

Castle Cove Newsletter

Fall 2013



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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, shelter reservation form, newsletters, minutes from Board Meetings, Crime Watch, etc.

Castle Cove Homeowners Association, Inc.

PO Box 50853
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Dates to Remember:

- Pool is closed for the season.
 - Restrooms and tennis courts will close Nov. 1.
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| Oct 8 | Tues | Crime Watch Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LNHS Rm 102 |
| Oct 14 | Mon | Columbus Day |
| Oct 29 | Tues | Board Planning Meeting, 6 p.m., LNHS, Rm 102 |
| Oct 31 | Thur | Halloween |
| Nov 1 | Fri | Restrooms will close until spring (Apr. 1) |
| Nov 3 | Sun | Daylight Savings Ends |
| Nov 5 | Tues | Election Day |
| Nov 11 | Mon | Veterans Day |
| <u>Nov 13</u> | <u>Wed</u> | <u>Castle Cove Annual Meeting, 7pm LNHS</u> |
| Nov 28 | Thur | Thanksgiving |
| Dec 21 | Sat | First Day of Winter |
| Dec 25 | Wed | Christmas |
| Dec 31 | Tues | New Year's Eve |
| Jan 1 | Wed | New Year's Day |
| Jan 7 | Tues | Board Meeting, 6 pm, LNHS, Rm 102 |

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EMERGENCY: 911



Non-emergency incidents: M-F, 7 am—7 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.itschools.org
or call 423-8400 to verify the school for an address.

Neighborhood Reminders:

Storm Drains: please obey the city ordinance to 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 for each residence.

Sidewalks: Homeowners are responsible for removing snow from sidewalks (city ordinance) 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 .

- 10 homes **SOLD** so far in 2013
- The average sales price \$183,275.
- Average Days on the Market (DOM) 39

*Real Estate Information provided by
Ruth Ann Stephenson, Realtor, F.C. Tucker
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Mortgage Interest Rates Remain Very Low
As of 9/25/13 (from Tucker Mortgage 849-5050)

Loan Program	Rate (%)	Points (%)
30 year fixed—Conventional	4.125%	1
15 year fixed	3.25%	1
30 year fixed —FHA	4.125%	.5
30 year fixed —VA	4.125%	.5

Newsletter Information

The newsletter will be published and sent by email approximately 4 times per year and also posted on our website at www.castle-cove.com. 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@gmail.com This is **your** newsletter!

Address	Bed rms	Baths Full-half	Base ment	Lvl	List Price	Sale Price
Homes Currently Listed FOR SALE						
8021 Springwater Cir	3	2 1	Y	2	\$237,900	
7944 Bayview Point	3	2 1	N	1	\$194,900	
Homes with a sale PENDING (offer accepted, not closed yet):						
8110 Bay Brook Dr	4	2 1	N	Tri	\$214,900	
7949 Cove Trace	3	2 1	N	1	\$208,500	
Homes that SOLD (1/1/13– 5/15/13)						
8140 Springwater Dr	3	2 1	N	1½	\$209,900	\$203,000
8131 Lake Pt Way	4	2 1	N	2	\$204,900	\$190,000
8128 Castle Cove Rd	4	2 1	N	2	\$189,900	\$188,500
7931 Cove Trace	4	2 1	N	2	\$190,000	\$187,000
8002 Bayview Point	4	2 1	N	2	\$189,900	\$185,000
8030 Castle Lake Rd	3	2 0	N	1½	\$179,900	\$179,900
7913 Cove Trace	3	2 1	N	2	\$183,500	\$177,000
8038 Clearwater Dr	4	2 1	N	2	\$175,000	\$175,000
8050 Clearwater Dr	3	2 0	N	1	\$174,900	\$174,900
7959 Springwater Dr	3	2 0	N	1	\$176,900	\$172,450

The following minutes have been approved by the Board...

CASTLE COVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Castle Cove Shelter

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Patti Davis, Rich Havlin, Tom Johnson, Maury Lathrop, Tom Stephenson, Lana Stevens, Marie Wright, Scott Gallagher, Ruth Ann Stephenson.

Non-Board Members: Ron Sans, Mary Sans, Sherry Havlin, Kyle Goodwin, Charlie Spyr

MEETING NOTES: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes: of the May 7th & 22nd Board Meetings were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Tom Stephenson

Bank Balances as of June 30, 2013:

Checking:	\$ 4,274.85
Savings:	\$40,330.98
<u>Reserve:</u>	<u>\$14,091.69</u>
TOTAL:	\$58,697.52

2013 Dues: 95.39% received for a total of \$78,246.

Home closings:

7931 Cove Trace – 3/14 – seller Jones, buyer O'Neil
 8050 Clearwater Dr - 4/18 – seller Gilbert, buyer Pfau
 7959 Springwater – 4/29 – seller Dawley, buyer Mercurio
 8038 Clearwater Dr – 4/30 – seller Lindgren, buyer Barisano
 7913 Cove Trace – 5/20 – seller Novotny, buyer Wolf
 8131 Lake Point Way, 6/14, seller Mudgett, buyer Gaines
 8140 Springwater Dr, 6/28 – seller Grant, buyers Williams & Shonkwiler

To refill the pool and heat it was \$714.50 plus chemicals.

2013 spending – At the May meeting we designated \$15,000 to be spent on projects this year and to-date have spent \$14,375. It is recommended that no more extra spending be done this year. However, dead trees near the playground need to be removed and income from lien-foreclosure case should cover this expense.

