

Castle Cove Newsletter

May/June 2012



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Castle Cove Website: www.castle-cove.com

Available on our website:

Neighborhood map, Board Member List, Committees & Members, Covenants, By-laws, Architectural Improvement Application, Trash & Recycle Information, Pool Information, form to reserve the clubhouse, previous newsletters, minutes from Board Meetings, etc.

Castle Cove Homeowners Association, Inc.

PO Box 50853
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Dates to Remember:

May 26 Sat **Pool Opens for the season 10 a.m.**
Pool Opening Party 4-8 p.m.



May 28 Mon Memorial Day

June 1-2 Fri/Sat Castle Cove Garage Sale
8 am—5 pm



June 11 Mon Crime Watch Meeting
6:30 pm, Library

July 4 Wed Independence Day Holiday
July 9 Tues Castle Cove Board Meeting
6 p.m., Library on Hague Rd

Aug 7 Tues National Night Out Against Crime
Castle Cove Ice Cream Social



Sept 12 Tues Castle Cove Board Meeting
6 p.m., Library on Hague Rd

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EMERGENCY: 911



Non-emergency incidents: 327-3811
Poison Control (Indiana): 800-222-1222
Mayor's Action Center & Animal Care & Control: 327- 4622

School Information

Mary Castle Elementary (kindergarten)
8510 E 82nd Street 423-8400

Crestview Elementary (or the Magnet Program allows children to apply for schools such as Mary Castle or other Charter Schools)
7600 E 71st Street 964-4200

Fall Creek Middle School
9701 E 63rd Street 964-6600

Lawrence North High School
7802 Hague Rd 964-7700

Website information at: www.itschools.org
or call 423-8400 to verify the school for an address.

Neighborhood Reminders:

Storm Drains: please keep street gutters and drains clear of grass, leaves and debris for proper drainage. And remember, what goes in those drains ends up in our retention pond!

Mailboxes: Must be Size 2, painted Rust-O-Leum Leather Brown.



Yard Lights: working dusk-to-dawn yard light required.

Sidewalks: Homeowners are responsible for removing snow from sidewalks and trimming bushes and trees so they don't obstruct sidewalks and streets.

Castle Cove Real Estate Update

Sales data from Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors .

- 1 homes **SOLD** so far in 2012
- The average sales price TBD.
- Average Days on the Market (DOM) TBD

*Real Estate Information as of 5/19/12 provided by Ruth Ann Stephenson, Realtor, F.C. Tucker
Phone: 570-7717 or Email: Ruthann@comcast.net*

Mortgage Interest Rates Remain Low

As of 5/18/12 (from Tucker Mortgage 849-5050)

Loan Program	Rate (%)	Points (%)
30 year fixed—Conventional	4.00%	0
15 year fixed	3.375%	0
30 year fixed —FHA	3.75%	0
30 year fixed —VA	3.75%	.0

Address	Bed rms	Baths Full-half	Base ment	Lvl	List Price	Sale Price
Homes Currently Listed FOR SALE						
8131 Lake Point Way	4	2 1	N	2	\$229,900	
7960 Clearwater Ct	3	2 1	N	2	\$195,000	
8002 Bayview Point	4	2 1	N	2	\$194,000	
8073 Springwater Dr	4	3 1	N	2	\$189,900	
Homes with a sale PENDING (offer accepted, not closed yet):						
Homes that SOLD (1/1/12– 5/19/12)						
7951 Springwater Dr	3	2 0	N	1	\$168,500	\$161,500

Newsletter Information

The newsletter will be published and sent by email 4-5 times per year. Timing will be so as to include the previous Board Meeting minutes. For those residents without email, a paper copy will be mailed. Residents' email addresses will not be shared with anyone and used only for newsletters, important Castle Cove announcements and Crime Watch information. The newsletter is emailed in a manner so as not to disclose email addresses.

Articles, ads and other information for newsletter inclusion may be mailed or emailed to me. Opinions, comments and letters submitted to the Editor are welcome. All letters must be concise and signed with name, address and telephone number and are subject to review and editing by the Board prior to publishing.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Small Ad (business card size)	free	\$5/issue
1/4 Page Ad (maximum size)	5.00/issue	\$15/issue
Coupon Space	free	\$5/issue
For Sale Space (about 5-6 lines)	free	(residents only)

Please make advertisement checks payable to "Castle Cove Owners Association." **Free business card size ads will run until the end of the current year and must be "renewed" to run for the following year.**

To include something in the newsletter, please contact me by phone 570-7717 or email at ruthann@comcast.net. This is **your** newsletter!

