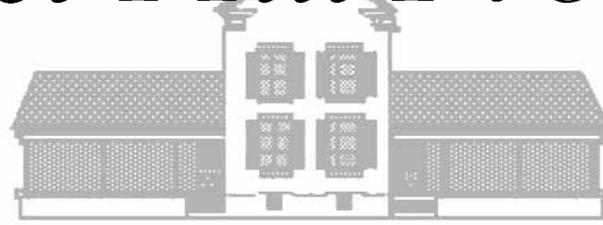


Prospect Hill Prospectus



July 2007

Time for a Neighborhood Conservation District?

What's a neighborhood conservation district?

It is a tool to help maintain the beauty, character and integrity of the neighborhood by regulating demolition and new home construction.

As houses are added to the neighborhood it provides an opportunity for review to ensure that new structures contribute to the neighborhood character.

A Conservation District applies to only three activities:

1. Demolition of a house
2. Moving a house
3. Construction of a new home or building

Over the past few years, the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association has heard concerns from many neighbors about the recent building boom in our neighborhood.

In response to these concerns, the neighborhood association has begun to look into the possibility of creating a neighborhood conservation district in Prospect Hill.

We've made a lot of progress in our research, finding out what such a district would mean for our neighborhood.

As our neighborhood homes age and land values soar, we are at threat of losing many of our older homes to wrecking balls and bulldozers.

This process has already begun. In the place of older homes, larger, more modern ones are being built. These new construction homes potentially could alter the architectural continuity of our neighborhood.

Neighbors in Prospect Hill love its convenient downtown location and relative affordability. We love the neighborhood and the tree-lined streets, the charming architecture and the old-fashioned feel.

If we are going to preserve the quaintness, the consistency, the charm of our neighbor-



hood, a neighborhood conservation district is a useful tool.

For more information contact: prospect@bloomington.in.us or 332-6268

CONSERVATION DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING

DAY: THURSDAY, JULY 26

TIME: 7 P.M.

LOCATION: CONVENTION CENTER OLCOTT ROOM

Come find out more about the possibility of a neighborhood conservation district in Prospect Hill. Get your questions answered.

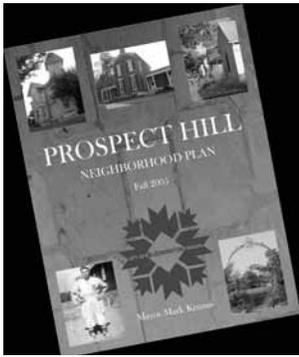
Neighborhood Conservation District Q & A

What can we as neighbors do?

We can look at the example of McDoel Gardens Neighborhood (directly to our south along Rogers Street). The conservation district established in McDoel Gardens is four years old, and it has been very successful and popular in preserving their neighborhood's character and continuity.

What would a conservation district mean to me?

- Can I enclose a porch on my existing home? YES!
- Can I change the siding or windows? YES!
- Can I paint exterior walls any color? YES!
- Can I construct and install a new fence? YES!



Prospect Hill Neighborhood Plan Copies Available

In 2004 the Prospect Hill Neighborhood was honored to have been selected by the City of Bloomington to embark on the development of our very own neighborhood plan.

Many individuals committed an extensive amount of time and energy over many months to shape a neighborhood vision into a neighborhood plan. The results of these efforts can be seen in the finished Prospect Hill Neighborhood Plan available now on the City of Bloomington web site at www.bloomington.in.gov/planning/longrange.php

Calendar

Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedule:

Monthly Neighborhood Association Meetings are held **the first Monday of the Month at 7:30pm** at the home of Patrick & Glenda Murray (525 West Third St.). All neighbors are invited to attend.

Upcoming meetings & events:

- July 9 regular monthly meeting (due to July 4th)
- July 26** **Special Public Meeting @ Convention Center (7pm) - see front page for details**
- August 6 regular monthly meeting

August 25 SAVE THE DATE!
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale (8am-4pm) & Street Party (5pm-?)
More info to come soon!

- September 10 regular monthly meeting (due to Labor Day holiday)

Join the Email Update

Receive monthly updates of neighborhood meetings, events and issues. Send your email address to prospect@bloomington.in.us to get connected today.

Got Something to Report?

Send your Prospectus submissions to the *Prospectus* at: prospect@bloomington.in.us.

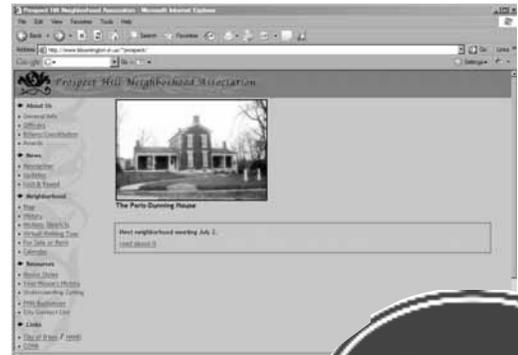
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Web Site Updated

Thanks to Glenda Murray, the Prospect Hill web page is now up to date and a great source for information about the neighborhood.

Check out more information about meeting times, archived newsletters and events online!

www.bloomington.in.us/~prospect



Thank You for Your Support!

Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association Voluntary Annual Membership Dues

Household: \$10.00
Individual: \$5.00

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Address _____

Email _____

Date _____

Please mail to: **Beth Hamlin (Treasurer), 219 S. Maple Street, Bloomington, IN 47404**