# Castle Cove Newsletter Fall 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, Crime Watch, etc.

Castle Cove Homeowners Association, Inc.

PO Box 50853

Indianapolis, IN 46250

**Dates to Remember:** 

Sept 3 Mon Labor Day (Last day pool is open)

Sept 12 Wed Castle Cove Board Meeting

6 p.m., Library on Hague Rd

Sept 22 Sat Autumn begins

Oct 10 Wed Crime Watch Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at

Lawrence North High School

Oct 31 Wed Halloween

Nov 6 Tues Election Day

Nov 11 Sun Veterans' Day

Nov 13 Tues Castle Cove Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Lawrence North High School** 

Nov 22 Thurs Thanksgiving Day

Dec 25 Tues Christmas Day

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**EMERGENCY: 911** 





Non-emergency incidents: M-I

M-F, 7am—11 pm: 327-6100 Other hours: 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.ltschools.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!

<u>Mailboxes:</u> Must be Size 2, painted Rust-O-Leum Leather Brown.

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

<u>Sidewalks:</u> 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.

- 2 homes **SOLD** so far in 2012
- The average sales price \$168,750.
- Average Days on the Market (DOM) 121

Real Estate Information as of 9/7/12 provided by Ruth Ann Stephenson, Realtor, F.C. Tucker Phone: 570-7717 or Email: Ruthann@comcast.net

As of 9/7/12 (from Tucker Mortgage 849-5050)						
Loan Program	Rate (%)	Points (%				
30 year fixed—Conventional	3.75%	0				

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30 year fixed—Conventional	3.75%	0
15 year fixed	3.125%	0
30 year fixed —FHA	3.5%	0
30 year fixed —VA	3.5%	.0

Address	Bed rms		ths -half	Base ment	Lvl	List Price	Sale Price
Homes Currently Listed FOR SALE							
8021 Springwater Cir	3	2	1	Υ	2	\$214,900	
8029 Castle Lake Rd	3	2	1	N	1	\$194,500	
7960 Clearwater Ct	3	2	1	N	2	\$179,900	

## Homes with a sale PENDING

(offer accepted, not closed yet):

Homes that SOLD (1/1/12-5/19/12)							
8073 Springwater Dr	4	3	1	N	2	\$179,900	\$176,000
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>	Non-Resident
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." <u>Free business card size ads will run</u> 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

## **National Night Out**

## America's "Night Out" Against Crime!

The 29th Annual National Night Out sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) was held Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Castle Cove Crime Watch again officially registered our neighborhood and participated by holding our 5th Annual Ice Cream Social. Almost 90 residents and guests attended including a number of city officials, several of our zone 60 officers, their night shift sergeant, McGruff the crime dog and his deputy sheriff escort. One complimentary sundae was provided by our Crime Watch organization for each attendee along with donuts for the officers! Photos on this and following page of the event taken by Ron Sans.



























**Castle Cove Ice Cream Social** 

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## **BE A CASTLE COVE BOARD MEMBER!**

## Participate—Share Ideas— Help Keep Our Neighborhood One of the Best

The Castle Cove Board is comprised of nine (9) resident members who carry out the duties of the Board according to the Bylaws and Covenants for a term of 3 years each. The terms are staggered so only three members' terms expire each year. Board officers (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected at the first Board Meeting in January. The Board generally has 6-8 scheduled meetings a year as well as various committee opportunities.

This is a great opportunity extended to every resident owner. Please consider running to participate on your neighborhood Board of Directors. As a nominee, you will be a candidate for consideration to be voted on at our Annual Meeting November 13, 2012. You may do so by contacting the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Rich Havlin. You can even be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks to all who have participated on the Board and committees in the past. Our neighborhood is one of the best and most desirable because we have caring residents who share their time, ideas and energy to help keep it that way.

