



Notes from Steve . . .



On July 19, 2009 Farrington's Grove's board had its annual retreat. The event was well attended

and a number of important topics were discussed. In addition, the members present were provided with updates about projects in the neighborhood:

New street signs. As you travel throughout the area you will see that the new street signs have been put up thanks to the work of Brad Miller and his crew from the city street department. Everyone in the neighborhood is very thankful for their work in completing this important project. A number of people have indicated that they now have a better understanding of the boundaries of this National Register Historic District. Several people have also mentioned that at the gateways to the neighborhood we might want to consider having larger street signs that more clearly display the logo and wording that appears on each of the street signs. I plan to bring this up at our meeting in September for discussion.

Street trees on S. 4th. At long last the trees on 4th street have been replaced and appear to be doing well. Marie and I often ride our bikes on the 4th street bike trail and have noted the progress. To date the bike route does not have any lettering indicating that it is a bike trail and I intend to bring this to the attention of the city. You may not be aware, but the parks department also has a crew that travels the route and makes sure that it is clean and the trees get watered. I am sure this is much appreciated by the residents on the west side of 4th street.

Yellow no-parking paint on curbs. Last year a number of the residents in the neighborhood completed an inventory of the curbs that needed to be painted to prevent cars from parking too close to intersections. At the retreat this subject was brought up and Todd Nation indicated that he would make contact with the street department to ask if further work could be done to complete the project on the whole neighborhood. He did, and on Wednesday July 29th the street department was working on 4th street, painting curbs that did not get completed last fall. Hopefully they will expand their work to include the rest of the neighborhood. If you see crews on your street, please thank them for their hard work.

Annual Block Party. The 3rd Annual Block Party is scheduled for Sunday, August 30th from 1-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Vigo County History Museum at the corner of 6th and Washington. Geoff Wayton had been working to have a 5K race through the neighborhood as part of the fun this summer. Unfortunately we were not able to get approval to temporarily close several streets for runners to cross, so we will try again next year. We all appreciate the work that Geoff did in trying to make this happen. I think it is great way to introduce people to the neighborhood. Christine Hamilton and Colleen Chestnut are co-chairs of the block party this summer and have great activities planned. Please come and share in an afternoon of fun.

Security & Crime Task Force. ISU Criminal Justice Professor (and 'Grove neighbor) DeVere Woods and his students from

ISU spent most of the spring semester analyzing crime data that was provided by the city police department. Their draft report was distributed and discussed at the board retreat. The next step in this process is to map the location of each police report so we can identify hot-spots in the neighborhood and then develop strategies to reduce these problems by carefully coordinating our efforts with the police department. We also understand from Mayor Bennett that the city is looking into getting software that will enable citizens to gain better access to crime statistics. In the meantime, the website, <http://b-aware.us> provides crime reports by quadrant of Terre Haute. The southwest district includes Farrington's Grove. Unfortunately, this site's data, like our data, is not mapped. However, there is detailed information at the site on the location of sex offenders in the district including maps, information about the individual and their photograph.

FGHD Zoning. At the last meeting of FGHD we discussed the benefit of distributing a map of the neighborhood showing how each property is zoned (residential, commercial, etc) and information about uses that are permitted in each zoning classification. For example, if you live in an R2 district, (residential 2-family) you can see what activities are allowed. We're hoping to get a summary of this information along with a zoning map of the neighborhood posted on our web site shortly.

Membership stickers. There was also discussion about the possibility of printing stickers that could be placed in the window or on bumpers of FGHD

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Upcoming Events

FGHD, Inc board meetings
First Tuesday of every month except December at 7:00 p.m. at the Former Crawford School Park in south lot, come in back door and up to second floor.
Everyone is welcome!

Annual Ice Cream Social Block Party—Sunday,
August 30, 2009 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
History Museum grounds.

Semi-annual Clean-up Day
Saturday October 3, 2009
9:00 am—noon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holiday Home Tour—
Sunday, December 6, 2009

Next newsletter—Nov 1—
will no longer be mailed to non-members.

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members' cars. It is an inexpensive way to advertise the neighborhood and could have other benefits as well. Membership chair, Geoff Wayton, is looking into the cost of developing the stickers that would include our logo and neighborhood name.

Old Engine House #2. Lastly, the future of the old fire station

at 4th and Farrington was discussed. Without going into all of the details about the desire of Emergency Management to vacate the property, it was decided that the Executive Committee of the FGHD Board should develop a position about this property that will be brought forward to the Board for approval. If you have ideas or opinions about this, please contact us.

In closing let me remind you that:

- Regional Neighborhood Network Conference will be in Decatur Illinois, September 17-19. It appears that as many as 18 people may be attending from Terre Haute and Farrington's Grove will be well represented.

- Historic Landmarks Foundation's annual meeting is September 12, 2009 in Indianapolis. Check out the HLF website on the internet for details or the July-August *Indiana Preservationist* magazine. Your membership dues to FGHD, Inc. also provide membership to HLF.

