

SOUTH VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

(April Issue)

Association Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southvillage/>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/11/06** South Village Neighborhood Association Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at United Church of Christ on the corner of Pennsylvania and Pleasant Run Pkwy (south). This is open to everyone, please come and join us
- 4/13/06** IPD South District Task Force Meeting (Everyone is invited to attend)
3:00 p.m. at IPD South District Community Room, 1150 S. Shelby Street
- 5/09/06** South Village Neighborhood Association Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at United Church of Christ on the corner of Pennsylvania and Pleasant Run Pkwy (south). This is open to everyone, please come and join us
- 5/11/06** IPD South District Task Force Meeting (Everyone is invited to attend)
7:00 p.m. at IPD South District Community Room, 1150 S. Shelby Street
- May 6** Pleasant Run Creek/Neighborhood Clean Up Day (Meet at 8:00 a.m. on front steps of United Church of Christ)

ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

If you have misplaced your newsletter and want any of the dates for upcoming events or major highlights of what's happening with the Association, you can go to our website located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southvillage/>

MARCH'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker at the March meeting was Jan Lesniak, the Prosecutor's Office Liaison. Ms. Lesniak outlined for us all the programs that are being offered thru the Prosecutor's Office to help make our neighborhoods more safe. Ms. Lesniak brought brochures on most of the programs offered and they will be offered free for the taking at our next meeting as well.

APRIL'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker at the April meeting will be Emily Mack, the Mayor's Office Liaison. Please mark your calendars and planning on attending.

ZONING PETITION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON CORNER OF TROY & BLUFF ROADS

The rezoning petition with regard to the 40 acre property located on the corner of Troy and Bluff which runs behind the Hafer property and Gimber Court has been withdrawn. Our fellow neighbors on the other side of Meridian saw just how important it was to have an association for fighting against these types of things - especially by seeing the victory from our hard-fought battle we were able to accomplish by all coming together as our own community and standing up for ourselves. Our voices were loud and strong and hard to ignore. We send a heartfelt welcome to our new sister association known as Germania Creek Neighborhood Association. The boundaries for this Association will run from Meridian to Bluff and from Troy to Pleasant Run Parkway South.

ZONING PETITION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON CORNER OF MADISON & PLEASANT RUN NORTH PARKWAY

A continuance has been granted to us with regard to the rezoning petition hearing on this property seeking to rezone it from a C-3 to a C-5. The new hearing date will be May 11th. The Association is very much opposed to this rezoning and highly recommends everyone sign the petition which is being circulated.

STATE OF THE CITY WITH THE MAYOR

Grace Denny and Tony attended the State of the City With the Mayor event. Some of the points covered by the Mayor were the following:

- the redevelopment of the brownfields
- the White River sewer clean-up
- traffic signals
- the June completion date of the US 31/Madison Ave. Project

PLEASANT RUN CREEK/NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEAN UP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! May 8th at 8:00 a.m. meet on the front steps of the United Church of Christ. This clean up will also include cleaning up our neighborhood's gutters, alleys, streets, ditches and any brush areas. If you haven't already signed up but would like to be part of this effort (we can use all the help we can get), we will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting but you can also give Grace Denny, Tony

Cox or Mike Herbig a call (their phone numbers are at the end of the newsletter) and ask that your name be added to the list. We will be receiving some assistance from individuals involved in the Probations Clean-Up Program. For those who have already signed up to help, Bill Thrasher has offered to make up trash poker sticks for anyone who would like one. All you need to do is get a wooden broom handle to him (2819 S. Pennsylvania Street) or bring it to our next meeting and Bill will make you one up. Make sure your name is on it - he won't be able to keep track of them otherwise.

Let's take this opportunity to make not only the Creek more clean, safe and beautiful but do some major cleanup in our neighborhood as well. So mark your calendars for the spring clean up and let's make our neighborhood sparkle!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY "HAZARDOUS WASTE" TO THE DUMPSTERS - THIS WOULD INCLUDE PAINT CANS, BATTERIES OF ANY KIND, CAR OIL OR GREASE AND ANY CONTAINERS CONTAINING CHEMICALS.

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE - VOTE -VOTE -VOTE

If you haven't already registered to vote, you can do so 4 different ways:

1. Go to any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch (remember to have picture ID with you).
2. Go to www.indy.gov/eGov/County/Voter and fill out a form, print and sign it and mail to Board of Voter Registration. (See Below)
3. Go to Board of Voter Registration, 200 E. Washington St., City-County Bldg., Suite W131 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)(Phone: 327-5040) Please remember this is a privilege that all Americans have and should exercise. If you are unhappy (or happy) with the way things are being done, then you need to let our politicians know and the best way is thru your vote.

So remember to mark your calendars for **May 2nd** to go and vote. Polls are open from **6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** and will be located at **Carpenters Union Building at 2635 Madison Avenue.**

REMINDER: IT'S NOT TO LATE TO GET IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORMS & STILL RECEIVE YOUR SPECIAL THANK YOU OFFER

Please consider sending in your \$5.00 membership dues for 2006! Remember the more members we have the stronger our voices are when the times come that we want to be heard. With your membership and that of your neighbors, we can all work together to make our neighborhood one that our children can feel safe growing up in and a place we can be proud of as home. So why not give it a chance and get your dues to one of the individuals listed below and as a special thank the Association will give you a one-day free pass to the Sam's Club located in Greenwood.