Thank you,

## Rich Haulin

Castle Cove Nominating Committee

Phone: 579-9470

Email: richardhavlin@yaholl.com

## . Water Drainage

 A concern was recently brought to the Board about residents piping their roof downspouts and/or sump pump water into the city sewer system, street drains or street. Although this is not a Castle Cove issue, there is a City ordinance against this practice. Water drainage pipes must end at least 10' from the curb or street.

• Did you know that homeowners with storm sewer drains located in front or elsewhere along their property can be cited by the city for not keeping them clear? (Municipal code section 561)

## Parking on the street

Parking on the street is allowed in Castle Cove, but for no more than 48 consecutive hours. Parking a vehicle on the lawn or even partially on the lawn is not desirable and there may be a city code against it.



Trash cans are to be stored out of sight from the street (preferably in your garage). They are to be placed out for trash collection, **at the earliest**, 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening and put away Monday evening. Placing trash in bags, even if you use a can, will help minimize paper and trash being strewn as it is dumped into the truck.

## HELP! Get rid of the grass in the street cracks!

We've had a tough summer with heat and drought. Now with some rain, the grass is greening up again and weeds and grass are growing in the street cracks as well as the crack between the street and curb. Please take a couple of minutes and squirt that unwanted grass and weeds with some Round-Up or otherwise remove it by pulling or digging it up. Your home and neighborhood will look so much better and neater as well as help to prevent the cracks from getting worse.

## Castle Cove Board Meeting July 09, 2012 Library 6:00pm

#### **Attendees:**

**Board Members**: Ron Sans, Tom Stephenson, Marie Wright, Maury Lathrup, Rich Havlin, Patti Davis, Kim Berlin, Ruth Ann Stephenson, Jessica Gallagher

**Residents**: Lana Jordan, Carol Lathrup, Tom Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm

**Approval of previous minutes**: May 15, 2012

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

### **Treasurer's report**: Tom Stephenson

• Bank balances as of June 30, 2012:

Checking: \$ 12,478.26 Savings: \$ 52,306.79 Reserve: \$ 7,087.75 Total: \$ 71.872.80

- 2012 Dues 96.78% were received for a YTD total of \$79,384.00.
  - O Late fees of \$246.80 have been received making the total \$79,643.68
  - O Subtracting remaining budgeted expenses from available cash on hand = \$19,222 potentially left over at year end.

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

#### **Committee reports:**

Architectural (Sherry Havlin):

• Only one project request has been received since the last meeting. The fence has been completed and is satisfactory.

#### Common Grounds (Marie Wright):

- The retaining wall is complete between pool and tennis courts.
- The brick wall has been power washed and tree limbs cut.
- Flowers and landscaping at entrance complete.

#### Compliance (Rich Havlin):

- Notified all homeowners of dead tree issues.
- Need non-complying homeowners to respond to letters regarding serious exterior siding/trim boards and paint issues.

#### Crime Watch (Lana Jordan):

- Soliciting is still our neighborhood's main issue
- Reminder to keep garage doors closed
- Concerns about non-residents fishing in the pond

#### Garage Sale (Karen Young):

Nothing to report

#### Lake (Ron Sans):

Nothing to report

#### Newsletter (Ruth Ann Stephenson):

- Going out to all residents in near future
- It was suggested to include an article encouraging residents to use Round-Up or otherwise remove grass & weeds from the cracks in the road and between the curb and road in front of their homes.

#### Nominating (Rich Havlin):

Nothing to report

#### Pool (Tom Stephenson):

- Pool was drained, cleaned of debris, and refilled
- Kyle is working on removal of film (algae), might have to wait to be addressed until next year before pool opening
- Discussed the disposal of old pool cover and railroad ties floating at edge of lake (Maury agreed to take care of these issues)

#### Tennis (Maury Lathrop)

Added new bulletin board by gate to tennis courts

- Couple cracks on tennis court that are going to be addressed
- Built shed in East side of shelter house for pool chemical storage (\$125)
- Got two bids on guttering for pool house and shelter (GNP won bid for \$656)
- Nothing done with windows on east side of shelter

