

# Prospect Hill Prospectus



Spring 2002

## Prospect Hill Neighborhood Celebration



Join your neighbors for an afternoon of food, fun and festivities at the annual Spring Neighborhood Celebration and membership meeting on Saturday, May 11.

- Listen to music by neighborhood musicians.
- Enjoy a Brat or a veggie burger from the BloomingFoods Grill.
- Meet your neighbors.
- Play games and win prizes.

**Saturday, May 11, 2002** **It's Free and You're Invited!**

**4pm-8pm Rain or Shine  
Corner of Euclid  
and Howe Streets  
FREE!**

Come one, come all to the corner of Euclid and Howe for this celebration of Neighbors.

The celebration will begin with a brief membership meeting and the election of the 2002 Executive Committee at 4pm and then continue with food, drinks and drop in musical performances by neighbor musicians.

**Drop in anytime...but don't miss it!**

# 804 West Howe is Coming Back to Life

CHRIS STURBAUM

Built about 1909, this worker's cottage over the years was home to a fireman and his wife, a quarryman, and a janitress, to name a few. It was the first on the block to be built as the rest of the street filled in by the middle 20's. Unoccupied for years, it is now taking on a new and old look both, as the corner porch is reopened and the old siding

is revealed. The decorative shingles in the gables and the gingerbread front porch add interest to this period piece.

The limestone for this and most of our neighborhood most likely came from the old quarry which is now Building Trades Park. Some of our older neighbors even remember swimming in the quarry hole before it was filled up. I've heard it called "The Blue Hole"

and as you can imagine, it was both off limits and irresistible to neighborhood children and young adults. This house will be for sale this summer in a ready to finish condition. Painting and bath and kitchen will be done by the new purchasers to their own tastes and budget.

*The transformation is in the details at 804 West Howe Street.*



## Street Work News

Maple Street has had the sidewalks on the west side replaced but the city will delay paving for a few years while the sidewalks on the east side are rebuilt to work with the new curb heights. A street grinder was discussed but these old streets are quite thin and a grinder would only tear up the street. Only removal of the old asphalt would keep the curbs the same height and this is a considerably more expensive project.

However, this is the latest solution for the Jackson Street Project which has raised concerns in the neighborhood due to the effect of higher curbs to the residents whose homes are only a few feet from the street. Much of the street will be taken up already for the storm sewer work so the relatively small additional work makes this a practical solution for this project. This is good news for residents of Jackson as this project should happen this spring of summer.

A new sewer line is intended for Jackson Street residents who currently have lines going downhill to Howe Street! The new sewer will not require residents to hook on but stubs will be provided for the future changes which will eventually be needed. This may also include Smith Street to Rogers. Euclid will be next in the sidewalk reconstruction but it should be next year or so. Maple from 3rd to 4th may also receive new sidewalks this spring or summer.

# Regional Preservation Workshop in Bloomington May 17th-18th

CHRIS STURBAUM

New buildings are filling missing parts of historic downtowns. Who are creating these new urban style buildings in Bloomington and what do they think about the future of our downtowns? In this Saturday morning 10:30 workshop, you will hear local architects and developers talk about their projects and answer questions following their presentations.

The other workshop that morning of May 18th from 9 to 10 will be on single family residential infill design. Participants will speak about the Fall Creek Place project in Indianapolis which was featured in the New Urban News recently and on local TV news. This neighborhood had lost nearly

half of its houses and an ambitious project of new construction using design guidelines to fit with the old existing houses is underway. Over two hundred new homes will reconstruct this neighborhood along with renovation and restoration of the existing houses. You can come to the Market and stay for the sessions.

The conference begins with a free lecture Friday night, the 17th, by nationally recognized design consultant, Nore Winter, of Winter and Company in Boulder Colorado. He will discuss the importance of design guidelines, design review and will look at compatible infill. This free lecture is sponsored by the Corneleus O'Brien Lecture Series for

Historic Preservation and will be held in the Rose Fire Bay at 7 PM. The talk will be followed by a free wine and cheese reception at the Old Library Museum. Saturday afternoon will have your choice of bus tours. One is a general historic tour of Bloomington while the second will feature a tour of the new downtown infill projects and the BRI historic/affordable infill projects. Cost for the classes and the tours is \$12. Call Nancy Hiestand at HAND to get registration information: 349-3507.

