



Farrington's Grove Historical District, Inc.

Guiding and Promoting
the Preservation and
Restoration of
Farrington's Grove
Historical District

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Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Clean-up Day
May 3 at 8:30 am
Meet at 1304 S. 6th St
(former ATO house)

FGHD, Inc. board meeting
May 6 at 7:00
Former Crawford School
Park in south lot, come in
back door and up to second floor
Everyone is welcome!

FGHD board meets on the
1st Tuesday of every month,
except July and December
Same time; same location.

Neighborhood Yard Sale
Saturday June 7
7am to 1pm
FGHD will place ad in
newspaper

From the Editor: This edition of the Farrington's Grove Newsletter will begin the process of highlighting the work of the four task forces established by the neighborhood planning process. This edition will emphasize the Trash Task Force and some of the strategies it recommended and those which have been accomplished. The next edition, due out in August, will highlight other Task Forces.

Marie Pontius, editor

Farrington's Grove Gets Covered Trash Toters

By now, most people should have received the new, blue roll-out bins, or "toters" for trash. Some parts of the neighborhood are still going through the fine-tuning phase of changing to a new process, and there may be necessary adjustments of where the bins are placed for pickup. But in case you haven't gotten all the details from recent Tribune Star newspaper articles, here's the scoop – so to speak:

The attached lids of these new toters should be kept closed except when trash is being added. This way the trash doesn't blow around the neighborhood, the toters don't fill with rain water, and the crows and other animals will have a harder time tearing into the bags of trash. The trash shouldn't be piled so high in the toter that it props the lid open either. If this is your case on a regular basis, you'll need an additional toter and you should call Republic for one. Their number is 298-2100. Each additional toter will billed

at \$3.00 per month on a quarterly basis (\$9.00). Also, as in the past, all trash should be put in tied plastic bags before being put in the toter. Republic says this helps keep trash from spilling out onto the ground when the toter is lifted and dumped by the mechanical arm. Some folks, who don't have alleys, or whose alleys are too narrow for the new trucks, will have to roll their toters out to the curb on trash day. Even full, they're not that hard to roll. Just tip them back on their two wheels and push. Please, please, please, however, if you put your toters out at the curb on trash day, roll it back beside or behind the house after it has been emptied. As lovely as the toters are, we really don't want the streets of Farrington's Grove lined with blue trash cans all week long.

Other information taken from a Republic Services publication:

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP



"Large or heavy items are defined as household furniture, mattresses, large toys, carpeting tied in three (3) foot bundles, and appliances. However appliances cannot contain (CFCs) chlorofluorocarbons or (HCFCs) hydro fluorocarbons. These are usually found in refrigerators and air conditioners. Specifically excluded are construction debris, tires, paint, or other hazardous waste. Residents having large or heavy items may contact BPWS (Board of Public Works and Safety) through the Code Enforcement Division. That

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"Curbside" Recycling

Along with the new system for collecting trash, Republic Services is offering a recycling pickup program. They call it "curbside" recycling, but your recycling will be picked up at the same location as your trash. So if you have alley pickup of your trash, the recycling would be picked up from the alley as well.

Contrary to what some folks believe, trash collection is not free in Terre Haute. The trash collection costs are paid by the city to Republic Services from real estate taxes. The recycling costs are not. Each household must contract separately with Republic Services, and will be billed \$5.50 per month on a quarterly basis

(\$16.50 per quarter). The reason for this is simple: All households will participate in the trash collection, so it is fair that everybody's tax dollars contribute to the cost of pickup; but not all households will participate in the recycling, so it is only fair that those who

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number is 244-2258. BPWS will verify the need and appropriateness of such removal and will request via e-mail (or other means necessary) that Republic Services remove such items. The items in question will be collected and disposed of by Republic Services on the next scheduled service date. To minimize confusion, remember that a different refuse vehicle may collect large or heavy items than normally collects the trash.

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE PICKUP

“Most brush and yard waste will need to be handled similarly to the Large or Heavy

Item policy. If a resident has more than several bags or any bundles of limbs and brush, they will have to call the BPWS (Board of Public Works and Safety) to arrange for an added pickup. That number is 244-2258. Those brush, yard waste and limb items will be handled by Republic Services on the next collection service date. And like the Large or Heavy Items, that collection may require the use of a different refuse vehicle for that collection.