Ruth Ann Stephenson

YOU ARE INVITED

To the Castle Cove

POOL OPENING PARTY



- Date:** Saturday, May 26th
- Time:** 4 pm. - 8 pm.
(pool opens for swimming at 10 a.m., closes at 8:30 p.m.)
- Where:** Castle Cove Pool/Common Area
- Menu:** Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks,
and Dessert *(served 5-7 pm)*
- Donation:** \$2.00 per attendee

Join your neighbors anytime between 4 & 8 pm to celebrate a new pool season.
Come and enjoy food, fun, tennis, pickleball, games and fellowship.
We encourage you to bring lawn chairs and yard games.

Swimming Pool Reminders -

- Please sign in when you swim at the pool and be sure to include your emergency number. It helps lifeguards know who is there and allows tracking of pool use to make sure our hours are accommodating swimmers' needs.
- Adult residents must accompany their guests at all times at the pool and tennis courts.
- Residents who have not paid their 2012 dues in full are not eligible to use Castle Cove amenities including the swimming pool, tennis courts and shelter house.
(full pool rules on last page of newsletter)



Good News about recycling



All recyclable plastics 1-6 are now being accepted as well as cardboard, paper and glass.

- **Curbside Recycling.** Call 917-7300 to establish curbside recycling or get additional information (M-F, 7 a.m.—5 p.m.) or go to the informative website at www.indyrecycles.com. The cost for this service is \$6 per month billed quarterly.
- **Drop Off Recycling.** The closest drop-off sites to our neighborhood are:
 1. Kroger parking lot — 79th and Fall Creek
 2. Sahm Park — 6801 E. 91st Street. Drive South into parking lot back toward pool and playground.
 3. Marsh Parking Lot—11625 Fox Rd



Castle Cove Board Meeting March 12, 2012
Library 6:00pm

Attendees:

Board Members: Ron Sans, Tom Stephenson, Marie Wright, Rich Havlin, Jessica Gallagher, Kim Berlin, Ruth Ann Stephenson
(Absent: Maury Lathrop, Patti Davis)

Residents: Ross Fazekas , Betty Borelli, Lana Jordan

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm (Closed to Residents)

Decision made Kim Berlin would fill the 3 year slot for Board.

Ruth Ann Stephenson filled the 1 year slot for the Board.

Ruth Ann Stephenson was also voted in to fill the open Vice President position.

(Opened to Residents)

Approval of previous minutes: January 4, 2012

The minutes were read, a motion made to approve and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Tom Stephenson

Bank balances as of February 29, 2012:

Checking:	\$ 19,611.51
Savings:	\$ 25,755.92
<u>Reserve:</u>	<u>\$ 98.75</u>
Total:	\$ 45,466.18

2012 Dues – 31.8% were received for a YTD total of \$26,082.00.

Motion made for treasurer's report to be approved, motion passed.

Committee Reports:**Architectural** (Sherry Havlin):

Nothing to report

Common Grounds (Marie Wright):

Black top sealant will be done on parking lot after Frady comes in to do final grading and seeding around Tennis court. Recreation Unlimited is scheduled early spring to lay mulch on playground area as well as stain and service the playground equipment.

Received quote form Tractor Supply for rubber mats for under playground swings, 4x6 in size. They are \$40 each and will be looking into how many will be needed to cover playground swing area.

Compliance (Rich Havlin):

Met last week

Due to walk around neighborhood and send notices to homes not in compliance.

Suggested to mail postcard to all neighbors with a reminder to keep up with neighborhood standards. Decision made to only inform those in violation.

We are trying to get in touch with Castleton Lawn Care and notify them of the neighborhood no soliciting policy.

Crime Watch:

Will discuss committee Chair replacement at the next Crime Watch meeting.

Garage Sale (Karen Young):

Fri & Sat June 1, 2

Lake (Ron Sans):

Nothing to report

Newsletter (Ruth Ann Stephenson):

Newsletter done and ready to go out.

Nominating (Rich Havlin):

Rich Havlin volunteered to chair committee.

Pool (Tom Stephenson):

Paid for license and posted license in Club House.
 New pool cover will be purchased in the summer.

Tennis (Maury Lathrop)

Nothing to report

Revitalization (Jessica Gallaher & Lana Jordan):

Nothing to report

Web site (Ruth Ann Stephenson):

Will have 2012 updated info to board and committee lists after this evenings meeting.

