicitors.
- ▶ Make an inventory list of your possessions, including serial numbers. Without serial numbers, there is little likelihood of getting your property back. Engrave identification numbers on valuable items. Keep that inventory list in a safe place, but not with the items.
- ▶ Hide jewelry and other precious items outside of a jewelry box or keep in safe deposit boxes.
- ▶ If you have guns, keep a list of their serial numbers outside of the gun safe.
- ▶ Keep electronics and other valuables out of sight of windows.
- ▶ Attend neighborhood meetings and know the police officers in your area.
- ▶ Have a safety plan and share it with your children.
- ▶ If you ask solicitors to leave your property and they don't, it's criminal trespassing. Call 911 immediately.
- ▶ Car thieves will read your auto registration to find out where your home is, and they know you're away. They also have your garage door opener. Keep your registration and ID hidden somewhere besides the glove compartment.

**Bottom line:** Don't make it easy for criminals. But do make it easy for the police to help us keep our homes and properties safe.

**Directories:** We are diligently working on the 2011 Neighborhood Directory and hope to have them printed and distributed by the end of February. Make sure to get any changes or additions to your information to your street monitor as soon as possible.

Please take a moment and fill out the attached 2011 dues coupon and submit to the treasurer, Terri Atkinson. We have already had the first snow of the season, and it takes everyone's dues to keep our streets plowed. Thank you!

**Dues Coupon**

Mail to...

**Terri Atkinson, Treasurer**  
**College Commons Neighborhood Assoc.**  
**9251 Warwick Rd.**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46240**

Make checks payable to the  
**College Commons Neighborhood Association (CCNA)**  
**Please write 'dues for 2011' in your check memo area.**

We (I) live on 91st. or 96th St. or College Ave. The city removes snow from my street. I only owe \$5 in dues.

We (I) live on an interior street in the neighborhood. Here is **\$15.00** for Association dues and to help the neighborhood association pay for snow removal from my street.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<i>College Commons Neighborhood Association</i>		
<i>Board of Directors</i>		
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<b>Officers</b>		
President .....	Connie Jones .....	640-8521
Vice-President .....	Tim Jones .....	640-0727
Secretary/Treasurer .....	Terri Atkinson .....	844-8230
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<b>Street Monitors</b>		
Pennsylvania St. ....	Karen Risk .....	846-7086
Delaware St. ....	Rick Sparks and Robbie MacDonald .....	843-9135
Washington Blvd. ....	Juanita Johnson .....	846-0588
Central Ave. ....	Jamie Bales .....	966-4255
Warwick Rd. ....	Terri Atkinson .....	844-8230
Park Ave. 93rd to 96th .....	Gary and Jane Williams .....	846-9405
Park Ave. 91st to 93rd .....	Annie Gallagher .....	459-7838
Broadway & 93rd, 95th .....	Robert and Carolyn Wentz .....	844-0392
College Ave. ....	Jeff Risser .....	575-4535
91st St. ....	Matt Winston .....	844-1929
96th St. ....	Jeff Risser .....	496-5693
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<b>Special Interest</b>		
Crime Watch Coordinator .....	Ali and Mike Maxwell .....	750-0401 Ali 750-7077 Mike
Health and Hospital .....	Karen Risk .....	846-7086
Newsletter Editor .....	Heidi Newman .....	818-8189
Publisher .....	Karen Kennedy .....	846-8712
Zoning/Land Use/Code Enforcement .....	Karen Risk .....	846-7086
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<b>Emergency Numbers</b>		
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Dept. ....		327-3811
Emergency—Fire, IMPD, Medical .....		911
Mayor's Action Center (MAC) .....		327-4622
Mayor's Neighborhood Administrator Liaison .....		327-5380
Animal Control, Animal Bites (MAC) .....		327-4622
Housing and Neighborhood Health (MAC) .....		327-4622
Code Enforcement inspector .....		997-0117



**ATTENTION:**

**Please keep street gutters and drainage passages in front of your home free of leaves and debris. When our streets fill with water, it creates very icy and dangerous winter driving.**