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Community Connection

News in the neighborhood

Landscaper Chosen, Hard at Work

The IRM Civic Association is excited to announce that it has partnered with MJ Design Associates as our landscape contractor for this year. MJ Design is a landscape design and maintenance company that serves both commercial and residential customers. They have substantial expertise in not only standard maintenance, but designing and construction, which will be a tremendous benefit to the IRM association as we begin efforts to beautify the cul-de-sacs.

MJ Design evaluated all thirteen cul-de-sacs in the neighborhood and provided us with specific improvement ideas to make each area more beautiful. Together we worked to develop a list of those few cul-de-sacs that require a redesign. Over the next few months,

you will continue to see general shrub and tree pruning, removal of dead or dying plant matter and addition of colorful perennials that will make the look very pleasing. We prioritized the cul-de-sacs that have been selected for redesign. The top three areas set for redesign this season are Muncie, Sachem, and Cavalry. The work on these cul-de-sacs may include removing all current landscaping and beginning fresh. As we approach the work on each of these, we will contact homeowners from the respective courts to meet with the board and MJ Design—so we can hear your thoughts about the overall design and types of plants and trees that are desirable.

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Garage Sale—May 21 and 22

It's set! The IRM Neighborhood Garage Sale is May 21 and 22—so mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the action. Shop or sell—it will be fun! And it could be profitable. The last few years our neighborhood sales have been active—with lots of sellers and shoppers.

Mary Leonard (6893 Blackhawk Court) has agreed to chair this year's sale. Mary will purchase everyone's permits for the neighborhood sale from the City of Dublin. If you think you'd like to participate as a seller, contact Mary to let her know your intentions—and the IRM Civic Association will pay for your permit! Email Mary Leonard (by May 10th) at maryleonard@wideopenwest.com.

This could be your family's ideal opportunity to join the community sale. Let's hope for a fabulously warm and sunny weekend.



City of Dublin Garage Sale Guidelines

1. Only two permits shall be issued for a single address in any 12-month period, and shall be valid for not more than three consecutive days. The permit must be displayed on the premises during the sale.
2. Application for such sales shall be made at least seven days in advance of the sale, and no sales shall commence before the hour of 8:00 am or extend later than 8:00 pm.
3. Signs announcing the sale shall be limited to one on-premises sign, and two off-premises signs. Signs may be put up the night before the first day of the sale and must be taken down immediately after the final day of the sale.
4. Permits and permit fees are required for each address participating in community garage and yard sales. Homeowners can purchase permits individually or they are welcome to elect a community representative to purchase permits for the group. The representative will need each homeowner's name, address and fee.
5. The Land Use and Long Range Planning permit window accepts cash and personal checks.
6. Permits are \$5 each; signs are \$1 each.

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We've given priority to **Muncie, Cavalry** and **Sachem** since they seem to be the courts where maintenance alone won't be sufficient to improve their appearance. Look for updates throughout the summer—much of the redesign work will take place in the fall. We encourage comments from homeowners on the maintenance of the cul-de-sacs and the plans for redesigns. **Pam Diehl** (6891 Erie Court) is our landscape team chair this year—and **Mary Leonard** (6893 Blackhawk) is on the team. Write Pam or Mary with your questions.

Pam: muirpamela@aol.com;

Mary: maryleonard@wideopenwest.com



We hope to begin a **long-term relationship with MJ Design** so that we can work

toward improvements in our common areas that can only be achieved as we work to improve year after year.

As a benefit to our using MJ Design, **homeowners can work with them for their own im-**

provements—they'll be spending lots of time in our neighborhood. We encourage you to get to know the folks at MJ. Ask questions and be active in the improvements we are undertaking together. If you would like to speak with MJ Design on any personal landscaping matter can contact our representative, **Gail Reinhart** at 614-873-7333 or

greinhart@mjdesignassociates.com, to request specific quotes for services or ideas.



Spring Flowers

Have you seen the color at our entrance on Valley Stream? We've had lots of folks compliment the plantings—simple yet colorful. We'll extend another round of thanks to the folks who helped plant these bulbs last fall. Your work is paying off!

What About My Cul-de-Sac?

Many of our common areas need some attention: relocating rocks, plants, or shrubs or trimming shrubs and trees. The landscaper recommends complete redesign of some due to overgrowth and dying trees or shrubs. Let us know if you have questions.

Arapahoe - fourth priority for fall redesign; remove two stumps and last evergreen; add shrubs or grasses, prune juniper

Blackhawk - limb up trees; move shrubs to another cul-de-sac

Cavalry - listed as third priority for fall; will remove mulberry and the evergreen on the left; a partial redesign needed

Erie - remove junipers in front, trim shrubs in back; potential for redesign is priority five

Hopewell - mainly just clean up work

Mesquite - trim honey locust, shrubs are not healthy - may need removal, re-group perennials, pine must eventually be removed

Muncie - first priority for redesign this fall, trees must be removed

Ottawa - arrange rocks, trim hedges, remove smaller sweet gums, remove taller shrub; resituate in another cul-de-sac; move ornamental grasses

Pueblo - remove dead shrubs and attend those not growing well; edge and clean up

Running Deer - trim shrubs, move rocks, plant some ornamental grasses

Sachem - will be improved by some clean up; trim trees and remove the mulberry

Sundown - limb up spruce, thin shrubs, divide the perennials, might need to eventually remove spruce

Wichita - second priority for fall redesign, must remove one tree and keep the rest. Plant shrubs and ornamental grasses, add color - may be a partial re-design

Where We Focused Our Resources

This year our Association dues increased to \$50. The increase was important to the improvement of our Indian Run community—mostly for trimming up and replanting the cul-de-sacs and common areas. We're happy to report to all our dues-payers where the money has been spent during the current fiscal year (which began September 1, 2009).

