

Prospect Hill Prospectus



Fall 2002

Eatin' Good! for the Neighborhood!

Monday, September 23, at Flora

Join your friends, family and neighbors for a Harvest Time dinner and fundraiser for the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association at Flora Ristorante (620 W. Kirkwood Ave.) on Monday, September 23rd any time between 5-10:30 pm. and a percentage of your bill will be donated to the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association. The more you eat—the more money we raise!

The funds raised from this dinner will be used for neighborhood projects such as the community garden on Howe and Euclid, the historic sidewalk restoration project, block parties, web development, and even this newsletter!



Please Join Us!

Flora Ristorante
620 W. Kirkwood Ave.
Monday, September 23

Dinner hours: 5pm-10:30pm—drop in anytime

Flora!
RISTORANTE
620 W. KIRKWOOD AVE.
(812) 329-8430

Contact

Tom Roznowski for
more information at
hometown@indiana.edu
or 323-1882.

Crime Watch

Prospect Hill is a safe, friendly place to live...and we want to keep it that way. After a recent rash of car break ins and on the recommendation of Sgt. Oldham of the Bloomington Police Dept. (who visited our July meeting to discuss crime watch in our neighborhood), the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Assoc. is taking proactive action against crime in our neighborhood.

What to do if you have been the victim of or the witness to a crime in Prospect Hill:

1. Call the police.

Dial 911 for a crime in progress or 339-4477 to report a crime after the fact and for all other inquiries.

2. Notify the Neighborhood Association

- Report crimes to neighborhood contact Lucy Schaich at 323-1882 or lschaich@yahoo.com.
- Include the time and date and location of the incident as well as what that nature of the crime was and if anything was stolen.
- If you would like to keep your name confidential, just indicate that when you send your report and your name/address will be withheld from any subsequent reports of these incidences to the neighborhood list.

It is VERY important that ALL crimes be reported.

The more information we are able to gather about the patterns that these criminals are following, the better the chance we have to prevent future crimes in our neighborhood. By reporting these crimes to the association, we are able to alert neighbors to these incidences in a timely manner as well as to keep a clear and informed line of communication between the neighborhood and the police who patrol the area.

A Note From Bloomington Police

SGT. SCOTT OLDHAM

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to address you as a neighborhood group. As some of you know, in the past few years the Police Department has been placing increased emphasis on the neighborhoods of this community. One of the ways in which we have done this is to attempt to address concerns in a cooperative fashion with the various neighborhood groups throughout the city so that we can serve you in a more efficient manner and be more responsive to issues as they arise. As an example some neighborhoods are extremely concerned and bothered

by noise and / or parking issues, others are not. By working with the differing groups we have been able to better prioritize valuable resources and have been able to more fully assist with quality of life issues. This cooperative effort is a long and constantly evolving process. It is therefore absolutely vital that we hear from the various groups and individuals who have concerns or questions.

I have been asked by your neighborhood group to provide some basic crime prevention tips which may be of help to you. Some of these seem simple but in

my 15 years of experience these are the most likely to prevent you from being the victim of a crime.

1. **Always lock your doors.** This includes both car and home. Most burglaries are crimes of opportunity whether they involve a home or an automobile. While it is true that there are instances everyday where a thief will break a window to allow entry the vast majority of these crimes occur when a door or window has been left unsecured or open and easy, silent access is available.

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2. **Never leave items in plain view within your car.** Again, most of the thefts from vehicles are crimes of opportunity. Few criminals are willing to break a window on car just to see what is inside. Many however would if a valuable piece of property could be taken quickly from the seat or floorboard.
3. **If you are the victim of a theft, burglary, or any crime, please report it.** Even if you are not that concerned with the theft of a small item if a report is generated concerning that it may be the one piece of evidence that an officer may need to stop future crimes.
4. **If you live in a dark area, strongly consider the installation of outdoor lighting.** Motion sensing lighting is relatively cheap and easily installed. Just as with locking the door to the car and the house, good lighting is a hindrance to the commission of a crime.
5. **If you are in need of the Police or Ambulance in an emergency dial 911 and STAY ON THE LINE with the dispatcher.** There will be questions that must be answered while the officers or paramedics are enroute. Those questions may not seem to make much sense to you at the time but they are critical in helping us assist you in the most rapid fashion possible. Response time for all of the emergency services in the city is well under the national average. Just because you do not hear sirens doesn't mean the officer or para-

