



THE ISLAND HOME NEIGHBOR

April 2016

Island Home Park Neighborhood Association

Easter Egg Hunt

by The Easter Bunny



The day was just right and the eggs had been placed with care. I oversaw children of all ages search for treasures and renew friendships with neighbors after a winter. I, the Easter Bunny, want to thank all who participated in this Island Home Park tradition. I could not do this alone nor would I want to. So thanks again to all who prepared for, set up and participated in the annual IHP Easter Egg Hunt.

Porch Hops Return!

After a year-long hiatus, the Porch Hop is back. What is a Porch Hop? It is Island Home Park's al fresco happy hour. Porches, (or decks, or patios, or lawns) will be open during the entire hop. Snacks and soft drinks are provided, any alcoholic drinks are BYOB.

April 29, Friday, 6 – 9 pm

Pennoyer home, 2110 Hillsboro Heights

Barton home, 1942 Maplewood

June 10, Friday, 6 – 9 pm

Simmons home, 2126 Fisher Place

Graham home, 2026 Spence Place

If you would like to host a Porch Hop, please contact Jessica Rodocker jessica@firstneighborhoods.com or text/call 386-3311.

TSD Construction

The demolition and reconstruction of two buildings on the TSD campus began in February. This is a multi-year project. Rentenbach Constructors, the general contractors, are interested in hearing any neighborhood concerns about construction traffic. All construction traffic has been routed through the pillars, east on Spence Place, south on Willis Place, and through the front entry of TSD for this phase of the project. Please make note of the date and time and all vehicle information (company name, license, type and/or description of vehicle) you can gather to send Nancy Campbell, 577-0872 or eancampbell@gmail.com. Rentenbach will be notified.

Urban Wilderness Celebration

Tuesday, April 19, South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition (SKNBC) and the South Knoxville Alliance will host a celebration of the Urban Wilderness at Ijams Nature Center. A reception with snacks and drinks will start at 6 pm. At 6:30, a forum will feature a presentation by Dr. Charles Sims about the economic impact of the Urban Wilderness. Dr. Sims presented a paper at the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy at UTK in January that reported the impact on local spending, tax revenues, jobs, and quality of life generated by the Urban Wilderness, our South Knoxville natural asset right next door. Carol Evans of Legacy Parks, representatives from the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club, Knoxville Office of Neighborhoods, and tourism specialists will sit on a panel to expand upon the topic. You are invited to a fun and interesting evening.

President's Message

By Nancy Campbell

Treasurer Mary Wiginton attended the Office of Neighborhoods annual luncheon in March to represent Island Home Park. Our nominees for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor Award, Brian and Debra Douglas, were honored. Although they did not win the award, we recognize their good deeds throughout IHP. Just today I saw their car full of collected donations to various animal welfare groups, only one of the ways they are Island Home Park good neighbors.

Parks and Recreation is still in the planning phase for the updates to our neighborhood park. The latest word is that a presentation about the walkway design will be ready to present to us in July. Stay tuned!

The temporary construction entrance to TSD at the east end of Maplewood was finally removed. The fence has been restored and we have been told that there are no plans for reestablishing that entrance for the current campus construction projects.

Every resident is a member of IHPNA, but our membership campaign for dues collection is very important to our association. Dues and donations support our activities and strengthen our case when we deal with the world outside our neighborhood. Thank you for your support in 2016. Additionally, we want to acknowledge and thank First Neighborhoods Realty for their generous donation to IHPNA.

I think I found a new favorite neighborhood activity – the Easter Egg Hunt. Many neighbors participated, from Katie Hamilton orchestrating the filling of 1200 plastic eggs by a cadre of volunteers, to the Baldwin family and other egg hidiers (Katie, Debbie Malone, Amy Brooks, Carolyn Williams), to Carol Tolliver with a basket of eggs in case an upset latecomer missed the hunt. Chloe Chitwood at the holiday tree and Jim Staub maintained our neighborhood traditions. The Simmons Family all joined in stuffing eggs, procuring and organizing the

Upcoming Events

April

- 3** Covenant Health Marathon, race through the neighborhood
- 7** Knoxville SOUP, South Knoxville Alliance event to support community-based projects, 6 pm, Dara's Garden on Maryville Pike, light supper served, \$5.00 per person
- 11** Potluck Supper and IHPNA General Meeting, 6 pm, Island Home Baptist Church
- 15 to May 1**– Dogwood Arts Trail throughout Island Home Park
- 19** Celebration of the Urban Wilderness, Ijams Nature Center, 6 pm reception, 6:30 - 7:30 forum
- 29** Island Home Park Porch Hop, 6 – 9 pm, neighborhood homes

May

- 9** IHPNA Board Meeting, Akin Health Room, TSD, 7 pm

June

- 10** Island Home Park Porch Hop, 6 – 9 pm, neighborhood homes

July

- 4** IHPNA Independence Day Picnic, Island Home Boulevard Median, 11 am

August

- 8** IHPNA Board Meeting, Akin Health Room, TSD, 7 pm

September

Annual Meeting – date and location to be announced

gift table, and storing all the supplies from year to year. Thanks to Rebecca Simmons and Katie Hamilton, event chairs, and to everyone who contributed to the event. Every part of the egg hunt was priceless. Join the fun next year!