Sponsored by Historic Landmarks of Indiana, Indiana Alliance of Historic District Commissions, Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission



*New urban style on Rogers Street (l) and at the Carmichael Center (r) at Indiana & Kirkwood Avenues.*

# BRI House Moves to McDoel Neighborhood

CHRIS STURBAUM

The thunder rolled in the distance while the rain soaked the workman riding the top of the roof of an old bungalow as it rolled down the middle of Old State Road 37 South on Sunday the 21st. The house, part of a literal parade in the rain, was surrounded by state troopers, phone and cable trucks and the house-movers themselves, not to mention the BRI faithful who stood under umbrellas and watched their project slowly roll from Clear Creek all the way to the McDoel Neighborhood. There it finally rested beside a bungalow that could have been its twin on a street where it fit like a missing family relative at a reunion.

The little house is just the latest addition to the Bloomington Restoration Incorporated (BRI) Affordable Housing Program. This is the fourth BRI house in the McDoel area and all have buyers but this new/old one. A house by the Banneker Center

on 7th Street is also under reconstruction and will be available for purchase this year. Interested parties should call executive director Steve Wyatt at 336-0909 for more information.



## A New Old House

DOUG WISSING

There is a new piece of Prospect Hill history rising at 519 W. Smith Avenue. Inspired by the vernacular artisan cottages that surround it, the small Tuscan-styled cottage will be a one-bedroom house with a partial basement. For many decades there was a

modest house with a storage building on the lot, originally occupied by a neighborhood grocer who ran a store on west Kirkwood. Unfortunately, years of neglect left the structures in such poor condition there was no alternative but to demolish them five years ago. But the new cottage incorporates the footprints of the structures in a new-old way that will again give the neighborhood a proud little house.

Parts of vintage Bloomington will be integrated into the structure. The formal wooden windows and doors are from the now-demolished 1920s-era Prairie-style house that housed the IU School of Nursing Department near 10th and Jordan. The golden maple floors came from the oldest parts of the RCA complex that dated back to the 'Twenties. However old its style and antique its parts, the house will be wired and cabled for today's electronic needs. Akin to the Italianate Dollhouse Cottages that spice San Francisco's old lanes, this 550-square-foot house is designed for one or two people.