medic is not close so do not worry. If your situation is not an emergency please do not use the 911 lines. Instead, use one of the department's non-emergency administrative lines such as 339-4477. If your emergency is a fire, do not call from inside of the house. Evacuate the house then call for help. Fires have a nasty habit of rapidly getting out of control and trapping people inside. Leave the house, then call.

6. **Paint, or in some other fashion, place your address in an area that is easily readable from the street.** This doesn't seem like a huge issue but in an emergency every second may count so anything you can do to assist the officer or paramedic in finding you may be lifesaving.
7. **And last, but certainly not least, get to know your neighbors.** More crimes are stopped and more criminals are arrested based upon a neighbor calling and reporting a crime in progress than a victim calling to report the occurrence after the fact. Do not hesitate to call. If something doesn't look right or if a situation makes you uncomfortable report it. We will make every effort to keep your identity confidential.

I can not stress highly enough that the department is strongly committed to working with the community to achieve the result that we all want. A peaceful place to live and work. Take a minute to get to know the officers who patrol your neighborhood. These officers are assigned to the same area every

shift so when you see them drive by flag them down and say hello. This may seem somewhat odd but believe me it will make the officer's day to speak with someone who is neither victim nor suspect. I invite you to contact myself or any of the other officers on the department and ask questions and express ideas of how we can be more of service to you in your daily life. It is unfortunate but the only interaction that the vast majority of Americans have with Police Officers is when they are the victim of a crime or have been stopped for a minor traffic violation. Many people have questions but yet never ask those for a variety of reasons most of which simply revolve around the fact that their contact with Law Enforcement has been limited to the above two categories, neither of which lend themselves well to meaningful question and answer sessions so please do ask.

Again, I'd like to thank you for your time. You can contact me via email at oldhams@city.bloomington.in.us or by telephone at 812-349-3343 ext. 1276.

*Scott Oldham, Sgt.
Bloomington Police Dept.*

Bread and Neighbors

The City Bakery would like to thank the residents of Prospect Hill for the warm welcome into the neighborhood. Many people have expressed how nice it is to have a bakery close by and we are glad to be a part of the best neighborhood in Bloomington. The City Bakery looks forward to providing additional services to the community. As work progresses on the coffee shop, its addition will provide a place for neighbors and friends to meet, space for public meetings and hopefully a piazza for Prospect Hill.

Thank You

The City Bakery, Robert Himmel, owner



The City Bakery



511 West 4th St.
323-9904

Hours:
Mon-Fri 7:30-7:00
Saturday.....7:30-2:00

3rd & Jordan
Next to Bear's place
334-0299

Hours:
Mon-Fri.....7:30-7:00
Summer hours.....8:00-4:00

We are here to
serve you with the
finest in
fresh baked
international
delicacies.

Please call us for
all your group or
personal bread,
pastry, dessert
& coffee needs.

Extraordinary Breads:

- Baguette.....1.50
- Sandwich whole wheat, 100% Whole wheat, Italian loaf, Cottage cheese onion dill.....2.75
- Rosemary garlic baguette, Focaccia.....2.00
- Portuguese sweet bread.....1.75
- Russian black bread, New York Rye, Challah.....3.00

Amazing, Hand rolled Pastry:

- Butter croissant.....1.50
- Cinnamon croissant.....1.65
- Chocolate or Almond croissant.....1.85
- Spinach feta croissant.....2.50
- Cream cheese or Fruit Danish including Apricot, Cherry & Apple spice.....1.65
- Chocolate raspberry Danish.....1.85
- Fruit and Cream cheese Danish with Raspberry, Strawberry, Pineapple.....1.85
- Almond pinwheels.....1.85

