



THE ISLAND HOME NEIGHBOR

September 2016

The Island Home Park Neighborhood Association



Fourth of July Picnic and Parade Rebecca Simmons

The Fourth of July celebration on Island Home Boulevard once again served as our annual reminder of why we love this place we call home. From new babies, to big kids who have grown up decorating bikes and riding in the parades, the festivities, food and good company are adored by everyone of all ages each year.

John Michael Scott created a new tradition and memory this year borrowing the Island Home Baptist Church's

A Call for Ghosts and Goblins

This is the first call for all Ghosts and Goblins to attend the annual IHP Halloween Party! It will be in the Scott's and Williams' backyard (1931 Maplewood Drive) on Saturday, October 22, from 4 to 6 p.m.

All ages of residents are invited and encouraged to attend with or without a costume. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. If you plan to sit, please bring a lawn chair or blanket as well.

We would like for older residents to attend so we can all get to know one another better. It also is a great time to enjoy the younger generation as they chase, squeal and giggle their way through the afternoon.

Paper and plastic ware as well as cups and ice will be provided.

Questions? Please call Carolyn Williams at 865.573.6534. Hope to see you all there.

train, pulled by a lawnmower. It provided all the children dozens of laps of fun around the boulevard loop. For those who have not been around a lot of years, it felt like a happy throw back to the days when long-time Island Homer, B.B. Strange, led the parade with his own decorated riding lawnmower. He would have loved this train!

Island Home Park Neighborhood Association Potluck Supper and Annual Meeting

Monday, September 26, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at Island Home Baptist Church
(corner of Fisher Place and Island Home Avenue)

Mark your calendars for our annual potluck supper in the fellowship hall of Island Home Baptist Church.
Bring a dish to share at 6 p.m. The entire family is invited!

We will begin our annual meeting by 7:00
Our guest speaker will be Carol Evans with Legacy Parks Foundation. Carol will discuss Legacy Parks' programs and update us on the G & O Railroad Rail-with-Trail plans.

<http://www.legacyarks.org/category/projects/>

Many thanks to our neighbor Island Home Baptist Church!

President's Message

Nancy Campbell

Wasn't our July 4th party the best? In addition to our usual tasty potluck picnic and over-the-top water fun by our local firefighters, the folks at Island Home Baptist Church brought their train for the popular parade that kicks off the activities. Fortunately for us, but maybe not so for train engineer John Michael Scott, all the children rode the train around the boulevard for hours! Did John Michael ever eat lunch?

Thanks to the organizational skills of Katie and Bobby Graham, Jeanne Fair, Mike Rodocker, Tommy Smith, David and Kathy Keck, John Michael Scott, and all our other neighbors who pitched in to set-up and clean-up wherever needed.

The Vulcan Committee, chaired by Joe Hultquist, continues its important work in Island Home Park. We received 50 responses to the Vulcan Quarry survey distributed to each house earlier in the summer. More information from the committee is coming soon.

We expected a park improvement update by now, but the departure of the coordinator we have dealt with at Parks and Recreation put a bump in that road for us. Construction continues at the Downtown Island Airport and Tennessee School for the Deaf. We are fortunate that both projects are being managed by people/companies sensitive to our needs. Let us know immediately if you have any project-related issues.

Our last 2016 Porch Hop is on October 7. The Porch Hop hosts for this year have been wonderful. Thanks to the Bartons, Pennoyers, Simmonses, Grahams, Wrisbergs, Staubs and October hosts Carol Tolliver, Stewart Smith, Doug and Angie Bataille for sharing your hospitality. Jessica Rodocker, thank you for organizing our Porch Hops.

Our potluck and annual meeting are September 26. The Halloween Party is October 22.

We welcome everyone to our activities. See you then!

Newest Additions to Island Home Park

Chris Bottoms and Patrick Wolf, with big brother Jack, welcomed a baby boy, Asa, August 26, 2016.

Gavin and Naomi Baker of Island Home Boulevard Gavin owns digital marketing agency Baker Labs. Naomi stays home with 1 ½ year old Norah, who will be promoted to big sister this winter with the expected arrival of a baby boy. Renovating their home, the Bakers are excited about our family friendly neighborhood and trail proximity. Habersham is the family brown Labrador.

Doug and Angie Bataille of Island Home Boulevard Doug is with Knox County Parks and Angie is a retired elementary school teacher. The empty nesters have two grown boys. You may see them walking their two little dogs, Beau and Bella.