“If the resident only has a few bags of grass clippings or leaves, they can be left beside the provided cart, if it is already full, and Republic Ser-

vices will reload the cart. Please remember, the cart service is only operated by one employee, so more than a few bags could prohibit us from being able to utilize the cart and must be called in for an additional service. Some residents that historically have several bags of grass clippings or leaves, may find it more convenient to utilize another trash cart.”

(quoted from Republic Services brochure)



Hopefully scenes like this will soon disappear from Farrington's Grove

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do participate pay their way, rather than everybody in the city paying for something they might not use. I know, an argument could be made that recycling benefits the whole city, but this is the reasoning of the folks who negotiated the contract. So if you want the convenience of having your recycling picked up, instead of having to load up the car or truck and haul it to ISU or Goodwill, you need to sign up with Republic. You can download a form from the city's website: www.terrehaute.in.gov or you can register on line at the Wabash Valley Goodwill's website, www.vvgoodwill.org, or TREES, inc at their website, www.treesinc.org. If you don't have a computer, call Republic Services at 298-2100.

Republic Services will accept nearly everything that's recyclable and will fit in the 65 gallon bin they provide, **EXCEPT GLASS**. You can still take glass to ISU's recycling center. Republic Services takes all the recyclable materi-

als over to Goodwill and the folks there sort it, which is one of the reasons they don't accept glass. It's too dangerous. The list of things they will take includes the following (and this information is also available at the above websites):

- Aluminum and steel cans (please rinse cans)
- Corrugated boxes and paperboard (NO waxed boxes, milk/juice cartons, juice boxes)
- Mixed paper – any type of clean paper and paper bags
- Plastic bags – black plastic trash bags, grocery bags
- Plastics #1 through #7 – any plastic with a little triangle on it; rinse and remove lids
- Scrap metal – including steel, tin, aluminum, copper, brass. Must fit in recycling bin.
- Newspapers – keep papers dry

- Office paper
- Junk mail

At present recycling is collected every other Thursday for everybody in the city. So the next pickup in April will be on the 24. Then in May, recyclables will be picked up on May 8th and 22nd and so forth. Republic Services' contract with the city said there must be at least 500 households participating in the first six months for the program to continue. At this writing, over 800 households have signed up, and Republic Services had to order more bins. So sign up to recycle. It helps the environment. It helps Terre Haute. It reduces the amount of trash in your trash toter, and it's convenient!

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Be a Picker-Upper and Have Some Fun Saturday, May 3 We Need Everybody!

Come have some fun! Join your neighbors in helping to clean up Farrington's Grove. On Saturday May 3rd meet us at Colleen Chestnut and Jim Silver's house 1304 South 6th Street at 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. That's the former ATO house to those of you who still associate South 6th Street with fraternity row. Colleen will arm you with gloves, bags, bottled water and maybe a T-shirt. Then she will send you off to pick up trash and help clean up the neighborhood. If you've got a pickup truck or

car with a trailer, we need you to help pick up full bags that teams will leave at street corners, and to haul large items to the dumpster. As they have done for the past several years, Republic Services will donate a large dumpster that will be parked in front of Colleen and Jim's house. It should be there all weekend, so if you can't join the fun with everyone else, but want to help, pick up what you can when you can and take it to that dumpster. Remember, we don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood.



Mike Carrell, Dan Sanders and Jim Silver hoist discarded sofa into pickup truck

Farrington's Grove Wants YOU

FGHD, Inc. needs your help with projects and committees. Listed below are some of the committees and projects this neighborhood organization carries out. We know that not everyone is a "meeting person," but some people will work on, or provide leadership for, a project that they know will help their neighborhood. Please consider volunteering for any of the following projects. If you are interested, let Marie Pontius know at fghd.th@gmail.com or give her a call at 478-0686.

Neighborhood Clean-up – First Saturday in May & first Saturday in October. We need a chair to:

- Coordinate with Keep Terre Haute Beautiful (KTHB) by attending their meetings to plan for the city-wide clean-up campaigns.
- Recruit volunteers from schools, churches, organizations and individuals to pick up trash in the neighborhood.
- Make sure information gets onto FGHD website with links to KTHB on www.treesinc.org website.
- Remind volunteers of time and date via email, phone and/or mail.
- Arrange for a dumpster from Republic Services and a site to temporarily locate the dumpster.
- Arrange for a "headquarters" location for volunteers to start their work from and to pick up T-shirts, bags, gloves and other supplies as needed. Get supplies from KTHB.
- Provide water and other refreshments for volunteers.