Bonnie Scones, Etcetera:

- Buttermilk scones.....0.95
- Chocolate chip scones.....1.25
- Tart cherry scones.....1.50
- Moist muffins including Raisin oat bran, Lemon blueberry, Almond poppy seed, Cranberry or Banana walnut.....1.75
- Fudge brownies, Oatmeal cookies, Chocolate chip cookies, Peanut butter cookies & Ginger snaps.....0.95
- Whole wheat raisin pecan bars.....1.50

Delectable Desserts:

We strive to please you with the combination of cake, filling & frosting you desire. Our cakes include but are not limited to Country buttermilk, Lemon poppy seed, Wacky cake & Chocolate Domingo cake. We also offer a variety of cheese cakes & Chocolate decadence.

To Sooth Your Aching Thirst:

We offer a full line of Cappuccino & Espresso drinks, Gourmet coffee, Juices & Bottled water.

DeCycles

MERRIDEE LAMANTIA

Cycling 1427 miles in 19 riding days is no easy task, especially traveling through eleven states of the most densely populated area in the world. But Nadia & Annysa LaMantia (along with 74 other cyclists) did just that while riding for Peace from Bloomington to Maine. The group, called deCycles, traveled with a symbol of their purpose, a Peace Banner sponsored by the local Bloomington fire departments and signed by the deCycles, relatives and friends, and hundreds of townspeople along their route. On the 4th of July, riding into NYC with a police escort, they presented the UNITED WE RIDE FOR PEACE banner at Ground Zero. The entire trip had a powerful impact on all those that participated and the enthusiastic support they received along the way encouraged them throughout the many miles.



Fiddlin' Joe

LUCY SCHAICH

If it's Thursday, you can bet that the music you hear wafting through the air is coming from the house of Prospect Hill neighbor Joe Dawson. Turkey in the straw, Ragtime Annie, and the Chicken Reel are all familiar tunes in the living room of the modest white house on Euclid Street where it has become a Thursday evening tradition for friends and neighbors to gather to visit, share stories, and play music together – a tradition that Joe has been a part of since his early days of playing music with neighbors out on his family's farm (now located deep under the waters of Lake Monroe).

It's no surprise that neighbor Joe Dawson has more than a few stories to tell from his 40+ years of living in Prospect Hill — and no one tells a story quite like Joe. Joe sat down with Euclid Street neighbors Grey Larsen and Karen



Joe & neighbor Grey Larsen play dueling fiddles.

Krieger earlier this spring to share some stories and some fiddle tunes— a not so unusual occurrence for these neighbors — only this time we had the tape running as part of the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Oral History project. Look for more about

Joe Dawson and other Prospect Hill neighbors when the completed interviews, photos and sound clips are posted on the Prospect Hill Neighborhood website (coming soon to a computer near you).



Joe fiddles while Eileen Rice keeps her toes tapping.



Around the Neighborhood

CHRIS STURBAUM

You may have noticed a little construction in the Jackson, Smith, Howe, Fairview and Maple Street areas! New sewer lines are going in to replace the hazardous existing lines. There were still some outhouses in our neighborhood as little as forty years ago. The method of hooking to the sewer line in the 50s went something like this: Talk some of your adjacent neighbors into chipping in for the hookup fee and then hook their multiple lines together and pay for only one connection to the main sewer. Common lines often run across multiple properties and the City Utilities Department would be the first to admit that no-one really knows where many of these lines are but they are usually discovered when people's systems fail.

The good news for residents is that they don't have to hook on now (which can be expensive) but when the current standard sewer lines fail eventually, there is a good system in place. Most of the digging is in areas where the nearest sewer line was in Howe Street. My own line went into an abandoned alley and headed south for a block and a half picking up at least half a dozen other houses on its way across what appears to be private property on its way to Howe Street. Since the change, it stops only a half block south at Smith Avenue. This gives a new meaning to sharing and neighbor-

hood connections. This mess has also demonstrated the value of alleys for getting through the ever changing road blocks.

