

COLLEGE COMMONS

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Summer's heating up!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

College Commons Neighborhood Association Public Meeting

AUGUST 8, 2017, 6:30PM
9247 N. Meridian Street,
2nd Floor Classroom

Be active in your neighborhood! Join us for the next public meeting. Use front entrance of the building and the elevator to the second floor. Exit the elevator to the right to get to the classroom.

Summer Adult Cooking Series: I Can!

AUGUST 16, 2017, 2-4PM
Nora Library, 8625 Guilford Ave.

Learn the basics of how to preserve fresh produce by blanching and freezing or canning techniques during this easy beginner class. This program will be presented by representatives of the Marion County Health Department.

Summerfest

AUGUST 21 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
Various Restaurants

Experience Indy's city-wide dining experience, Devour Indy at more than 200 restaurants offering three-course, value-priced menus. More info and participating restaurants at: www.devourindy.com

Indy Do Day

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2017
Various Locations

Indy DO Day consists of several days when the people of Indianapolis get to know their neighbors, take ownership of their neighborhoods and take care of one another. More info and sign up to participate at: www.indydoday.org

📍 Spotlight House



9212 N. Delaware

Meet Mike and Jessica Thomas, the proud owners of this issue's Spotlight house. When they purchased this house, it was a drab little rental. With a little love and hard work, they brought it back to life and renovated the house both inside and out. Thanks Mike and Jessica for helping to keep our neighborhood looking great!

NEIGHBORHOOD CALLS TO ACTION

Adopt-A-Block Program

The Adopt-A-Block program through Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) empowers neighbors to bring beautification and neighborhood revitalization down to the smallest unit, the block. We need help in College Commons! To volunteer in our neighborhood, contact Adopt-A-Block captains Brian Renner at 260-705-6506 or James Williams at 317-478-3799.

Fall Yard Sale

Let's gear up for another College Commons Community yard sale. Last year's was successful and fun! If you're interested in participating, contact Vicki at 317-507-8460.

🏠 Market Moves

Values are up! Sale times are down! The price per square foot has increase 20% since this time last year and the days on market has dropped by two weeks. Questions? Call or email James Williams at 317-478-3799 or james@jsquaredrealty.com

FOR SALE

9315 Park Ave - \$169,000

9302 College - \$209,900

9530 Park Ave - \$235,000

9599 Central - \$98,500

9550 Park Ave - \$148,500

SOLD

Eight sold as of March 24, 2017

Average Days on Market: 24

Average \$/square foot: \$131.23

Protecting Your Property

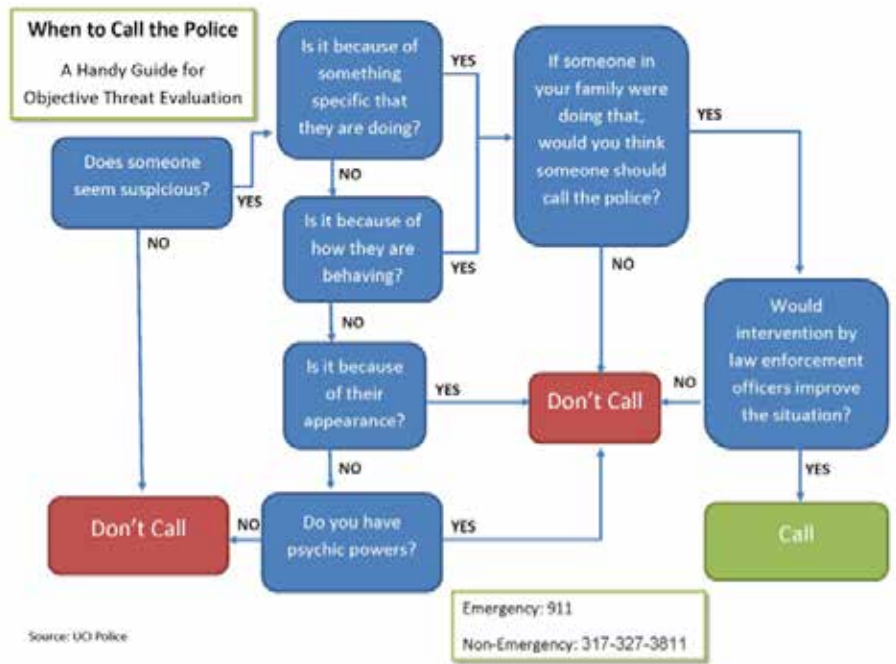
Sometimes despite all our efforts, crime happens, but here are some tips to protect your property and discourage break-ins.

Cars:

- Lock your doors.
- Light! Light! Light! Our neighborhood is very dark at night. Park under a light or use motion sensor lights in your driveway. Make sure they are installed out of reach so that light bulbs can't easily be unscrewed.
- Enable your car alarm or purchase a fake blinking light. A visible blinking light on dash will discourage thieves.
- Don't leave ANYTHING in your car, not even loose change. Leave nothing to tempt someone passing by – no matter how petty it seems. Definitely don't leave anything valuable in your car.

Home:

- Do not broadcast your vacation plans.
- Halt newspaper delivery, and have a neighbor collect



mail so that it isn't obvious you are not home.

- Use timing devices on lights, TVs, and/or radios to make it seem like someone is home.
- Turn phone ringers down so would-be burglars can't listen to see if someone is home to answer.
- Trim hedges and trees to eliminate hiding places near your windows and doors.

Preservation in the Neighborhood

BY BRIAN RENNER

As Indianapolis and the surrounding area continues to grow, we may find ourselves facing additional challenges in preserving the character of our neighborhood. The CCNA is, in short, about neighbor communication, public discussion, citizen participation, and being a voice for common interests. To me, the character of the neighborhood is derived not only from the scenery and homes, but also from the residents. As an organized front, we are able to address concerns and be an active force in future of College Commons, Nora, and the Northside (and maybe a bit across the county line).

The movement within our

neighborhood began in 1970, when a six acre wooded lot on the west side of Delaware Street was listed for sale for commercial development. Eleven families on Delaware Street came together to create Delaware Commons Inc. They sought to purchase the woods from the Emblegarde-Revised developer in order to "preserve it in perpetuity." The developer agreed.

After the land was fully purchased, the neighbors formed the Delaware Commons Neighborhood Association. Some of the residents that helped preserve this land still reside in our neighborhood. The Delaware Commons Neighborhood Association began to expand, eventually becoming the College

Commons Neighborhood Association in the late 1990s.

This corner of Delaware Street remains one of the most, if not THE most, wooded area within College Commons. I ask of all neighbors that we take this lesson into consideration. Preserve our natural spaces and tree canopy. Plant a tree. Work together to maintain our community. As we move through summer and head into fall, take time to walk down every street and appreciate what a small group of neighbors began to preserve over 47 years ago. We will work to continue to make College Commons an uncommonly nice place to live.

Block Party Fun!

Thanks to all who planned and attended this year's Block Party. See you next year!