Garden Tour This is a wonderful program that used to be done every year, but was dropped a few years ago for lack of participation. If you think this is a valuable effort and would help to publicize the wonderful aspects of Farrington's Grove, we need you to chair a committee of volunteers. Traditionally it was held the second or third Sunday in May, but that date is flexible.

- Recruit 5 to 8 property owners to have their gardens on the

tour.

- Coordinate city-wide publicity of the event with the newspaper, television stations and any other means.
- Make sure information gets onto FGHD website
- Design and print brochure/maps of the tour locations.
- Provide for signage to identify tour locations from the street.
- Print tickets
- Recruit neighborhood volunteers to help serve as "guides" or docents for the tours
- Collect money from ticket sales and turn over to FGHD Treasurer along with any bills for project-related expenditures.

Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale – First Saturday in June.

Kaylynn Sanders has been doing this for a number of years and could use your help. Please contact Kaylynn at sander-sarch@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping.

- Design and print fliers publicizing the yard-sale and how people participate.
- Distribute fliers to homes and businesses in FGHD
- Send publicity information to newspaper and television stations.
- Write and send group ad to newspaper
- Make sure information gets onto FGHD website

Holiday Home Tour – First Sunday in December. We need a chair and a committee of volunteers to do the following:

- Recruit 7 or 8 property owners to have their historic homes, businesses or other on the tour.
- Coordinate city-wide publicity of the event with the newspaper, television stations and any other means.
- Make sure information gets onto FGHD website

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- Coordinate with Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (Tommy Kleckner) for historic and architectural description of participant homes or businesses.
- Design and print brochure/maps of the tour locations.
- Provide for signage to identify tour locations from the street.
- Print tickets
- Recruit neighborhood volunteers to help serve as “guides” or docents for the tours
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Welcome Wagon Greeters – throughout the year. A big problem here has been finding out when people move into the neighborhood. The chair would need to have or develop a good information network.

- Design and stock “welcome baskets” to distribute to newcomers to the neighborhood, (maybe include new businesses?)
- Establish a grapevine system to know when and who moves into the neighborhood.
- Deliver baskets to newcomers and invite them to participate in neighborhood events, maybe to serve on a committee.

Crime Watch Coordination Committee – “Nosy Neighbors”

This is a project that is a wonderful idea but hasn't taken off despite considerable effort by past FGHD members. There is a lot of literature out there on how to start a crime watch group. Much of it recommends a “nosy neighbor” approach

where neighbors notice things out of the ordinary and call the police, rather than patrolling the streets with walkie-talkies or cell phones in the wee hours of the night or morning. We've been plagued with graffiti, break-ins and car and building vandalism, not to mention the occasional drug house. We need this project. Can you help?

Membership – we need a chair to

- Recruit new members to FGHD
- Update database
- Call, email, and meet with people to get them involved on committees and projects
- Remind people of meetings
- Design membership recruitment events

Terre Haute Neighborhood Partnership representative:

Generally this job has fallen to the FGHD president, but anyone is welcome at Neighborhood Partnership meetings, and often the president needs someone to stand in for him or her if needed.

- Attend monthly meetings of THNP (4th Tuesday 7:00 pm)
- Attend FGHD board meetings (1st Tuesday 7:00 pm) and report happenings from THNP
- Bring Farrington's Grove issues to THNP meetings for discussion.