#### Revitalization (Jessica Gallaher & Lana Jordan):

• Discussed to add a walkway from sidewalk to playground

#### Web site (Ruth Ann Stephenson):

- Updating 2012 information
- Update neighborhood directory to email to residents, but NOT to be on website

#### Welcome (Marie Wright):

Nothing to report

#### **Old Business:**

- Repair/Needs (see Master Repair/Needs List)
- From Annual Meeting: concern about the lake getting shallower discussed, nothing to do at this time.
- From Annual Meeting: concern about trees and bushes overhanging the brick wall (trimming completed)
- Repair, seal and restripe parking lot (completed)
- Algae removal on brick wall (power washing completed)
- Diagram presented of a storage cabinet on the back wall in the shelter to contain the pool chemicals so they are not stored in the public restrooms (completed)
- Discussion of replacing the Plexiglas panels on the East side of the shelter with something that is more open or can be opened. Most agreed this would be beneficial in creating more pleasant use of the facility.
- Concern about residents piping their roof downspouts into the city sewer system (city issue, not a Board issue, but information can be included in the newsletter)

#### **New Business**

- Gate with electronic access lock for pool house for residents to access the restrooms, during non-pool hours and non-pool season. (Would like to have this completed for pool closing this year, Tom will be addressing and look into pricing)
- Discussion about possible updating, painting, cleaning and general fixing up of the restrooms.
- Compliance committee request for help in correcting the infractions relating to Castle Cove Covenants and Standards. Perhaps a letter from Board of Directors will be sent out to residents.
- Trespassing on resident's yard to walk to common area. Discussed signage for end of common area on the north and south side of dam. (Ruth Ann will look into *No Trespassing* signs and talk with resident that issued complaint)
- Address the residents that are using the pool without paying homeowner dues. (Tom and Marie will discuss this with resident)
- Tom will get estimates to remove the trees that are pushing on the brick wall. This will also include trimming or removal of the half dead willow at the edge of the pond.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

**Next Board Meeting**: Sept 12, meeting is scheduled to be held at the Library on Hague Road at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Berlin, Secretary

## What's the plan for 82nd Street?

The following is information obtained by Lana Jordan from Ginny Cain our City-County Councilor after Ginny met with the engineer in charge of the project.

Two public hearings will be held in the Fall (dates and locations to be announced) to share details and to respond to citizens' concerns about the project.

#### Construction is planned to commence in 2013 and will include:

- Sidewalks on both sides of 82nd from Hague Road to Mary Castle Elementary School then continuing to Fall Creek only on the North side of 82nd.
- Addition of turn lanes (no details as to their location as of this printing)
- Lane widening (no details as of this printing)







# Castle Cove Crime Watch



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 whose 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 Program. Residents are encouraged to become better acquainted to feel more comfortable looking out for each other.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING:** June 12

- Our neighborhood continues to get solicitors and more residents are calling the police as is recommended.
- Locking the gates when the pool was closed resulted in less unwanted activity at the pool parking lot area.
- Communication between residents and their block captains has increased.
- Block captains and residents "keep an eye on" the vacant homes in their block.

#### **RECENT ACTIVITY:**

Residents are being kept informed by their Block Captains about the increase in crime surrounding and IN Castle Cove. Officers have responded to a number of 911 calls in Castle Cove within the past several weeks. Those included 2 burglaries, several medical runs, a dog incident and solicitors. Burglaries in the North District are up 8%.



NOTICE OF CHANGE: Non-emergency calls to IMPD North District Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. should go to 327-6100. If no one answers, leave a message. After those hours and on weekends, call 327-3811. IMPD continues to encourage homeowners to notify them (via the non-emergency numbers) when their homes will be unattended/vacant. They do make an effort to do extra patrolling.