Michael and Brooke Bock of Hillsboro Heights Michael and Brooke love to play outside and were attracted to IHP for the amazing people and nature surroundings. Michael is an attorney working for an engineering firm. Brook is a Parent Educator at Dogwood and New Hopewell Elementary Schools. They have Jedi and Spice, an Australian Cattle dog and cat.

Jacob and Eliza Bryant of Island Home Boulevard Jacob and Eliza both work at 21st Mortgage downtown. Eliza is thrilled to have purchased the home where she grew up while living with her grandmother and late great-grandmother. Both Bryants hold Master's degrees in history so they were particularly drawn to the neighborhood due to its abundant history.

Carrie Jo Pinckard of Estelle Circle Carrie Jo, a wedding and lifestyle photographer, owns Texture Photo. She grew up on a river in Georgia and feels right at home in her newly renovated house with a Tennessee River view.

Steve and Donna Colburn Maplewood Drive
Mary Dunsmore Maplewood Drive

Update on Office of Neighborhoods Grant for Island Home Park

Carolyn Williams

Have you noticed? You can see all the way to the river and Baker Creek from the bridge at our entry. The concrete walls between the water and street have been pressure washed and the railings painted!

A Sheriff's Department crew twice tackled the initial clearing of the land. With that dent in the undergrowth, additional work was led by Wayne Williams. Neighbors were invited for an August Saturday Workday to donate an hour to make sure the weeds and brush were kept at bay. Nine neighbors came, aged 11 months 29 days to 70, to share the work and fun.

Wayne Williams pressure washed the walls with Rick Alexander's help. The Womacks and the Williams donated water and electricity. The City painted the railings.

Additional work will be done during the late fall and early winter on the trolley island. Trees and flowering plants will be added following a planting design by Abby and Lisa Stanley. Nathan Hunter, another gifted neighbor, will design a river rock wall at the east end of the island to stop turning vehicles from running across the grass. The City will install a curb and plant donated trees.

Another volunteer work day will be held soon under Wayne Williams' leadership. Please help if



you can.

We look forward to accomplishing our goals connected to this grant. We will move on to our plan to place columns at the Fisher Place entrance. Together we can make our neighborhood even more beautiful than it is now. Thanks to all who have helped thus far and who will help in the future! (The grant is posted on ihpna.net)

A Friendly Reminder for Dog Owners

Brian Douglas

Due to several recent events, a helpful reminder of neighborhood expectations (as well as City Ordinances) is in order:

- Please keep your dogs contained securely on your property, or on leash when not. With dogs being walked, children rolling in strollers and on bikes, as well as neighbors of all ages enjoying our beautiful sidewalk community, all should have a reasonable expectation to participate in these activities without being charged or otherwise harassed by a dog (or dogs) whose owners are unable (unwilling) to keep them contained or leashed. The specific ordinance can be found on the City Of Knoxville's website, and Animal Control is available to assist @ 215-2444.

We all know accidental escapes happen to dog owners, but our concern is with repeat offenders!

- Please pick up your dog's waste in all public spaces. Uncollected animal feces pose a health hazard, as they become a vector for zoonotic diseases and parasites. They also pose a sanitation risk, as anyone who has stepped in them can attest. Free waste disposal bags

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Upcoming Events

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Potluck Supper and Annual Meeting

Monday, September 26, 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall of Island Home Baptist Church
Guest Carol Evans with Legacy Parks Foundation

Knoxville SOUP

Community supper and support of projects
(SKA and SKNBC)
Thursday, October 6, 6:00 pm Kerbela Temple

Porch Hop

Friday, October 7, 6 – 9 pm,
Carol Tolliver/Stewart Smith on Spence Place
Doug and Angie Bataille on Island Home Blvd

IHPNA Board Meeting

Monday, October 10, 7:00 pm
Akin Gym Health Room, TSD

Island Home Park Halloween Party

Saturday, October 22, 4 – 6 pm
costumes welcomed, bring snack, drink, chair

Williams / Scott riverside yard on Maplewood Dr.

2016 Holiday Activities to be scheduled

Neighborhood tree decorating
Neighborhood tree lighting
Adult holiday open houses
Family caroling and refreshments
Tennessee School for the Deaf Tree Lighting

IHPNA Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 pm
Akin Gym Health Room, TSD

Dog Owners continued

are conveniently located in the park, as well as at the Island Home Boulevard - Maplewood and Watson intersections. The specific ordinance pertaining to animal waste is also on the City of Knoxville's website. Note: Plastic grocery bags work just fine for waste cleanup.

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