Three houses on Howe Street near the Maple Street intersection have recently sold and all to homeowners! The little infill project on Smith is finished and a new neighbor is joining the neighborhood. The Prospect Hill houses on Second Street are going to retain their single family zoning in the new Growth Policies Plan. This will help maintain the character of the south end of the neighborhood. **The McDoel Neighborhood just completed the first official Neighborhood Plan through the HAND Dept at the City.** Through a series of meetings, they have laid out the future direction for their neighborhood. This document will help guide future city and neighborhood planning decisions.

Prospect Hill would benefit from this planning process and it is hoped that we can be next in line for this process.

The historic sidewalk project is going to concentrate on Maple Street between 3rd and Howe until the east side is rebuilt with new curbs and old sidewalks so the paving can proceed. **The City Bakery is open and running.** Try the Cottage Cheese Onion Dill bread and the White Chocolate and Cranberry cookies!



Von Lee Protest and Boycott Continues

CHRIS STURBAUM

The Save the Von Lee Committee just received a grant from Historic Landmarks of Indiana to research a possible legal action against Kerasotes for their treatment of the Von Lee. With local Bloomington Restoration Inc, state (HLFI) and National Trust interest in the case, we are optimistic that the needed attention will focus on this destructive trend to destroy our historic main street cinemas across the country.

There will be another street movie at the Von Lee in September. Stay tuned! Keep up the boycott! Our estimates indicate that the boycott has cost Kerasotes a minimum of \$50,000 and quite possibly more. Boycotts become more effective as time passes and publicity spreads. Sad to say, Kerasotes seems to respond only to money and perhaps now the law, if things go well. Your dollar not spent at Kerasotes, is the best way to influence this corporation. Consider the Ryder if you want an experience like the Von Lee may someday provide again for our community.



GPP Goes to Council in September

CHRIS STURBAUM

The Growth Policies Plan will begin the final round of hearings and approval at City Council starting in mid-September. This is in general a good plan which intends to protect our neighborhoods while encouraging higher residential density downtown. The need for design components to protect our community's character is also part of the plan and a mandate to protect historic structures has words to that effect in the GPP. The devil is in the details!

The Bloomington Historic Commission is advocating the use of a nationally renowned city planner, Nore Winter and Associates, to get the details for the downtown planning worked out professionally. Using public meetings and a process which has evolved over the 20 or so years, the firm has planned communities across the country. Mr. Winter recently spoke in Bloomington at the Regional Preservation Conference on Design which was hosted by the Historic Commission. Nore Winter's talk which was attended

by nearly a hundred people will be showing again on CATS during September and can be requested for showing as well.

There will be an amendment mandating a consultant like Nore to be hired to put the goals of the GPP for the downtown plan into place. The alternative is a mishmash of plans which probably will perpetuate conflict and long meetings for the next twenty years. This will need your support and information will go out regarding meetings.

Another amendment which will mandate the cooperation of city utilities in the provision of infrastructure for affordable housing projects. Currently, affordable not for profits are charged the same fees as developers and held to the same rules. This can result in the housing provider group bearing significant infrastructure upgrade costs, thus working against the community cause of providing affordable housing. Stay tuned for GPP updates.

Neighborhood Services Update

KAREN KRIEGER

Did you know that there is a soapmaker in the neighborhood? Well, there is! I am making handmade bar soap right in my home in Prospect Hill. It is a vegetable oil soap, made with olive, coconut and palm oils and I use only pure, essential oils to scent and add nutrients to the bars. I often add dried botanicals, sometimes from my own organic garden, to add color, texture and an exfoliating element to the bars. They are wrapped in a simple sleeve of paper with a handprint logo on the front. They look and smell good on the bathroom shelf, while you are waiting to use them! It is a moisturizing type of body/hand bar, and they make excellent gifts. (Who wouldn't enjoy a bar of homemade soap?) The bars weigh an average of 3.7 ounces and I am selling them for \$4 each, just to individuals and friends right now. I am planning on selling primarily to stores, thus mainly a wholesale business, but I wanted to have my soap available to neighbors and friends as I have a love for truly local economies. Right now some of the varieties

that I have in stock are Lavender, Rosemary/ Lemongrass (my current favorite), Ginger/Rosehip, Frankincense/Jasmine, Gardeners Hand Soap, Bug Off (made with lots of natural bug repelling essential oils), Rosemary/Pine Needle, and Oatmeal/Honey, to name a few.