Welcome (Marie Wright):

Nothing to report

Old Business:

1. Repair/Needs (see Master Repair/Needs list attached to minutes) – These items will continue to be reviewed throughout the year and addressed as funds are available. Some are already included in the budget for 2012.
2. From Annual meeting: concern about lake getting shallower. Discussed to check with DNR, Ron as Lake Chair will be checking.
3. From Annual meeting: concern about trees overhanging the brick wall (not discussed at this meeting.
4. Look into what needs to done with trees overhanging brick wall and will decide after.
5. Algae on wall discussed and need to find a way to remove; Ruth Ann will look into removal process.

New Business:

1. Review committees; members and chairs
2. Address neighborhood events (new committee?)
 - Pool Opening Party will now be taken over by Board; May 26
 - Wiener Roast will now be hosted by a non-board residents; Ross Fazekas has volunteered
 - National Night Out/ Ice Cream Social will continue to be hosted by Crime Watch Committee; August 7

Next Board meetings: May 14, July 9, Sept 12. All meetings scheduled to be held at the Library on Hague Road at 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Kim Berlin, Secretary

Master Repair/Needs List for Castle Cove

The top 6 items were prioritized by the Board
 Items with a * are included in the 2012 budget

1	* Pool cover
2	* Parking lot – repair cracks, seal & stripe including basketball court
3	Gutters -west side of shelter house & pool house
4	Retaining wall along east sidewalk
5	Erect posts, boulders or some other barrier in entrance between gates so no one can
6	* Playground - mulch & stain
	* Paint shelter interior \$2000
	Concrete: at least 3 areas within the pool fence: triangle, west end, etc.
	Concrete: sidewalk north side of pool house
	Paint shelter exterior
	Restroom doors rusting, replace?
	Gate & keypad for exterior restroom doors (allows use of restrooms outside of pool
	Paint bicycle rack like gates – (Greg Bond?)



TIRED OF SOLICITORS?

If that's how it seems to you, simply ask your Block Captain or Ruth Ann Stephenson (570-7717, ruthann@comcast.net) or Lana Jordan (288-0673, ljordan1@comcast.net) for one of the "No Soliciting" signs which many Castle Cove residents already have displayed on or near their front doors. A number of residents can attest to how displaying the sign dissuades solicitors from knocking on their doors. In fact, as Lana Jordan answered her door one afternoon, the solicitor apologized profusely explaining that he just saw the sign and quickly turned and walked away. If you have a sign, and a solicitor does not leave, they are trespassing and you can feel free to call 911 or 327-3811 and report them to the police.

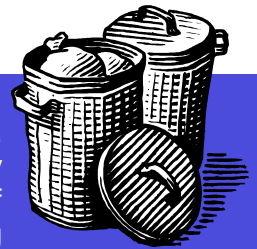


Are you inviting robbers and vandals into your home?

Leaving your garage door open is doing just that. For your safety and protection, please keep garage and service doors closed. Many intruders slip in through the garage, or come in and unlock service doors for later entry. Be cautious!



TRASH CANS! Article VIII, Section 8.4 of our covenants refers to Trash Receptacles. Briefly, every receptacle for trash/garbage shall be kept so as **not to be visible from any street** within the Development at any time except from the eve before to eve of day of collection. Placing trash in bags and tying them also helps keep our streets clean during trash pick up. Please do your part!



MAILBOXES

You open it every day — but do you look at it? Is it faded, leaning, have broken hinges? Time to get it painted, repaired or just buy a new one. Our covenants require mailboxes to be **Size 2, painted rustoleum leather brown**. Nothing else will do and it really looks nice when all those "soldiers" are fresh and clean standing at attention along the curb waiting for the mail! They can be purchased at Lowes and Sullivans

FROM BEHIND THE BARS!

Highlights from the interview Scott Swan conducted in prison with an inmate which aired on Channel 13, Thurs. May 3rd. This inmate conducted hundreds of home burglaries.

- Daytime is preferable since most people are not home.
- Dogs are a deterrent.
- Close and lock windows and doors.
- Homes on corners and/or with no other houses very close are good targets.
- The approach: knock or ring doorbell. Listen for TV or other noise. If no one answers, if it's quiet, it's assumed that no one is home.
- A front door can usually be kicked in with no problem.
- The master bedroom is where burglars find most valuables: jewelry, wallets, cash, keys lying on dressers.
- Electronics and weapons are items often taken.
- Burglars can be in and out of a home in 1 to 2 minutes.
- Over 11,000 burglaries were reported to IMPD last year.