I hope to see you at our Potluck Supper and General Meeting on Monday, April 11, 6 pm. We are happy to return to the fellowship hall at Island Home Baptist Church.

New Businesses Near IHP

by Bob Dziewulski

The intersection where Island Home Ave. meets Sevier Ave. is going through some changes. Previously laundromat, the building at 1130 Sevier Ave. is now home to Alliance Brewing and 3 Bears Coffee. The building is enjoying the benefits of a façade grant and is evidence of further revitalization along Sevier Ave. The former home of Vol 'n Beers at 1317 Island Home Ave. has a newly renovated interior and is now home to Trailhead Beer Market.

Alliance Brewing serves a wide selection of beers that changes periodically. Alliance does not serve food but regularly has food trucks. Alliance is open every week day 5-9, Saturdays 12-9, Sundays 1-7, and closed Mondays.

3 Bears Coffee, located in the same building, serves fair trade coffee. 3 Bears Coffee has been a staple of the farmers market in Market Square for years. The coffee is reasonably priced and it is a convenient place to stop for those heading downtown in the morning.

Trailhead Beer Market features a wide selection of craft beers. The regularly changing local and regional beers allow patrons to try something new every time they visit. Trailhead is kid and family friendly and has trivia on Thursdays. They are good at communicate goings on via their Facebook page www.facebook.com/trailheadbeermarket/.

TSD Community Service Day

by Theron Strickland

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On November 17, 2015 TSD juniors and seniors participated in a day of service for the residents of Island Home Park. The students decided that they would use this day of service to help older residents

Mark Your Calendars!

Island Home Park Neighborhood Association Potluck and General Meeting

Monday, April 11 at 6:00 pm
at Island Home Baptist Church
on the corner of Fisher Place and
Island Home Avenue.

**Share a Potluck Supper with Your Neighbors
and Attend a Short General Meeting**

IHPNA Directories will be available

clean up their yards in preparation for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Community Service Day served two purposes. First, all seniors are required to complete eight hours of community service to be eligible for the Tennessee Promise Scholarship. Second, it was a great learning opportunity for the students. They were able to experience, first hand, what it means to be part of a community, by giving back to their community and putting other's needs before their own.

The students were able to help nine residents in the neighborhoods. The students eagerly pitched in to help rake leaves, pick up brush and clean out gardens and ponds. It was wonderful for them to interact and get to know some of the residents of the neighborhood! They demonstrated great teamwork during the day as well.

The Community Service Day is not a onetime event. I plan to make this a tradition for our juniors and seniors. By establishing good citizenship skills now, it is my hope that it will carry over to their home communities once they leave TSD. We look forward to giving back to the Island Home Park Neighborhood at a later date!

Membership Update

by Connie Vogt

IHPNA is continuing its successful 2016 membership drive. Eighty-five households, representing slightly less than 50% of our neighborhood, have paid dues totaling approximately \$1150. In addition to the dues collected, residents have donated \$600 to support specific programs and activities of IHPNA.

It is fitting that the winner of the Stanley's Greenhouse gift certificate is Ms. Mary McPherson of Spence Place. Ms. McPherson, a long-time supporter of IHPNA, has been a resident of Island Home Park for over 50 years. Her name was drawn from those that paid their dues prior to March 6, 2016. IHPNA hopes that the gift certificate contributes to Ms. McPherson's recovery from a recent illness.

Residents can still pay dues in one of several ways; to their district representative, to IHPNA treasurer Mary Wiginton, to IHPNA president Nancy Campbell, or to Connie Vogt, IHPNA membership chair. All IHPNA activities and organizational costs are funded by dues. All residents benefit from a fully funded neighborhood association and the programs it provides.

Pay Your Dues Today!

ISLAND HOME PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

*Name(s) _____
 *Address _____
 *Phone(s) _____
 *Email _____

Dues payment enclosed: (Please indicate)
 _____ \$15.00 per household
 _____ \$10.00 per senior(>65) household

Additional donation to support: (Please indicate preference and amount)

- _____ Easter Egg Hunt
- _____ Fourth of July Picnic
- _____ Halloween Party
- _____ Christmas Events
- _____ Neighborhood Beautification
- _____ Outreach
- _____ General Fund

*this information will be used to maintain and update the IHPNA directory

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