During a routine patrol in Castle Cove on August 31st, Officer Moody noted that several homeowners had left their garage doors open while they were in their backyards. Out of the kindness of her heart and concern for homeowners' safety and security of their belongings, she cautioned each of them about the dangers of leaving garage doors open. Our gratitude for her concern, on behalf of Castle Cove, was sent to her Commander.

<u>National Night Out</u> was a huge success---our 5th annual. Almost 90 residents and guests attended including a number of city officials, several of our zone 60 officers and their night shift sergeant, McGruff and his deputy sheriff escort. As a result of generous donations, we delivered a large number of snacks and drinks for our officers to enjoy when they utilize the Satellite Office, supported by BRAG, on 71st Street. Should anyone wish to donate in future, contact Lana as she makes periodic drop-offs.

#### We, along with IMPD and the Prosecutor, continue to urge everyone to:

- Keep garage doors closed. (One resident's garage was recently ransacked during the day.)
- Keep all doors locked. Consider installing a storm door, special locks, motion lights and/or an alarm system.
- Do not leave valuables, including garage door openers, in vehicles. Thieves are even breaking into cars to retrieve gym bags which they think may contain valuables.
- Keep the exterior of your home well lit at night and bushes trimmed to eliminate hiding places. Do not hide a key outside.
- When out of town, Let your neighbors know and make arrangements with them to get your mail & paper (or have them held). Make arrangements for lawn mowing and snow removal while gone.
- Do not advertise you have new TV's and electronics by placing their boxes out for trash pick up.
- Do not put information about going out of town on FaceBook or Twitter—you are inviting burglars.
- When loading your car for a trip, do it inside the garage.
- Keep your vehicle registration in your wallet and a copy of it at home.
- Recent "ploys" used by would-be burglars: selling magazines, collecting for schools, asking if "so and so" lives here.
- When away from home, leave lights and radio or TV on.
- If you do not answer the door for a solicitor, do something to indicate you are home. Several recent breakins occurred by the intruder ringing the door bell and when no one answered, he broke in.

#### **OPERATION OPEN DOOR**

Don't be alarmed if a uniformed IMPD officer rings your doorbell. This is happening frequently in Castle Cove as well as in other North District neighborhoods. A major effort is in place to prevent residents from becoming victims of home burglaries, which are on the rise, and other crimes. As these conscientious officers drive through the neighborhoods, they make stops to remind citizens about the dangers of such things as open garage doors, items left in vehicles and other "invitations" to those "up to no good". Be sure to thank an officer whenever you get the chance. They really appreciate it.

Officer Hostettler happened to be making a drive around the Springwater Court cul-de-sac just as a resident was explaining to a solicitor (who had ignored the NO SOLICITING sign on her door) that he was trespassing after being told to leave. All the while polite, this solicitor argued with the resident and began doing so when the officer talked with him. However, he quickly headed out of Castle Cove at the officer's direction after considerable conversation. At least 3 block captains had encounters with this same solicitor who claimed to be 1) selling magazines for his education 2) attempting to learn how to be successful. Scams involving solicitors claiming to be students doing just this type of sales have been going on for years; we don't know if this young man was legit or not. We do know a number of Castle Cove residents did give him their names and some did give him money or bought subscriptions. One block captain had her cell phone in her hand and asked the solicitor to step closer so she could take his photo before calling the police! He immediately left. Whatever you do, be very cautious!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL 911. If an incident does occur, call your block captain after calling 911.

Next Crime Watch Meeting: Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m., at Lawrence North High School.

For a list of Crime Watch Block Captains, their contact information and a map of our Crime Watch Blocks, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.castle-cove.com">www.castle-cove.com</a>.

Please continue to be watchful and be safe!

### Your Castle Cove Crime Watch Co-Coordinators:

Lana Jordan 288-0673 ljordan1@comcast.net

Jim Lindgren 576-9129 lindgren.james@att.net

## Crime Statistics for Marion County can be found in two places:

- 1. CrimeView Law Enforcement Map Viewer Website. Copy this link into your browser: 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.
- 2. 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.