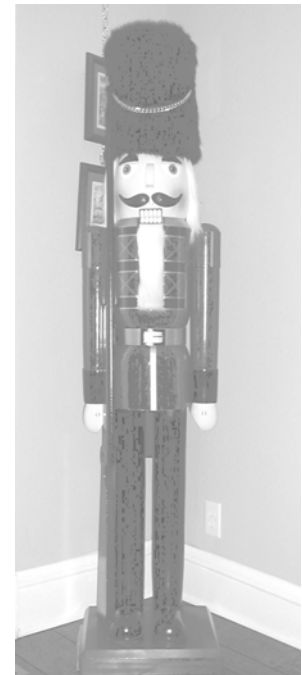
Webmaster: Recently Darrell Hamilton has agreed to be our webmaster, but he could use people to support him, back him up and supply him with information for Farrington's Grove's webpage. Check it out at www.farringtonsgrove.org. The job involves keeping the web page updated with information such as

- events calendar,
- changes in officers,
- neighborhood plan
- newsletter items other

Farrington's Groove – Jackie Carrell created this group among the students at Sarah Scott Middle School. She is interested in someone providing leadership to expand the program to South Vigo High School so her “alumni” can continue to be “in the Groove.” She also needs help from time to time to help with outings or crafts sessions.

- Work with middle school (and possibly high school) students who live in Farrington's Grove
- Once a month meetings
- Once a month field trips to sites in Terre Haute (Anthony Square retirement home, Swope Art Museum, Lighthouse Mission, etc)
- Learn appreciation for historic houses, historic district and Terre Haute.

Newsletter – Marie Pontius has agreed to take on the job of editor, at least for a while. But she needs people to write and submit articles, news, information about new families moving into the neighborhood and new additions to any of those families. Though she is trying to phase-in an electronic (e-mail) newsletter, there is still a need for helpers who can stick postage stamps, print and fold the newsletter and get it either distributed door-to-door or taken to the post office.



Holiday Home Tour

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Neighbors cleaning up the neighborhood.

FGHD Newsletter changing

Have you been getting newsletters? Are you a paid member? If any of these are problems, let us know at fghd.th@gmail.com

At the last meeting of the FGHD board, Marie Pontius volunteered to edit the newsletter. She has proposed a few things and wants your opinion. If FGHD sent out even a portion of its newsletters by email instead of printing copies on paper, stamping them and then mailing them, we could save a lot of money as well as be more sensitive to the environment. We will begin this process with the next edition of the FGHD Newsletter due out August 1. If you are willing to have your newsletter emailed to you, please contact Marie at

fghd.th@gmail.com. She will address her distribution list as "blind copies" so that individual emails are not available to the general public. FGHD will not share individual email addresses with anyone else without the owner's permission.

Also, Marie would like to include newsy items about new families moving into the neighborhood, new babies being born and old friends passing away. Please submit any information you have to Marie at the email address above.

We will try to publish the newsletter on a regular quarterly basis, on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. All contributions of articles and ideas for improving the

newsletter are welcome. Deadlines will be two weeks prior to the publication date. So the deadline for the next newsletter will be July 15. Get your keyboards clicking!



HELPFUL CONTACTS

Farrington's Grove Historical District, Inc.

Neighborhood news and information
Committees and projects
www.farringtonsgrove.org (website)
fghd.th@gmail.com (email)

Police

Emergency 911
Non-emergency 238-1661

Animal Control or Code Enforcement

244-2258

Mayor Duke Bennett's office 232-9467

mayor@terrehaute.in.gov

City Council

District 4 representative Todd Nation –
work phone 232-2595

booknation@earthlink.net
todd.nation@terrehaute.in.gov

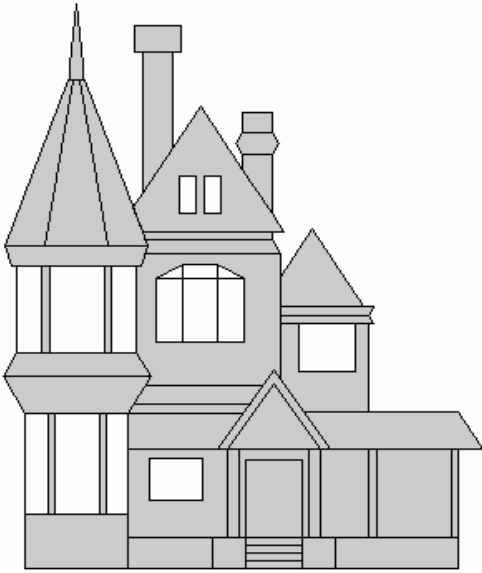
Republic Services – 298-2100

"Have you been getting newsletters? Are you a paid member? Let us know if you have comments."



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Farrington's Grove Historical District, Inc. 2008 Membership Application

Make checks payable to FGHD, Inc. and mail to FGHD, Inc. P.O. Box 322, 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