A membership form has been provided at the end of this newsletter. The form asks for name, address, phone number and email address (which only needs to be provided if that is how you would like to receive any future newsletters). This information will only be used in keeping our membership records accurate. There is also a section on the form which lists the various committees mentioned in an earlier

section. If you are interested in helping out on any of these various committees, please put a checkmark. Please take a moment, fill it out and get it and your \$5.00 to Grace Denny, Tony Cox, or Mike Herbig, (see below for their addresses & phone numbers) or bring it to the next Association meeting on April 11th.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Many thanks to all the individuals who have volunteered their time and energy to being one of our Block Captains. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to get our newsletter out almost everyone which really was apparent by the wonderful turnout we had at our last meeting. We hope to see even more of you at our next!

We are still in need of Block Captains for a few areas, which are listed below. Please consider helping us out:

- To all the businesses located on the west side of East Street/Madison Avenue between Southern and Troy
- North side of Troy Avenue from Pennsylvania Street to Madison;
- Madison Avenue from Southern to Troy; and
- Lastly everything on the north side of Pleasant Run other than Pennsylvania Street which includes:
 - Union St. between Pleasant Run Pkwy North Dr. & Raymond St.
 - Meridian St. between Pleasant Run Pkwy North Dr. & Raymond St.
 - Glendale Ave. between Meridian & Pennsylvania St. (maybe 4 houses)
 - Kelly St. between Meridian & Pennsylvania St.
 - Tabor St. between Meridian & Pennsylvania St. (1 house on block)
 - South side of Raymond St. between Meridian and Madison

HOW ABOUT ANOTHER COMMITTEE

Since we have been so successful in getting our streets covered with a Block Captain, it is time to focus on getting some of our other committees up and going. Won't you please consider helping out on one of these committees. Check out the list below and let us know if you would be interested in having your name added to one of them:

- **Membership Committee.** The Membership Committee would also help in getting the newsletters distributed as well as helping to spread the good news about our Association and the many things we are trying to accomplish. The Membership Committee would also include our volunteers to be Block Captains. A future goal of the committee would be to put together a Neighborhood Membership Directory
- **Social/Welcome Committee.** The Committee would welcome new neighbors to the neighborhood, give them neighborhood information such as trash pick-up days, etc. and tell them all about our Association and what we hope to accomplish. The Committee would also plan neighborhood events and/or get together.

- **Newsletter/Advertising Committee.** The Committee would be responsible for our newsletter which will be prepared on bi-monthly basis.

- **Block Captains.** The Block Captains would help us in getting the newsletters distributed as well as being a connection between their block neighbors and the Board by letting us know of any concerns of those neighbors or things needing attention in their block. This would not take a great deal of time but is a very valuable position to the Board in helping to spread the good news about our Association and the many things we are trying to accomplish in making our neighborhood beautiful and a fun and safe place to raise our families. Having Block Captains is our No. 1 goal to get accomplished first. At present we are thinking we need at least 9 but the more, the better because it would make the areas covered smaller. So please, please consider getting involved and helping us out! In the past, we've had two neighbors volunteer to be the Block Captains for one area, so how about finding yourself a "buddy" and volunteering!

DRIVING AND WALKING SAFETY REMINDERS

With the weather hopefully getting nicer, there will be more and more people out walking as well as children on bicycles. Because we do not have any sidewalks in our neighborhoods and the roads seem to be incredibly narrow at times, here are just a few safety reminders to note yourself as well as pass on to the children.

BICYCLE SAFETY:

- Make sure the bike has back reflectors and a good light
- Remind the children that they should always be driving on the side of the road which is going in the same direction as the cars
- Chains and/or locks for their bikes so they will have the pleasure of using them all summer and not get them stolen

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:

- Remember to always walk on the side of the road so you are walking into the oncoming traffic (that way if a car is coming too close to you, you will see it and be able to step out of the way).
- If walking early in the morning or late at night, wear something light colored or with reflective tape on it. (Don't assume that because you can see them, they can see you!!)

DRIVING SAFETY:

- If you are driving thru a residential neighborhood, slow down and keep a close eye out for children zooming out of driveways with their bikes or skateboards - you can bet they will not be watching for you!
- If you see someone walking and there are no oncoming cars in the other lane, merge over to that lane to give as wide a berth between your car and the pedestrian.
- If you see someone walking and there is an oncoming car in the other lane, slow down, let that car pass and then merge into that lane to give as wide a berth between your car and the pedestrian.

Cut & Turn in with Membership Dues

NAME: Concordia Cemetery

ADDRESS: 2703 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225

PHONE: 786-7733 EMAIL ADDRESS: None (for delivery of newsletter only)

SIGN UP HERE TO BE ON ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES (Great way to meet some new people and have a lot of fun too):

Block Captain Social/Welcome Committee
 Membership Committee Newsletter/Advertising Committee

When a Membership Directory is put together, do you want the above information included? Yes. Is there any information you would rather not be included? If so, what? _____

IF YOU FEEL THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS ANY ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS OR ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING:

President: Grace Denny, 2549 S. Delaware Street, 787-2079 or gdenny3@earthlink.net
Vice President: Tony Cox, 796-8348 or coxad@yahoo.com
Treasurer: Mike Herbig, 2254 S. Pennsylvania Street, 784-3952
Secretary: Cindy Taubenheim, 231-7756 or ctaubenh@btlaw.com
Newsletter/Advertising Committee: Cindy Taubenheim 231-7756 or ctaubenh@btlaw.com