

CCNA NEWS

College Commons
Neighborhood
Association

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December 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FOOD DRIVE

Through December 17 – CCNA is sponsoring a food drive for the benefit of the Nora Elementary School food pantry. To participate, please gather your items, call your Street Rep at the phone number on this newsletter to let them know you have a donation, then place the items on your front porch before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th for pick up.

The following items are needed: beef stew, tuna and other canned meats, macaroni & cheese and other boxed dinners, cans of soup, 100% Juices, applesauce, canned vegetables and fruits, and peanut butter. Ring pull-top items are much desired as some homes do not have can openers according to Suzanne Zybert, Principal of Nora Elementary, but any and all items are greatly appreciated.

The items will be delivered to the school on Monday, December 19. If you have any items available after the pick-up on December 17, please call Connie Jones at 640-8521 to make arrangements.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY

December 18 - From dusk to 9:00 p.m., please be sure to turn on all your outside and inside holiday lights to create our own little winter wonderland. Also, please take a minute to wander our neighborhood and enjoy the light displays.

RECENT EVENTS

October 21 - There was a nice turnout for the 1st Semi-Annual CCNA Fall Break Social Hour. Cookies, cider, and punch were shared with good conversation by all. We hope to see even more of you at the Spring Fling Social Hour next year. Details to follow.

November 10 - The annual CCNA meeting was held and the slate of current officers was presented and approved. No other candidates were slated. Amie Martens from the Marion County Prosecutors Office spoke about the Burglary Enforcement Strategy Team (BEST) and provided materials on how to safeguard your home from burglary. Anyone who was unable to attend the meeting and is interested in having these materials can contact Connie Jones at 640-8521.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTERS

Please take a moment to visit the CCNA website, www.collegecommons.org, where you will find the most recent neighborhood news. Be sure that Terri Atkinson has your email address to receive your crime alerts and other neighborhood notices, including the newsletter, electronically.

**COMMUNICATION IS KEY!
KEEP US INFORMED SO WE
CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED!**

CRIME TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

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

- Do not open your door unless you know who is knocking.
- Keep electronics and other valuables out of sight of windows.
- Keep exterior house lights on from dusk to dawn.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Keep trees and bushes around your house trimmed.
- Make sure your house appears occupied since criminals prefer vacant homes.
- **MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL...**
If someone or something doesn't look quite "right", it probably isn't. Don't wait. Trust your instincts and immediately CALL 911! Tell dispatcher crime is "IN PROGRESS".

CRIME TIPS FOR YOU

- Don't leave items visible in your car.
- Be sure to lock your car. Both while parked and while you are behind the wheel.
- If you are alone while shopping, wait until someone else leaves the store so there is someone near you as you enter your car.
- Pay attention to your surroundings. Look for anything that seems odd.
- Don't text or talk on your cell phone as you walk to your auto.

CCNA GUIDELINES FOR ISSUES/DISPUTES

In effort to be a consistent and neighborly board, here is how we will handle disputes or issues:

1. Neighbor to neighbor: If you have a concern with what your neighbor is doing with or on their property **AND** it affects you or your property, please talk directly to your neighbor and see if the matter can be resolved between the two of you.

2. Neighbor to Street Rep: If you don't feel comfortable talking with your neighbor regarding your issue, please call your Street Rep to discuss it with them.

3. Street Rep to Neighbor: The Street Rep will talk directly to the neighbor unless it is a public safety issue which will be referred directly to the appropriate government agency.

4. Letter from CCNA: If the matter is one that can be handled with contact from the CCNA board, then a letter will be issued to the offending party with a request to cease and desist.

5. CCNA to city agency: If all options have been exhausted, then the appropriate city agency will be contacted.

In some instances, with properties that are in foreclosure or abandoned, the board will automatically proceed to step 5.

With limited resources and a volunteer board, CCNA will limit our intervention activities to dues-paying neighbors.

Note: Your Street Monitor is now known as your Street Representative. They are your point of contact for crime alerts and other board matters.

Street Representatives will continue to notify you of all crime alerts whether via email or telephone so please be sure that they have your most up-to-date information.

CCNA "IN THE WORKS"

As a board, we strive to find ways to reach out to our neighbors.

We are currently working on an informational packet that will be provided to home sellers throughout our neighborhood.

Having an active crime watch is a great selling point and we want to make sure that all listings have this important information.

Also, having a contractual agreement for snow removal on a yearly basis is another selling point. For only \$1.25 per month, our streets will be plowed when it snows three inches or more and because our contractor lives within our neighborhood, we are prioritized above others. (Remember, the city only plows when it snows six inches at one time and then our neighborhood is not given preferential treatment over any other neighborhood in the city.)

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

As we approach the new year just a reminder that January is also the start of the CCNA calendar year. So please be sure to fill out the attached coupon and mail or drop it off to our Treasurer, Terri Atkinson. For your convenience, we have added the PayPal option to our website. If you normally pay \$15 per year (interior streets), there is a PayPal charge of 75 cents for a total of \$15.75. If you pay \$5 (College, 91st, & 96th Streets), the PayPal charge is 45 cents for a total of \$5.45. There is also an option if you would like to pay more as some have in the past.

Remember, two-thirds of all dues are set aside for snow removal. Let's hope for a gentler winter than last.

2012 Dues Coupon
Dues are for January 1 – December 31, 2012

Make checks payable to... **CCNA**

Mail to...
Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer
CCNA
9251 Warwick Rd.
Indianapolis, In 46240

___ We (I) live on 91st, 96th or College. The city removes snow from my street. We (I) only owe **\$5.00** for CCNA dues.

___ We (I) live on an interior street in the neighborhood. We (I) owe **\$15.00** for CCNA dues which will help pay for privately contracted snow removal on my street.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

CCNA Board of Directors			
Officers:			
President	Connie Jones		640-8521
Vice President	Tim Jones		640-0727
Secretary/Treasurer	Terri Atkinson		844-8230
Street Representatives:			
91st St	Matt Winston		844-1929
93rd, 95th, Broadway Sts	Robert & Carolyn Went		844-0392
96th St., College Ave	Dennis Horvath		844-6869
Central Ave	Jamie Bales		966-4255
Delaware St	Rick Sparks & Robbie McDonald		843-9135
Park Ave (91st to 93rd)	Annie Gallagher		459-7838
Park Ave (93rd to 96th)	Jane & Gary Williams		846-9405
Pennsylvania St	Karen Risk		846-7086
Warwick Rd	Terri Atkinson		844-8230
Washington Blvd	Juanita Johnson		846-0588
Special Interest:			
Crime Watch	Mike & Ali Maxwell	Ali -	750-0401
		Mike -	750-7077
Health & Hospital/ Code Enforcement	Karen Risk		846-7086
Web Administrator	Terri Atkinson		844-8230
Zoning/Land Use	Karen Risk		846-7086
Important Numbers:			
Emergency (Fire, IMPD, Medical)			911
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police – officer needed that day			327-3811
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police – officer <u>not</u> needed that day			327-6100
Animal Control, Animal Bites (MAC)			327-4622
Code Enforcement Inspector			997-0117
Fire Department Dispatch – non-emergency			634-1313
Housing & Neighborhood Health (MAC)			327-4622
Mayor’s Action Center (MAC)			327-4622
Mayor’s Neighborhood Association Liaison			327-5380

CCNA WISHES YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!