



Kensington Downs Newsletter
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815
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Second Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 29, 2010

(Rain Date: September 12)

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bent Willow Common Area

Bring your bowls, spoons, & lawn chairs

**Volunteers are needed to help
set up & take down, serve ice cream and
supervise family games
Call Joan Lewis at 749-4917**

President's Letter

Many neighborhood homes have sold, this year. That's a good sign! If you're beginning the process of putting your home on the market, please inform your realtor that "For Sale" signs cannot be posted at the entrance. "Open House" signs should be posted no earlier than the Friday before the open house and removed following the event on Sunday. We all appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

On another note, its summer and many of our members like to walk through the neighborhood and some exercise their pets while they walk. Many people appreciate the joy of owning pets, but no one likes to walk in the waste left behind. Please clean up after your pets. Your neighbors will appreciate it. The following information is a portion of what the city of Fort Wayne has made available to pass along to neighborhoods.

Fines Imposed for Dog and Cat Leash Law Violations

"Pet owners will want to take extra caution to keep their dogs and cats properly confined to their property or leashed when going for walks off property to avoid hefty fines and a possible court appearance. According to Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control officials, fines of \$50 - \$2,500 per offense per day can be imposed for violations to the City Animal Care Ordinance. All dogs and all cats must be under the physical control of the owner or attendant by leash when off the owner's property. This includes walking a dog through any city park or letting your dog outside to stretch his legs and do his business ... Keep in mind that your pet must be under your control and not be a nuisance or threat to other people or animals passing by ...

"Animal Care & Control recommends citizens call to report owners who repeatedly allow their pet to leave their yard and roam freely. Be prepared to give the exact street address of where the animal lives and plan to call every time the violation occurs. Snapping a photo of the animal roaming freely is also helpful. Cat traps are available for loan to city residents to help with free roaming cat problems. Call 427-1244 & choose menu option 7 to speak to a clerk. [Resident have noticed a black cat who is roaming parts of the addition. Is it yours?]

"Pet owners should never assume that neighbors enjoy visits by your pet. Be a good pet owning neighbor and keep cats and dogs confined safely at home, use a leash when taking your pet for a walk, and always clean up after your pet. If your pet should disappear from home, begin your search at Animal Care & Control located at 3020 Hillegas Road. Your pet may have been found and taken to the shelter for safe keeping and reclaim. For more information visit the shelter website at www.fwacc.org."

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Bits and Pieces

Your new Kensington Downs Directory prepared by the Board is included with this issue of the newsletter.

Please note a change in the Association's website address. It is now www.kensingtondowns.com. Check out the website for Architectural Control guidelines if you choose to put up a fence or construct an addition to your home this summer.

Volunteers are always needed at community events. Please call the Association number (748-8651) to volunteer for the ice cream social, the Kensington Downs Board of Directors which will be elected in November, or the annual audit scheduled for next January.

Important dates:

Tox-Away Day -- Saturday, September 11 -- dispose of household hazardous waste

Unwanted Medication Collection Day -- Friday, September 24 from 9:00am-11:00am at Chapel Ridge Walgreens, near Walmart

The Board of Directors will conduct meetings at the fire station on Lahmeyer Road on October 13 and December 7 at 7 p.m. The annual meeting will be on November 11.

Many thanks to all our neighbors who deliver the newsletters!

Jackie Chen reminds us that if you have areas on or near your property which are prone to standing water, you may be interested in a new method for managing water infiltration which has been developed -- rain gardens. Rain gardens are strategically placed between a source of water run off, such as roof downspouts, and the low spots where that water might collect. If planted with deep-rooted and water-loving plants, the gardens absorb and usher the water underground before reaching the low spot.

Research done by the city of Burnsville, Minnesota on rain gardens installed in the last six years demonstrates a 90% reduction in storm water run off without creating problems of standing water. Using low maintenance perennials and shrubs, these gardens accomplished the job and preserved a neat appearance simultaneously.

Rain gardens can reduce run off by 90%, and City Utilities may be able to give you \$150 for purchasing plants. For more information, go to www.catchingrainfw.org

As part of an agreement with the U.S. EPA to reduce sewer overflows, City Utilities has agreed to establish 1,000 rain gardens by 2014 in an effort to reduce the amount of storm water entering our sewers. To find more information, go to www.catchingrainfw.org

Meet your Neighbors

I met the following new neighbors this week. I hope you get to meet them, too!

Henry and Tricia Graf are now homeowners at 8016 Weeping Willow Court, along with their daughters Kaitlyn and Adeline and their standard Pomeranian, Cocoa. Henry will be installed as pastor at Promise Ministries on August 1, and Tricia will be heading up a Christian ballet school, Studio 149, at the church. "We are glad to be back in Fort Wayne," according to Tricia. They most recently spent a year in California.

Luis and Misty Marquez are in the process of sprucing up their home at 2013 Kerrigan Way. Their children are Tricia, Luis Jr., Antonio, and Mariah. Luis is an engineer with CSX Transportation, and Misty is a realtor with Coldwell Banker. They most recently lived in Garrett.

Bent Willow has three new residents. Shavon Fitts and her son have moved into 7215 Bent Willow Drive. Shavon works at a local hospital in its nursing area.

John and Norma Schroeder have downsized to 7427 Bent Willow Drive. They have two adult sons. John owns Car Trim (705-7870) which does after-market work, and Norma is a classroom assistant for FWCS at Weisser Park.

Last, but not least, is Barbara Lepper who counts herself among the retired in our community. Barbara lives at 7423 Bent Willow Drive and is a previous owner of B L Advertising.

Welcome, everyone!

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Nomination Form for Board Members

The Candidate must be a home owner in good standing in the Kensington Downs Community and must sign this form thereby giving his/her consent to serve (if elected) as a Director on the KDCA Board. The election will be held on November 11, 2010 during the Annual Meeting of the Kensington Downs Community Association. For the nominee to be eligible for inclusion on the written ballot, this nomination form must be received no later than October 1, 2010.

The undersigned hereby request the nomination of the following home owner to be a member of the KDCA Board of Directors.

NAME OF NOMINEE:

HOME ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE #:

KDCA Home Owners Making the Nomination (You may nominate yourself)

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Signature

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Signature

.....
Printed Name

.....
Printed Name

.....
Address

.....
Address

Written Consent of the Nominee

I, the above-named nominee, consent to the nomination and agree to serve if elected.

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Signature of Nominee (Nominee must sign this statement of consent for Nomination to be Valid)

MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM to KDCA (use the mailing address listed above)

DEADLINE for submission of Nomination Form is **OCTOBER 1, 2010**