## 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 (Monday—Friday, 7a.m. 5p.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



## Trespassing?

Walking is a wonderful exercise and we have such a great neighborhood for walking, bike riding, tennis, pickle ball, swimming, etc.

However, as you walk, please keep a couple of things in mind. These are even more important after dark ...

- 1. Be courteous to the residents of our neighborhood and considerate of other's property.
- 2. Stay on the sidewalks and streets and please do not cut through someone else's yard.
- 3. With increasing crime in our area, Castle Cove residents are now paying closer attention to activity going on. Residents who observe people they do not recognize on their (or their neighbor's) property may feel threatened and call 911.
- 4. Some residents have dogs who are not "stranger friendly."

Wouldn't this alarm you? Recently, one resident and his dogs encountered two people, whom he did not know, in his yard at 10:30 p.m. One of the strangers was dressed completely in black wearing a "hoodie."

In summary, please stay off other resident's yards unless you are invited. It can put you in jeopardy as well as alarm the resident. And be alert to suspicious people who may not belong in our neighborhood.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## Mayor's Night Out

Thursday, October 11th

6-7 p.m.

Heritage Christian School

Fine Arts building - has HCS Cross logo on it

6401 East 75th Street

This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the proposed budget and other concerns about our city.

For more information, contact: Noelle Malatestinic, Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison Northeast Outer Region

317-408-1991

noelle.malatestinic@indy.gov

# **Classified Ads**

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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!

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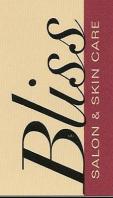
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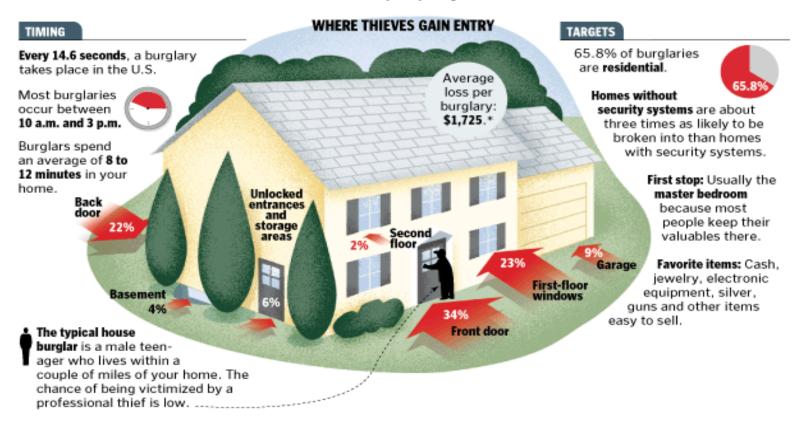
Bedroom Closet



Freezer



Guess what: Those are some of the first places a crook will look.



Burglars search for homes that appear to be unoccupied. A car in the driveway. motion-sensitive exterior lights. interior lights, and radios and TVs on timers all give the impression that someone is in the home. Stop newspaper and mail delivery, and have neighbors watch your home.

#### PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Burglars want to spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into a home. Measures that raise this time — deadbolt locks, bars on windows, and pins in sash windows - might change a burglar's mind.

Don't give burglars any help. Clear shrubs and trees around your home. Don't give burglars a place to hide. Secure tool sheds and ladders. Some thieves will steal tools from around your property and use them to break windows and doors.

## **TENNIS COURTS**



Just a reminder that the new tennis courts are a wonderful amenity of our neighborhood. Residents and guests have been playing tennis and pickle ball on a regular basis. The gate is protected by an electronic key pad. Each family has their own individual code for access. Since the keypad keeps track of who enters and at what time, please be sure the gate is closed when you leave and do not share your code with anyone.

#### To obtain your access code, please contact:

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