Castle Cove Crime Watch



Indianapolis CrimeWatch

Good Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods

Our active **Crime Watch** program works in conjunction with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Dept. to provide our residents with information on crime prevention as well as report any criminal or suspicious activity. Our neighborhood has been divided into 16 blocks with captains who's main function is communication of information between residents and block captains and vice versa. It also hosts an ice cream social each year as part of the National Night Out Against Crime. Residents are encouraged to become better acquainted in order to feel more comfortable looking out for each other.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING, April 9, 2012 at the Library on Hague Road

Communication amongst the 15 block captain households, as well as with the families within their respective blocks, continues to keep Castle Cove residents informed as to incidents happening within our neighborhood as well as in those around us. Tips and encouragement from law enforcement are being shared as well so as to keep everyone here as safe as we possibly can. IMPD is impressed and grateful for the involvement, cooperation and support they see here in Castle Cove.

We're pleased to welcome Adam and Lisa Theobald as captains for block 7 and Greg and Deanne Heidrich for block 5.

Castleton Estates experiences "activity" in their common/pool area as we do. In fact, because of a 911 call by one of their residents, an arrest of pot smoking youth on that parking lot was made. Unfortunately, Castle Cove residents living near our parking lot are seeing cars there after dark again.

We are meeting with Crime Watch Coordinators of nearby neighborhoods to exchange ideas and better enhance communication between Castle Cove, Eagle Nest, Copperfield, Castleton Estates and several others. Fortunately, we are not experiencing much vandalism or criminal activity but we should not let our guard down.

REMEMBER: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL 911. If an incident does occur, call your block captain after calling 911. Watch out for each other.

A reminder about Castle Cove's National Night Out Annual Ice Cream Social Tues., Aug. 7th:

- ice cream, fun, fellowship at the common area
- an appearance by McGruff Dog
- visits by IMPD, city personnel, local dignitaries

Watch for the neighborhood signs to announce times.



Castle Cove Crime Watch Co-Coordinators:

Lana Jordan	288-0673	ljordan1@comcast.net
Jim Lindgren	576-9129	lindgren.james@att.net

Crime Statistics

in Marion County can be found at the *CrimeView Law Enforcement Map Viewer* Website

<http://imaps.indygov.org/CVC/>

Follow the directions. Using a range of 1/2 mile from 7900 Castle Lake Rd will include our entire neighborhood.

What was that siren? To view the Indianapolis Star's Marion Co. website map of current 911 calls, type "Indy911calls.com" into your computer's browser. You can also get a report of accident & fire runs for the past month.

Crime Watch Tips -

Castle Cove has been fortunate, but burglaries have been on the rise in areas around us!

- If you leave a vehicle parked in your driveway, lock it and remove valuable items like wallets, purses, cell phones, lap top computers, electronic games and other electronic devices and especially your garage door remote control opener!
- Keep the exterior of your home well lit at night. Keep bushes trimmed to eliminate hiding places.
- Keep your garage door closed as much as possible!



Castle Cove' Annual
GARAGE SALE

June 1st & 2nd
(Friday & Saturday)
8 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Get Ready! Clean out those closets, the garage, the attic. Turn your unwanted items into someone else's treasure (and cash!) The garage sale will be advertised.



To participate, just put your items out for sale any time June 1st & 2nd.

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GUITAR LESSONS

BEGINNER LEVEL
~ acoustic or electric ~
Rock, Pop, Metal, etc.

Taught by Castle Cove teenager

Nathan Fazekas 570-9099

\$10 per half hour at our Castle Cove home
\$15 per half hour at your Castle Cove home



Classified Ads

FOR SALE:

A great way to sell items....and it's FREE!
Provide editor with item, price & contact number.

List your items for sale here! It's free and it works!

ITEM WANTED



WANTED: Wooden Swing Set

If you have one that's lonely and fading in your yard, we would like to give it a new home!
Please contact: **Carri Hunter at 507-0092**

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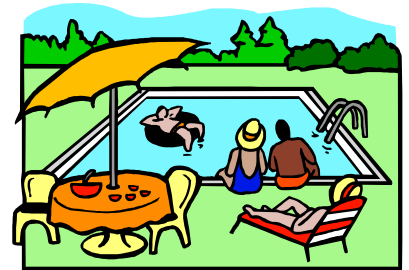
CASTLE COVE SWIMMING POOL RULES AND INFORMATION

General Information:

Address: 8220 Lake Point Court

Phone Number: 841-8045

NOTE: Inbound calls are **NOT** answered



Opening Day: Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend

Closing Day: Tuesday after Labor Day

Pool Hours: **10:00 AM – 8:30 PM** (Daily until first day of Lawrence Township School starts)
4:00 PM – 8:30 PM (Weekdays while Lawrence Township Schools are in session)
10:00 AM – 8:30 PM (Weekends while Lawrence Township Schools are in Session)

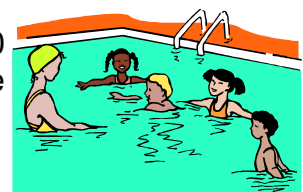
Pool Contacts: Tom Stephenson, Board Member (570-7717, 627-5281)
 Kyle Goodwin, Pool Manager

Private Parties: The pool is available to eligible residents for after hours private parties based upon lifeguard and schedule availability and in accordance with rules and policies governing after hours private parties.

Eligibility: ***All Castle Cove residents who have paid their current neighborhood association annual dues are permitted to use the pool. Sign log-in sheet at pool entrance. Use caution and swim at your own risk. Guests of Castle Cove residents are welcome at the pool provided their Castle Cove host accompanies them at all times.***

Age Restrictions: All children less than 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Children less than 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult EXCEPT that children between the ages of 8 and 13 may swim unaccompanied by an adult if the child demonstrates certain swimming abilities to the lifeguard and the parent witnesses the demonstration and completes a permission/waiver form. An identifying pin will be issued to children in this program. The pin must be worn at all times when the child is at the pool.

Swim Lessons: Lifeguards may offer swim lessons prior to 10:00 AM. Arrangements and fees for lessons may be discussed directly with lifeguards offering lessons.



Swimming Pool Rules:



1. Swimming is only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty during the hours of operation stated previously in "General Information."
2. The Lifeguards control activities within the pool during the hours of operation. Swimmers are required to obey the Lifeguards and Pool Rules at all times. Failure to do so will result in loss of swimming privileges or ejection from the pool.
3. No running or horseplay within the pool area.
4. The Lifeguard platform chair is off limits to all swimmers. No diving or jumping from or sitting in the lifeguard chair is permitted.
5. Backward diving or flips are NOT permitted from the side of the pool.
6. Swim wear must be worn by all swimmers. Street clothing, athletic clothing (basketball shorts, running shorts, etc) and cut-off shorts may not be worn in the pool.
7. Health department regulations prohibit anyone having infections, communicable diseases, open sores or wounds from using the pool until the condition has healed.
8. Children who are not fully "potty trained" must wear swim diapers. (Available from Wal-Mart, Kohls, Meijer's, etc). **DISPOSABLE DIAPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE POOL.**
9. There will be hourly adult swim periods for 10 minutes each hour of the day beginning at 50 minutes past the hour. During Adult Swim, only persons 18 years or older and toddlers 2 years old and younger accompanied by an adult may swim. These periods are intended for children to rest, provide personal time for Lifeguards, and permit Lifeguards to perform pool maintenance activities. Children must be seated away from the pool's edge. NO sitting on the edge of the pool, dangling feet, etc. The Lifeguard may extend the adult swim period if children do not obey this rule.
10. Flotation devices (inner tubes, rafts, etc) are permitted in the pool ONLY during adult swim periods. The use of "Noodles" during All-Swim periods is at the discretion of the Lifeguards.
11. Children requiring the use of swimming aids must be accompanied by a parent/adult at all times when in the pool.
12. No one is to sit next to the Lifeguards or engage in social activities/conversation with Lifeguards when they are performing their lifeguard duties. Lifeguards are employed for the safety and protection of Castle Cove residents and their children. Do not distract the Lifeguards from this important task.
13. There is **NO SMOKING** in the pool area.
14. Glass containers are **NOT** permitted within the pool area.
15. Alcoholic beverages are **NOT** permitted within the pool area.
16. Swimmers are not allowed in the pool during inclement weather. The pool will be closed when lightning is sighted or thunder is heard. The pool will reopen 30 minutes after thunder and/or lightning has ceased.
17. The pool will not open if the air temperature at the pool is below 65 degrees Fahrenheit. The pool will open once the temperature rises above 65 degrees.
18. All food must remain in the wooden pool deck area. No food or beverage is allowed in the pool or on the concrete deck surrounding the pool.
19. The pool telephone is for outgoing **EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY**. Parents are advised not to call the pool as the phone does not ring for incoming calls.