... *Steve Pontius*

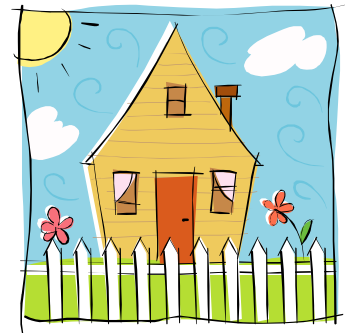
Across the Backyard Fence

By **Anne Burkett** (moanbeach@yahoo.com) send Anne your news

At the I-K-9 Run held Saturday, June 6th, we had some winners from the FGHD entrants. Jessica Wayton's Charley was the 1st place winner and Colleen Chestnut's Jimmy came in at second place. Mocha ran with Geoff Wayton, but wasn't entered as a contestant. Guess he didn't want to show them all up!



Colleen Chestnut and K9 track star, Jimmy



Welcome to Tara Singer from Louisville who is the Asst. Vice President of Communications and Marketing at ISU. She has two sons attending college at Louisville, KY. She also has adopted Lennie from the Burgess's. Lennie is the cat who decided not to move with his former family.

Congratulations go to Bassam and Keri (Berg) Yousiff on their recent summer wedding. We join in wishing you both a future filled with loads of happiness.

New neighbors have moved into the Richter home in the 1500 block of Center. Steve and Rose Aldrich hail from Michigan State, Lansing. He is teaching in the Geography Dept at ISU; she has her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in Communications. The boss of their house is a beautiful gray cat named Smokey.

A welcome back "home" to Keith Byerman and Kit Kincade. They are doing a beautiful job on their home at 6th and Putnam. They are both faculty members in ISU's English department. Long time 'Grove residents will remember that Keith was very active in the neighborhood years ago.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

By Barbara Carney

The new exhibit at the Vigo County Historical Museum is designed to make every woman feel that doing laundry today is a "breeze." Called "Monday Was Washday", the display features some of the earliest "washing machines." These contraptions and accessories were considered, in their day, to make wash easy for the woman of the house.

The earliest washing "machine" was the scrub board which was invented in 1797. Before that, clothing was cleaned by rubbing them on rocks in local streams. It wasn't until 1858 that a rotary washing machine was invented by Hamilton Smith. Just as the scrub board required "elbow grease" of the user, the rotary machine or one that

moved the clothes from side to side was powered by the person using it.

By the early 1900s, wooden wash tubs were replaced by metal tubs. In 1907, the Maytag Corporation began manufacturing wooden tub washing machines with a flywheel. In 1908, the first washing machine was invented by Alva J. Fisher. Finally, in the 1930s the Bendix Corporation produced a machine that could wash, rinse, and extract water from clothes in a single operation. After WW II, technology took off and the house wife was relieved of many wash day burdens.

Visit the Historical Museum to see many of the early methods of doing "the wash." After viewing the

current exhibit, it's easy to see how the term "Wash Day Blues" came about.

A special Historical Society event is coming on October 17th and we hope residents of the Farrington's Grove neighborhood will plan to attend. Like our Gatsby Days Party at the Hulman Lodge in May, a 1930s theme will be carried out. The evening will be a celebration of the end of that era of history. To be held at the Ohio Building and with a different style of live music on each floor, the finale of the evening will be a reverse raffle of a Model A Ford automobile which has been purchased for this event.

Mark your calendar and look forward to an evening of fun, food, and frivolity. For details and ticket information, call the Museum at 235-9717.



Farrington's Grove Historic District, Inc. Membership

The people listed below are paid members of FGHD, Inc. If you have not paid your dues for 2009, or if you have never joined, we urge you to send in the form on the back page of this newsletter along with your check. This will be the last edition of the newsletter to be mailed hard-copy to non-members. It costs the organization about \$1.00 per copy to print and mail the newsletter. We can't afford to keep doing it. The money can be spent better on neighborhood improvement projects. Please support your neighborhood.

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David Lewis

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Charles and Scotia Brown

William and Leslie Barratt

Keri Berg and Bassam Yousif

Sandra Brake and Michael Magnin

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Thomas and Anne Burkett

Colleen Chestnut

Catherine and Denis Conrady

Stephanie and Edward Downing

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Edward and Linda Harbour

Timothy Hawkins and Margaret Hurdlik

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John and Patricia McIntyre

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Marsha Miller

Todd Nation and Jenny Goodwin-Nation

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Farrington's Grove Historical District, Inc. 2009 Membership Application

Make checks payable to FGHD, Inc. and mail to FGHD, Inc. P.O. Box 9281, Terre Haute, IN 47808

I have included a tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

- \$200 Benefactor membership
- \$100 Corporate membership
- \$35 Patron membership
- \$20 Regular membership