Quite a few folks have expressed an interest in the soapmaking process, and I am considering teaching a workshop at some point. It may happen in November, so participants could each make a batch of soap, and it would be ready to give as gifts for the holidays. (It takes 4-6 weeks for the bars to cure before they can be used.) So give me a call if you are interested in buying a few bars, know of someone who would like a wholesale account, or if you would like me to teach a workshop. (I am open to bartering as well.) My phone number is 332.2721, or you could email me at karenkrieger@yahoo.com.

Thanks for supporting your local soapmaker!



Affordable Programs Continue

The Bloomington Restoration Affordable Housing Program is alive and well. The project across from the Bancker Center on 7th Street is nearing completion. More Westside houses are being considered for this program. If you are interested in an affordable historic Westside home, you should call BRI Director Steve Wyatt (336-0909) for information regarding the program. BRI is also restoring two little homes in Stinesville which will be available in the Spring.

Monroe County Housing Solutions is another provider who can help with your affordable housing needs. Jeff Stone is the director (334-8385). They are working in cooperation with the BRI project and their homeowner program is a prerequisite for participating in the BRI program. You might be surprised to learn that you can afford a house for what you are now paying in rent! Check it out.

The Bloomington HAND Department also has a series of programs to help homeowners with houses which need repair and renovation. There are forgivable loans and grants which can make the needed repairs to your house possible. (349-3401). Ask about the Homeowner Rehab Program.

Be True to Your School!

Monroe County School Corporation, superintendent, John Maloy

www.mccsc.edu

Check out this informative site for an easy to read school calendar and guide to school resources online, including teacher and staff phone numbers and emails.

Neighborhood schools

Fairview Elementary School

627 W. 8th Street
principal: Mrs. Kathy Rabold,
330-7732
www.fairview.mccsc.edu

Tri North Middle School

1000 W. 15th Street
principal: Dr. Gail Hill,
330-7745
www.tri-north.mccsc.edu

North High School

3901 Kinser Pike
principal: Sarah Franklin,
330-7724
www.north.mccsc.edu

Important dates for 1st semester

SEPTEMBER

2nd (Monday)
Labor Day No school

OCTOBER

18th (Friday)
Teacher meetings No school

17th & 18th

(Thursday & Friday)
Parent Teacher conferences for Fairview kids, no kindergarten, 1st – 6th dismissed at 11:30am

NOVEMBER

28th & 29th (Thursday & Friday) Thanksgiving Break,
No school

DECEMBER

20th (Friday)
Winter Break begins.

Leaf Pick Up Dates will be announced soon

Prospect Hill Neighborhood includes Routes 6 (north of West 3rd St.) & 7 (south of West 3rd St.)

Leaf Collection Procedures:

1. Rake leaves to edge of curb by the first day of your scheduled collection week.
2. Please do not rake leaves into street.
3. Leaves are vacuumed. Please do not include other waste that might clog equipment.
4. Leaves should be collected some time during the scheduled week. However, weather conditions might delay collection.
5. City Sanitation crews collect yard waste every week on your regular trash day. If you do not wish to wait for vacuum collection, bag your leaves in the bio-degradable leaf collection bags provided by the City of Bloomington for weekly curbside collection on your normal trash day. For further information call Public Works at 349-3410.

Questions about leaf pick up should be directed to the Street Dept. 349-3448

Welcome to Prospect Hill

New to the neighborhood? Need a Prospect Hill Neighbor Directory and Services guide?—the easiest way to get to know the who, what, and where of your neighborhood. Get 'em 'til they're gone.

Contact Sheri Benham at shbenham@indiana.edu or 336-7196 to request a copy.