IRM Statement of Income/Expenses—April 22, 2010

Income	
Fees	700
Dues	16,240
Interest Income	39
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,979
Expenses	
Bank Fees	\$ 70
Insurance	1,288
Landscaping	2,547
Professional Fees	40
Newsletters/Printing	307
Office Expenses	41
Postage	475
Publicity/Website	120
Rent/Facility Use	20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,908
NET INCOME	\$12,071

IRM Balance Sheet

Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$37,209
Accounts Receivable	1,520
Liabilities	
Opening Equity	26,658
Net Income	12,071
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$38,729

Notes from the Neighborhood

We've been working with residents to resolve the problems created with the larger **recycle bins**. We've written to several homeowners asking them to take bins into the garage after the refuse has been picked up. A few of these **homeowners contacted us to share their concerns**—and we appreciate very much hearing from everyone. We want to work closely with homeowners to **ensure we are fair and that the end result is that our neighborhood is well-kept**.

Steve Schmidt, IRMCA Vice President, spoke with representatives from the City of Dublin. We remind homeowner that they can **trade their large blue recycle bins for a set of small tubs**—available at the city buildings.

Thanks to **Suzette Doak** who has been serving as our IRMCA Secretary. She's asked to step down for the time being due to additional family and community responsibilities. She's given us **competent help over these months and we hope to welcome her back again in the near future**.

Thanks to all our homeowners who have been **submitting their plans for home alterations and landscaping designs**. We are working to **improve our response time and skill**—so to all those who may have had to wait for our response, we thank you especially for your patience. Please continue to submit your **plans and drawings to any member the board**.

Three hundred and seventeen homeowners submitted their **dues for 2009**. Thanks to everyone for **early compliance and for sending us your questions and concerns**. We appreciate your support and involvement. We last filed **liens** in 2008—and are pleased to report that all but two homeowners from this group

have **paid their dues and legal charges** in full. It's been a pleasure to file release of lien papers for all these folks.

On the other hand, it has been unsettling that we found it necessary to **file seven new liens this year** (April 2010). When these liens are filed it adds an **additional \$100** to what is owed in **dues**. This additional charge covers the cost of filing papers with the Franklin County Recorder's Office and for legal costs in preparing the documents.

Welcome New Neighbors

With the season we will naturally see new homes on the market and new neighbors moving in. During the winter and spring seasons we welcomed three families—

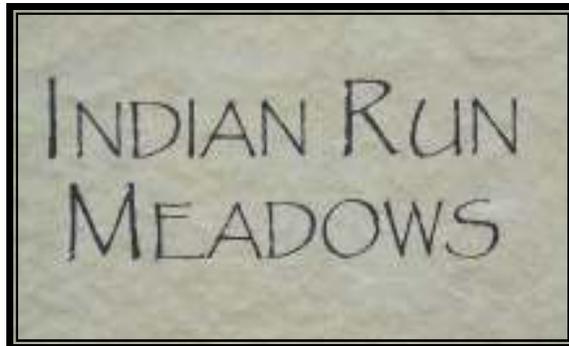
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Linda Gleaves, 6635 Fallen Timbers; **Ken and Megan Geon**, 7256 Hopewell Court; and **Matt and Jessica Richards**, 0861 Erie Court.

Reminders for Safety

This past winter someone tried (but failed) to break into one of our neighborhood homes. The homeowner reported that the police gave her some sound advice—and we'll share it here with you.

Keep in mind that potential thieves often watch the **local papers** to learn who is going through a **divorce** or who has recently **passed away**. These thieves target such homes—knowing when to find them vulnerable to break-in. The police recommend that we **close the blinds** on the first floor at night and when not at home—making sure that the door from your home to the garage is **locked** too. Put lights on **timers** so they turn on appropriately during the evening, and **don't leave your windows open** at night. You might also check to ensure your **garage door signal** is not the same as any of your neighbors.





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What's It Like?

You have probably not been losing sleep over it—but maybe it has flashed through your mind. Perhaps when you wrote your check for your annual dues. Or maybe for a second when you got your last newsletter. Then it might have happened when you received your reminder notice in the mail—or when you received your last “IRM Alert” in the email. Even if you’ve never wondered, I’d like to let you know—to know what it’s like to be a member of the IRM Board.

Some days it’s difficult. Last week we finally filed seven liens against properties that belong to our neighbors. Such days are terrible. We wish we knew what was wrong—or how we could help. We tried to open the lines of communication—give folks lots of ways to protest or ask questions. But we didn’t hear—so unhappily we filed the liens.

Then at the same time our days are genuinely fun. On the same day I filed seven liens, I also filed two releases cancelling liens. We’d worked patiently with some of our friends and neighbors to clear old accounts—and that’s

that are encouraging and friendly. Recently we’ve received a number of notes and calls about the flowering bulbs at the Valley Stream entrance—and a few more just thanking us for listening and responding to concerns.



Yes, being on the Board is alright. Amid the hard work and the attempts to smooth over neighborhood conflicts and remedy concerns with poorly kept lawns or mistakes in tree trimming, being on the Board is like working hard to be a good neighbor and a good citizen. We don’t often achieve all we’d like to—but so many of you make it rewarding that it outweighs the troubling times. It’s often we are grateful for helpful neighbors, good friends, and the joy of working with

rewarding. Everyone has a time when it’s hard to pay the bills or times when notices get lost in the stacks of mail.

Then there are times we get notes and emails and phone calls from folks—calls

all of you to create a comfortable, attractive community.

Thanks.