# A Neighborhood of Faces and Places

LUCY SCHAICH

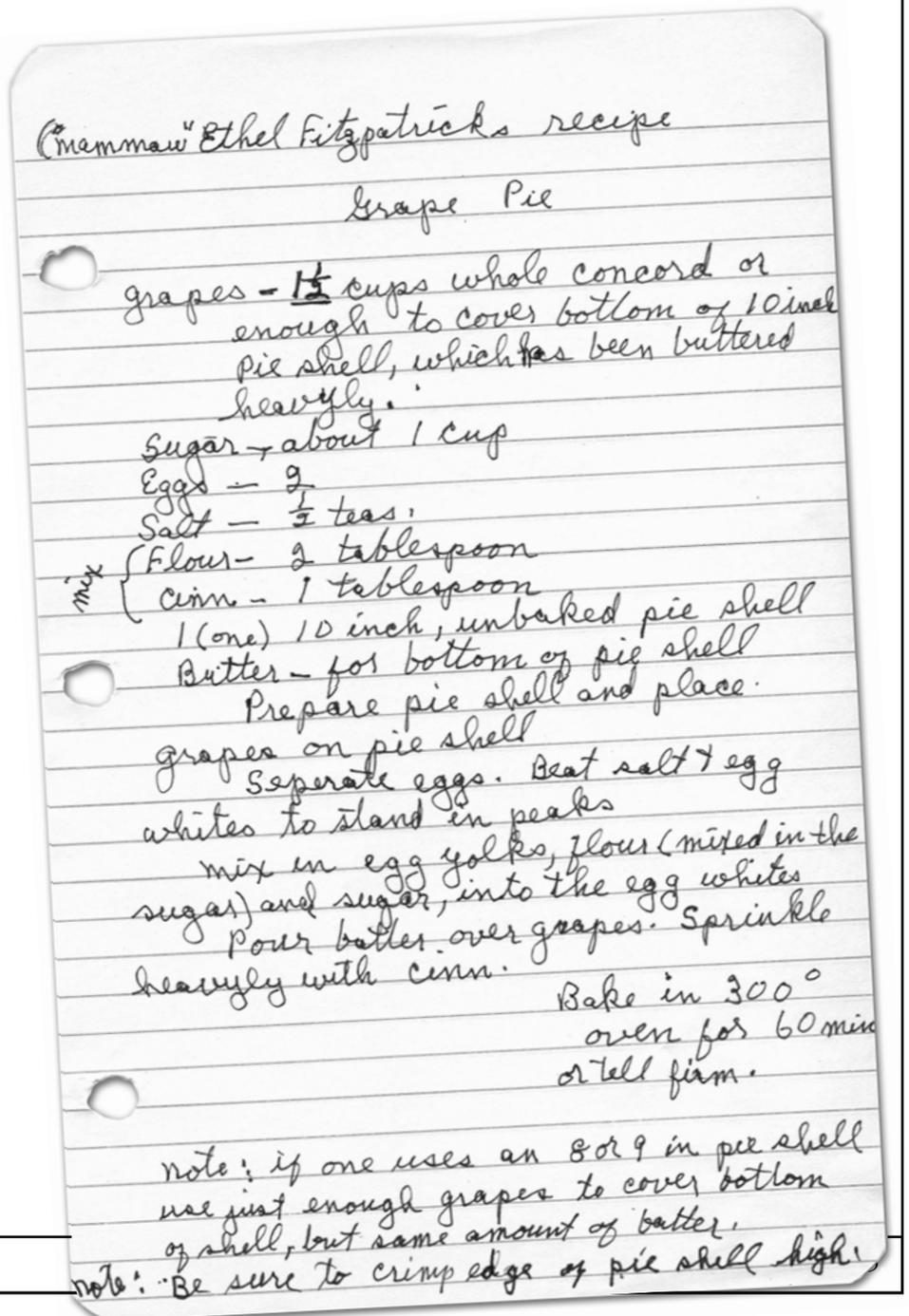
Prospect Hill is getting to know itself a little better this spring with three projects funded by a Small and Simple Grant from the City of Bloomington's HAND department. This grant was awarded to the Prospect Hill Neighborhood to complete a three-part project that includes a Neighbor Oral History Documentary project, a Neighbor and Services Directory, and a Spring Neighbor Celebration this May 11 (see front page).

Volunteers from the neighborhood who are participants in the Oral History Project have been busy contacting and interviewing long-time residents of the neighborhood. This project is focussing on giving a voice to neighbors whose stories would otherwise be the treasure of only their immediate neighbors. The project is aiming to create a virtual experience of talking with these neighbors "over the fence" and to encourage us all to engage our own neighbors in similar conversations. In the final project, the stories will be posted on a new Prospect Hill web site along with sound clips that will permit the viewer to not only read these stories, but to hear the voice, and in some cases the music, of the neighbors who are profiled.

*Mmmmm, pie. A hand me down recipe from "mammau" Fitzpatrick.*

One recent subject, Anne Fitzpatrick, a 50+ year resident of Prospect Hill, shared her experiences of being a mother and housewife in Bloomington during the 1950's and 1960's, with neighbor-interviewers Merridee LaMantia and Lucy Schaich. Never one to let a good recipe get

away, Anne has been collecting recipes and cookbooks for as long as she can remember—a fact that her bookshelves could never keep a secret. The evidence of this life-long passion is displayed floor to ceiling in her modest Howe Street residence on shelves specially constructed by her late husband Ray.



## *A Neighborhood of Faces and Places (continued from page 5)*



*Anne Fitzpatrick at home  
in her Howe Street kitchen.*

Anne was gracious enough to share one of the more unusual of these treasured recipes handed down from her mother with the project. “My mother made it. Ever since I can remember grapes, mom would make grape pie. We had a grape arbor and she’d make grape pie. Oh, it’s good.” With many fence lines in the neighborhood covered with these rambling vines, this is a recipe that will get much use this summer.

Reflecting on her life in Prospect Hill, Anne was also eager to express her affection for the neighborhood and the folks she has lived beside for all of these years including the many students who have come and gone. “I’ve enjoyed every bit of my life here in Bloomington, we’ve had a good life here...a very good life. And as far as not getting to go to school

that’s a disappointment in my life but, I feel like I’ve made up for it in other things in my life that took the place of an education. And I admire anyone that can go ahead and do IU...college and all of that... It is something that I always dreamed of but I didn’t make it...but I sure can bake a cherry pie.” And a grape one too!

Thank you Anne and Ray for brightening the corner of Euclid and Howe with your glorious garden and good cheer for all of these years.

Look for the completed project with profiles of Prospect Hill neighbors coming soon. To learn more about the Prospect Hill Small & Simple grant projects, contact Lucy Schaich at [lschaich@yahoo.com](mailto:lschaich@yahoo.com) or 323-1882.

### **Bakery to Open in Prospect Hill**

The City Bakery will open its doors at 511 W. 4th St. (across from the BMV) on Saturday, May 4th. Stop in and say hi to new neighbors Joe Schamel and Rob Himmel (also a resident at Jackson & 4th) as they perk the coffee and prepare the selections of bakery items. This will be a full service bakery offering breads, pastries, cakes, desserts and cookies of all kinds made with all natural ingredients – and kosher too! Both Joe and Rob have experience in the baking industry having worked at Bloomington institutions the Daily Grind and the Daily Bread. Although it will primarily offer walk-in service, some outdoor seating may soon be available. (The City Bakery operates another location at 3rd and Jordan.)

Let’s support our neighborhood businesses!

### **Neighborhood Asset Assessed**

FRANK HALL

Would you like to take a tour of the Nazarene Church on Howe and discuss ideas for its acquisition and usage as a neighborhood asset? Pastor Dr. Jim Hicks has agreed to lead a tour on May 18, at 4pm. Following the tour will be an opportunity to sit and talk over ideas, notions, possibilities, and interest. All Prospect Hill Neighbors are invited. Contact Frank Hall with questions at 339-8396 or [fhall@indiana.edu](mailto:fhall@indiana.edu)

**BRI PRESENTS**

## **Architecture of Worship Tour**

PAT GLUSHKO

**Sunday, May 19, 2002  
10:00 - 7:00**

Places of worship are not only defined by the materials from which they are built, but by the spiritual needs of a community of people. It is important to consider how architecture embodies a religious culture and how space is used in the practice of faith. This spring we wish to feature Bloomington's growing cultural diversity and its expanding web of spiritual houses. We hope that participation in this event will provide an opportunity to understand our places of worship.

### **Tour Schedule & Locations:**

- Quakers Society of Friends, open at 10:00, lecture shortly after 10:00. Visitors are invited to the 10:30 meeting; if attending, please remain for the entire hour.
- Beth Shalom Congregation, open 10:30 - 12:00, lecture 11:00
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, open 2:00 - 5:30. Visitors are invited to Mass at 12:00; if attending, please remain for the entire hour.
- Islamic Center, open 11:00 - 2:00, lecture 12:00
- Second Baptist Church, open 1:00 - 4:00, lecture 1:30
- Bethel AME, open 1:00 - 4:00, lecture 2:15
- First Presbyterian Church, open 2:00 - 5:00, lecture 3:00
- Trinity Episcopal Church, open 2:00 - 5:00 (Maps available on the Kirkwood Street side from 9:30 - 2:00)
- First Christian Church, open 2:00 - 5:00
- First United Methodist Church, open 2:00 - 5:00, lecture 4:00
- Tibetan Cultural Center, open 5:30 - 7:00, lecture 6:00

Lectures are approximately 20 minutes.

Questions? [bri@bloomington.in.us](mailto:bri@bloomington.in.us) or call 336-0909

Coordinated by Bloomington Restorations, Inc., a local, non-profit, historic preservation organization.

## *LaMantia Awarded Top Honors*

MERRIDEE LAMANTIA

On Wednesday, March 27, 2002, Mayor John Fernandez gave Annysa LaMantia (Howe Street resident and a freshman at Bloomington North) two prizes from The Bloomington Human Rights Commission. She had submitted both an essay and an art project conveying the theme "Building Ties That Bind Our Community With the World" for their 11th annual contest. At the high school level Annysa won 2nd place for her essay and 1st place for her artwork. The prizes totaled \$250 in gift certificates.



## **Vandal Arrested Thanks to Alert Neighbors**

CYNTHIA BRETHEIM

There was more vandalism and burglary in our neighborhood. Thursday morning, April 11 when seven cars were broken into between Maple-Fairview and Howe to Third Street. A young man was caught and arrested. He has a burglary record and has already spent time in jail for burglary. Bloomington Officer Haverstock said it was helpful that so many neighbors were in touch with each other. The police department was made aware of all of the break-ins by the neighbors. Police recommended investigating when dogs bark and calling the police at 339-4477 to report suspicious any behavior.

# Calendar

## Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedule

Monthly Neighborhood Association Meetings are held the first Monday of the Month at 7:30pm in the Paris Dunning House (608 West Third Street). All neighbors are invited to attend.

### Upcoming meetings:

May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, 2002.  
Annual membership meeting May 11, 4pm.

## Chipper Daze

The City of Bloomington is offering free chipping of tree branches and limbs to City residents-- that includes us! Bring tree branches—one pick up truck-load per person—to the Street Department, 1981 South Henderson Drive, on Saturday, Saturday, May 11 from 9 am until 1 pm. This is for tree branches and limbs only (max size 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length)—no yard waste, rose bushes, brush, vines or briars please. For more information about the free chipping service contact the City Public Works Department at 349-3410.

## Independence Day Community Parade

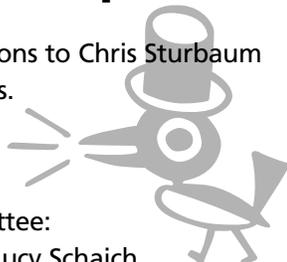
Walk downtown to find the best viewing spot along the route starting at 3pm on Thursday, July 4th. Look out for the PHD (Prospect Hill Dwellers) contingent as they march by.

## Join the Email Update

Receive monthly updates of neighborhood meetings, events and issues. Send your email address to [lschaich@yahoo.com](mailto:lschaich@yahoo.com) to get connected today.

## Got Something to Report?

Send your Prospectus submissions to Chris Sturbaum at [barbchri@bloomington.in.us](mailto:barbchri@bloomington.in.us).



Prospectus Newsletter Committee:  
Chris Sturbaum, Terry Howe, Lucy Schaich



Respecting your neighbors' rights to peace and quiet goes a long way in building

positive neighborly relationships. Be aware and considerate of your neighbors and follow the general rule that between the hours of 9pm and 7am, if you can hear it from the street, it is too loud. Enforcement of the Quiet Nights ordinance is handled through the Bloomington Police Dept. and violations are treated as a Class B Misdemeanor.

## Be a Considerate Neighbor

### Remember to:

- Place trash and recycling bins out no more than 24 hours prior to pick up and remove them the same day as collection.
- Keep lawns, yards, and gardens (including wildscapes) tended during the growing season. (The current ordinance states weeds, grass and noxious plants beyond the height of 8 inches are subject to fines—the ordinance is currently in committee to discuss ways to better accommodate the presence of wildscapes in the city without fines).

If you have questions about or to report a violation of these city ordinances please call the HAND dept. at 349-3420.

## Become a Member

Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association Voluntary Annual Membership Dues  
Household: \$5.00  
Individual: \$2.50

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Tom Roznowski (Treasurer),  
706 W. 3rd Street, Bloomington, IN 47404