

CCNA NEWS

College Commons
Neighborhood
Association

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Spring 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 28 10am-2pm
**4th NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION
DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**

Drop off your unwanted, unused drugs at our nearest location, St. Vincent Heart Center, 10580 N. Meridian for safe disposal.

Thursday, May 3 7:30 pm
**91st & MERIDIAN PROPERTY
PUBLIC MEETING**

Nora Community Council to hear proposed plans for old Marathon gas station property presented by Paul Hayden, CFO of Harlan Companies. Plans said to include gas station with convenience store, Dunkin' Donuts and Dairy Queen. The public is welcome to voice their support and/or concerns. The meeting will be held at the Church at the Crossing, 9111 Haverstick Road, Door #10 (on the north end of the building).

Friday, May 11 6:30 – 7:30 pm
SPRING FLING/SOCIAL HOUR

Please join the CCNA board and your neighbors at the 2nd semiannual social hour. No formal meeting, just a chance to chat and enjoy punch and cookies. Social will be at 9247 N. Meridian Street, enter from the north side door.

Saturday, June 2 8am – 2pm
NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Everyone is invited to join in the 2nd neighborhood-wide yard sale. Building on last year's efforts, please contact Jamie Bales at 966-4255 to sign up so we can have an accurate head count for advertising and to reach you in case of postponement due to inclement weather. June 9 will be the alternate date.

Friday, June 15 9am – 2 pm
**S.A.F.E. (SCAMS, ABUSE, FRAUD,
AND EXPLOITATION) MEETING**

Senior Medicare Patrol is teaching how to prevent and report fraud. You can turn in expired medications to the IMPD, shred old documents for free, and hear experts on how to protect yourself from fraud and scams targeting seniors. The free meeting will be at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th Street. Register at <http://safeseminar06152012.eventbrite.com/> or call 317-205-9201.

Thursday, June 21 11am-2pm
**COMMUNITY DAY AT BROAD
RIPPLE PARK**

Sponsored in part by the IMPD North District Office. Last year, there were bounce houses, free food, drinks, clowns, music, and raffles. Hundreds of people attended. Everyone had a great time, kids and adults alike. It is a fantastic event with many community organizations present. It is also a great opportunity to meet and interact with the officers of IMPD. There will be officers from the air patrol (helicopters), motorcycle, and mounted units present as well as the SWAT team. They are currently looking for volunteers for the event. Alan Leinberger, North District – Community Relations, Department of Public Safety can be reached at 317-327-6100 or by email at: Alan.Leinberger@indy.gov Please plan to attend or volunteer.

"KIDS DART" SIGNS AVAILABLE:

CCNA has been able to obtain 21 "Kids Dart" signs. As a CCNA resident, you can get one for placement on your property by contacting Matt Winston at 844-1929 to arrange pick up. Note: To be respectful of Matt's time, "no shows" for scheduled pick up appointments will have their names removed from the availability list without exception.

CRIME NEWS:

On March 19, 2012 at approximately 1:00 p.m. at 631 E. 93rd Street, an African American male driving a rusted white Dodge pickup stole a leaf blower and gas can from the back of the lawn care contractor's trailer....while the contractor was right there mowing the lawn! A police report was filed, so if you happen to see a truck matching this description in the neighborhood, please call 911.

Sometime between March 19 and March 21 an air conditioning unit was stolen from one of our CCNA neighbors at 9115 Washington Blvd. The unit was on the North side of the house so in order to take the unit, the thieves probably would have had to park in the neighbor's driveway or on the lawn, but there was no unusual activity reported to the police.

CRIME TIP:

With warmer weather and more people working outside, please be sure to lock your front door and close your garage door while you are in your yard. Don't be a theft victim. It only takes a minute for a thief to take your belongings while your attention is diverted.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR:

TRASH ISSUE

Please remember to remove any trash from the end of your drive that wasn't picked up by Republic Waste on Tuesday mornings so it does not blow into your neighbor's yard.

If you do not participate in the Republic recycling program, please be aware that normal trash removal will only take cardboard boxes that have been flattened and bundled.

If you are unsure of Republic's policies regarding the items they will remove, visit their website, www.indywaste.com or call them at (317) 917-7300 and they will clarify.

DOG PROBLEM

This is just a portion of an email I received from a concerned resident regarding dog problems in our neighborhood:

"People are letting their dogs out with no leashes and they run out of their yard into the street or into other people's yards barking at people and other dogs; people walk their dogs with no leash letting them run free across the streets.

Granted it's much better than it was but we still have people who apparently don't care, or actually they probably think that since their dog is not a vicious dog, it's ok to let them run free because they don't think they'll hurt anyone. But what they don't realize is that some people are scared of dogs no matter how big or small they are and even some animals are either afraid of other dogs or they just don't like being around other dogs. In addition to that, you never know how any animal will react to certain situations...just like the lady with the ape that ripped the face off the other woman.

That lady said the ape was always a gentle animal."

As recently as three weeks ago, two pit bulls were removed by IMPD from our neighborhood after they were found roaming free. Not only is it dangerous to allow **ANY** dog to roam free, but it is against the law. It is your responsibility as the dog owner for any damages your dog causes to property or persons. You can find the entire "leash law" on our website,

www.collegecommons.org, under Links to Other Resources, Municipal Code – Marion County. It is in Section 531-102 "Animals At Large".

Since we have mentioned this numerous times, I strongly urge anyone seeing a dog roaming free to immediately contact Animal Control at (317) 327-4622. I love animals too, but enough is enough.

SIDE NOTE:

It is very disappointing that only 24% of the 320 homes in our neighborhood have bothered to pay their dues. The Board works very hard to keep you informed using the website, www.collegecommons.org, crime alerts and other neighborhood notices, including the email newsletter notification. In addition, the Board works with individual neighbors and the city when requested to help keep our property values up.

**COMMUNICATION IS KEY!
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CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED**