

# Prospect Hill Prospectus



Summer 2005

## Tree Planting Honors Neighbor Rick Gudal

Three red oak trees have been planted in Trades Park in memory of Prospect Hill neighbor and Association spokesperson Rick Gudal, who passed away in February as the result of an automobile accident. Rick was an active and valued member of the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association, a genuine spirit, and about the best neighbor you could ever hope to have. His passing has been a deep loss to his family, friends and the neighborhood.

Buildings and Trades Park, between Howe and Second Streets, seemed like a natural place to establish a remembrance for Rick. It is a place that he would often be seen walking the family dog Whisper in the evenings, or tending the grill at the neighborhood picnics.

City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department provided the three oak trees as a part of an City-funded Earth Day program and the neighborhood decided to use the donation as an opportunity to honor Rick. Located at the east end of the open grassy field, the trees form a small grove that in time will grow to create a pleasant and shady haven in the park. The Neighborhood Association would like to add to the area with the installation of a memorial park bench and plaque in Rick's name to create a quiet and peaceful spot to take a break and enjoy the seasonal display of nature in the park.

Rick was our good friend and neighbor. He was generous and kind, always looking at the positive side of any situation. He faced life with a smile and good natured spirit. This is the way we want to remember him. So the next time you're passing by Trades Park, stop in to see Rick's trees and think of a favorite memory of Rick.

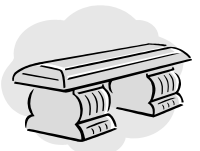


### Contribute to the Fund

#### Send your donation to:

Rick Gudal Memorial Bench Fund  
c/o Tom Roznowski

706 W. 3rd Street, Bloomington, IN 47404



## Fairview Happenings

Beth Hamlin & Merridee LaMantia, PHNA Fairview School Committee

### Spring/Summer Successes for PTO

We had great success with our Fairview PTO booth at the Sycamore Land Trust Garden and Landscaping Show in April. We raised \$200 for the Fairview PTO, but more importantly we had some really great public relations. Our



booth was very busy and almost all of those who visited the booth voiced their support for our school.

Our Annual Rummage Sale on May 7th was a grand success. We made about \$800 for the PTO. We had several volunteers from our Prospect Hill Neighborhood. Their help and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated!!

The School Dance was a ton of fun. We had the disco ball a turnin', the LaMantias helping with crafts,

Karen Grooms running the game table, lots of free food for the families and much more.

The school year ends on June 8. We have learned that our new principal at Fairview will be Karen Adams. Karen was an assistant principal at Fairview for many years before she went to Marlin elementary to be their principal. All of the teachers are very excited that Karen is returning to take the helm starting in the fall.

The PTO helped to purchase a telephone messaging system for the school recently. The benefits of this system are two fold. Primarily, this will allow the school to make weekly phone calls to parents' homes to remind them of what's going on at the school during the week. The second benefit is that the system will automatically alert the school when a family has moved, had their phone disconnected or had the number changed. Due to the fact that many of our Fairview families move frequently, we often lose contact and the connection that makes our school strong.

**To learn more about Fairview and to BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION contact Beth Hamlin at 332-5759 or check out the Fairview web page at [www.fairview.mccsc.edu](http://www.fairview.mccsc.edu)**



### Early Start Back-to-School

Fairview Elementary School will begin school two weeks early for those students who would like to attend Getting Ahead in August. The program will help prepare students to begin their new year with confidence. A special field trip on Friday is planned for those who attend all nine days of class. Please call Fairview, 330-7732 for further information.

### Idea Team Leading the Way

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### Bus Stop Needed Near Fairview

We all know that children receive a better education when their parents are involved at their schools. In a recent meeting with the principal, Yvonne Aubin, I learned that transportation problems were the biggest obstacle to getting more parents involved in their children's education activities -- no car, no involvement. Please call Lew May, General Manager at Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (336--7433) to support Fairview's request to add a bus stop near Fairview School at 8th & Rogers Streets.

## Fitness Trail Grant

Fairview Elementary is applying for a grant sponsored by the Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools. This grant is being offered to 3 area schools if they can meet the criteria. The grant's focus is to educate, encourage or improve student fitness, health & wellness. Yvonne Aubin, Fairview's Principal has said the school's students, teachers and staff would value this opportunity. She also noted the neighborhood could make



good use of it as well. The cost of this trail would be divided among three sources. One third (\$10,000) paid by a donor, one third (\$10,000) covered by the Foundation (possibly from capital funds) and the last third matched by the school using business & community help. Just such a Fitness Trail is successfully incorporated in the curriculum at University School already. It would be a great support to the health & fitness of our neighborhood children and adult residents! Stay tuned.

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## Making Learning Fun!

In early May, Joe LaMantia began work with Fairview's after school program three times a week for three weeks. The 4th and 5th graders present will design a board game for 1st graders with a focus on skills related to "time & money". This project idea was conceived at a brainstorming session Joe held with a small group of teachers in early April.

Although the teachers will be available as consultants for the older students during this process, the game will be entirely designed by the students. They will be responsible for developing the rules,

game pieces, cards with questions and the creation of the game board itself.

This will be a team-building exercise to help the older students with their writing and communication skills. And, of course the 1st graders will benefit while playing the game as they practice the concepts related to "time & money".



## Beginning Computer Class Has Successful Run

Fairview's Vice-Principal, Trudy Litz, recently offered Fairview's interested parents a beginning computer class with child care available.

Fairview has an up to date computer lab with 28 computers where the class was held once a week from 6-7:30 pm for 3 weeks.

As the parents became more confident with their skills, they voted to continue the class through May. The first night, ten parents participated and many returned as a regular core group.

Trudy was able to focus on covering the material as 2-3 Prospect Hill neighborhood volunteers assisted the adult students at their computers.

# Neighbors & Around the Hood



## Summer WonderLab Events

### Pizza Express Electric Car

Saturday, June 4  
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Free event outside the museum.  
See Bloomington's first all-electric car of the future at WonderLab! The new Pizza Express electric car will be on display outside the museum. Find out about this new technology and get to sit inside the car. Pizza Express will provide a free slice of pizza for everyone while supplies last!



### National Ham Radio Kids Day

Saturday, June 18  
Special activities: 1:00 – 5:00 pm  
Museum Admission. No special activity fee.  
Make contact with kids across the country by short-wave radio. Learn how this technology works, how it is different from the telephone and why it is used in emergency situations, such as the 2002 Ellettsville tornado outbreak. Then brush up on your geography skills as you pinpoint on a

map the location of the person you've contacted. This program is presented in partnership with the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

### Build Your Own Radio Workshop

Saturday, June 18  
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Members: \$10 per kit  
Non-Members: \$13 per kit--includes museum admission for participant(s)  
Ages: 8 through adult  
Participants under the age of 12 must have adult partner.  
Advance registration and payment required. (812) 337-1337 ext. 11

Put together your own working radio as you learn about how each component works and how radio signals travel through the air to your radio. This program is presented in partnership with the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

### Preschool Explorers: Dig It!

Saturday, June 11  
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am for ages 2-3  
12:30 - 1:30 pm for ages 4-5  
Members: \$5 per child/adult pair  
Non-Members: \$8 per child/adult pair (includes museum admission)  
Advance registration and payment required. (812) 337-1337 ext. 11.

What do plants need to grow? What different parts can we see on a plant, and what do those parts do? Join us as we closely observe flowering plants, read books about gardens and then dig into the new children's garden at WonderLab to plant flowers.

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Discovery Time

Every Wednesday  
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am  
Who: Children, age 6 and younger, and their caregivers  
Free with museum admission.  
Stop by for a special story, puppet show, animal demonstration or activity about science! Ginny Richey, master storyteller, will captivate listeners on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. This program is intended for children, age 6 and younger, with their caregivers. Older siblings may attend.

### Turtle Time\*

Every Friday  
Time: 1:30 - 2:00 pm  
Who: Suitable for all ages  
Free with museum admission.  
Slow down for a walk with WonderLab's fascinating tortoises.

### Garden Walks\*

Every Thursday and selected Saturdays (6/4, 6/18 and 6/25)  
Time: 11:00 - 11:30 am  
Who: Suitable for all ages  
Free with museum admission.  
Join us in the garden for an exploration of various nature topics.

\* Call to see if weather permits

*WonderLab Museum of Science, Health & Technology  
308 West Fourth St.*

*Public Hours:  
Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

*General Admission:  
Free for members and children under 1 year  
\$5.50 Child / \$6.50 Adult / \$6.00 Senior  
For More Information:  
812-337-1337 or [www.wonderlab.org](http://www.wonderlab.org)*

## Committee Steers Toward Neighborhood Plan

Patrick Murray



An intrepid group of Prospect Hill volunteers have been meeting over the winter to prepare guidelines that will help city officials and neighborhood committees make decisions about the future of the area. Realizing that the neighborhood lies in the path of the westward expansion of high density downtown development, and threatened by proposed street improvements along Kirkwood and 2nd Street, the committee has been working with city planning officials to draft a series of goals and objectives to protect and enhance the qualities and features that make Prospect Hill a special place to live. Working to create a consensus, the committee has tried to identify the key features of the neighborhood to preserve and those to develop. A vision statement was drafted and presented at a community meeting in March. The vision statement outlines the collective thoughts and ideas about what the neighborhood is and what it can and should become.

**Vision Statement.** Prospect Hill should continue to be a welcoming neighborhood with a diverse and engaged population. It should:

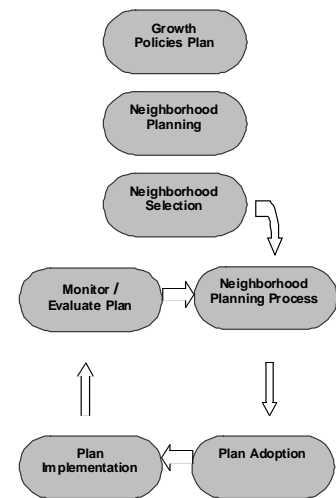
- cultivate its spirit of community for the benefit of all;
- create a diverse community through the preservation of affordable housing that is a compatible mix of new and old;

- increase livability by valuing its mature landscape and network of pedestrian ways;
- celebrate and nurture its vibrant arts community;
- patronize and promote neighborhood oriented businesses;
- take advantage of its proximity to downtown and its connectedness to the rest of the community.

Using the vision statement as a guide, a series of goals and objectives have been drafted to create a framework around which actions steps can be created to implement the vision. Goals are broad guidelines that help focus thoughtful dialogue to create objectives that can become actual projects and programs to achieve the vision. One of the goals that has created the most conversation and excitement is the acknowledgement that there are a great many artists that live and/or work in the neighborhood and contribute considerably to the flavor and character of the area. So it seemed natural to set a goal to "Cultivate an artistic and cultural community within the neighborhood." This one goal can spin off a considerable number of projects undertaken in cooperation with area arts programs and committees and local institutions. The challenge will be drafting realistic and practical steps that can be implemented to bring this goal into reality. Other goals have been identified to "Preserve and encourage a vibrant natural environment within our urban

neighborhood;" and to "Protect preserve and enhance our diverse housing stock and the architectural character of Prospect Hill." To "Strengthen and maintain the neighborhood's boundaries while fostering connectivity with the greater Bloomington community;" and "Foster the development of neighborhood compatible businesses" are other goals that have been identified as important to preserve the nature and character of Prospect Hill and make it the best neighborhood in town.

### Neighborhood Planning





## SEEN AND HEARD AROUND THE HOOD

**New Businesses Cropping Up** - On A Lark and Blessings of Health on the 400 block of West Fourth Street. The Chocolate Fix in the old BMV building at 118 S. Rogers (grab one of the day's delectible samples or a \$1.25 piece of "cake to go"). TJ's Gifts and Guitar Emporium on Rogers is moving down the block to 108 S. Rogers (the white house next to the gas station).

**Rumor Mill** - The word is that an Italian eatery may be on its way in the old BMV building. Other renters are moving in this summer as well.

## NEW ARRIVAL

We would like to announce the arrival of Finn Hunter Sewell born February 24. Finn is joining the household of Bethany and Justin Sewell, Jennifer Singleton, and the other "children" Hank, Ivy, Artemus, Widgett, and Stinky at 301 S. Fairview. Finn enjoys walks about the neighborhood and chatting with the friendly neighbors. How lucky to be born in Prospect Hill! Welcome Finn!

## Calendar

### Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedule:

Monthly Neighborhood Association Meetings are held **the first Monday of the Month at 7:30pm** at the Tim Terry Jewelry (515 West Kirkwood Ave.). All neighbors are invited to attend.

#### Upcoming meetings (2005):

June 6

July 11 (due to the July 4 holiday)

August 1

September 12 (due to Labor Day)

### Join the Email Update

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

## Got Something to Report?

Send your Prospectus submissions to the *Prospectus* at: [prospect@bloomington.in.us](mailto:prospect@bloomington.in.us).

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## Support businesses on West Kirkwood

West Kirkwood will be a work in progress this summer. REMEMBER: The road is closed, but the businesses are open.

Sewer work and new streetscaping will be the payoff for these months of inconvenience. The street will be closed until October.

While we wait for its grand unveiling in the fall, let's all do what we can to keep patronizing the West Kirkwood businesses caught up and cut off from their regular customer traffic.



## We Need Your Support!

Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association Voluntary Annual Membership Dues  
Household: \$10.00  
Individual: \$5.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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