Reserve/contingency Fund – Tom explained that \$7K more will be added next year and this fund should be used for unexpected repairs. A planned item or repair could still be included as a line item in budget.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Architectural (Rich Havlin for Sherry Havlin) the following have been approved:

- Gallaher – pergola
- Gormal - shed

Common Grounds (Marie Wright) –

- Sidewalk to playground and steps converted to ramp are complete and compliments have been received.
- Knock-out rose & 3 small boxwoods to be planted in vacant area near new ramp, under \$50. (Ruth Ann and Betty Borelli will do)
- Other projects will be added to master list for future consideration

Compliance (Rich Havlin)

- Letters have been sent to homeowners who have compliance issues. The most common are mailboxes,

driveways and yard lights not working.

- A homeowner on Castle Lake Rd. has been very cooperative and will be working on exterior home repairs over the next 7 weeks. The owner wants his home to look nice as well as how it reflects on the neighborhood.
- Another home on Castle Lake Road has been taking a long time to complete a fence project. Concern was discussed about the possibility of whether the pool in the backyard has a safety cover since unfenced so long. Mayor's Action Center will pass this on to Code Enforcement.
- The vacant home on Bay Brook did not have anyone mowing it and was becoming an "eyesore" to the neighborhood. Rich and Sherry Havlin mowed and trimmed. Rich has agreed to mow it every other week and will be paid by CCOA.

Crime Watch (Lana Stevens)

- Lana reported we are fortunate to not have any criminal incidents at this time in our neighborhood.
- Information from BRAG continues to be passed on to block captains to distribute to their residents.
- Soliciting by putting advertisement door hangers on our front doors was mentioned. If not removed by the homeowner, it can give the message you are not home. After discussion, it was decided for Lana to call the "hibu" company and ask them not to distribute in our neighborhood.
- National Night Out Against Crime will be Aug 6th. It is our 6th annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate this event.

Garage Sale (Karen Young) held June 7th & 8th. There were conflicting reports about how busy it was. It seems like the morning hours on the main neighborhood streets were quite busy.

Lake (Tom Johnson)

- Tom Johnson has been in contact with Aquatic Control and they will continue to treat the pond every 2 weeks.
- A resident was seen dumping yard debris (sticks & clippings) into the water at the edge of the pond. This is unacceptable and will be addressed.

Newsletter (Ruth Ann Stephenson) – next issue planned for end of July to include these minutes and information about National Night Out Ice Cream Social.

Nominating (Rich Havlin) – if anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please let Rich know and invite them to attend a Board Meeting. Three Board positions will be available this year.

Pool (Tom Stephenson & Kyle Goodwin, Manager):

- August 5th school starts and high school lifeguards will not be available until 5 p.m. However, we are fortunate to have some college guards who will be available until Aug. 18th. After some discussion about non-guarded hours versus opening the pool at 5 pm, the Board decided to continue as in previous years and beginning Aug 19th, the pool will be open M-F from 5-8:30 pm and S-S be open 10am-8:30pm. A health concern that water testing would not be done during non-guarded hours was a key factor in the decision to keep things as they were last year.
- The lifeguards deep clean the restrooms M-W-F which includes cleaning toilets, sink and washing the floor with Clorox. On the other days they sweep the floor and remove trash. Kyle asked that something be put in the newsletter to remind residents to help keep the restrooms clean. The possibility of posting signs reminding people to help keep their restroom clean was discussed.
- Since many of our lifeguards are now college age, Kyle feels we will need to hire a few younger guards next year. It's a great summer job making \$10/hour. Ad will be in newsletter. Refer any potential guards to Kyle.
- There has been an issue with ducks in the pool every morning and several methods have been used to try and keep them away. Now the ducklings are coming too and they can get in the pool, but can't get out. It is causing more work for the guards. Because of this, the guards have to vacuum daily and use extra chemicals. The pool is tested every 2 hours. A smaller screened fence may be temporarily placed around the pool fence to keep the babies out.
- Maury asked if there were things in the restroom cabinets that could be thrown away and Kyle will check. Also at the end of the pool season, Kyle will be sure the restrooms have appropriate supplies since the restrooms will remain open until Nov. 1.
- The pool will be closed ASAP after Labor Day to cut down on chemical usage.
- There have been several times Pates Pool would not let Kyle purchase something on account because they said we had an unpaid balance, which we do not. Tom S. has been working with them to straighten this out.

- Residents have been very positive about the new code system. Tom S. reported that the code system has been working well. More than half the residents have requested their codes. Entry reports can be printed regarding the use of the pool and tennis courts from the gate locks. There has been at least one infraction we are aware of where a homeowner who has not paid dues is using the pool with the help of neighbors or other residents. The resident who has not paid dues was notified in person by Board members last year. Codes have been locked out and others changed. We have been working with one homeowner whose child may have been assisting in allowing a restricted family to use the pool. A Board member will talk to them again and explain they also could lose their pool privilege if this behavior continues.

Revitalization (Lana Stevens) –

- Nothing new at this time. Other items have been added to the master list.
- A suggestion was made and agreed on to change the name of the Master Repair/Needs List to Improvement List.

Tennis (Maury Lathrop) – Decided NOT to purchase an additional bench or benches at this time.

Website (Ruth Ann Stephenson) – the 2013 updates are on the website. As changes occur, updates will be made.

Welcome (Marie Wright) – Three new residents need to be welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Improvement List projects – Table for now since no more money to be spent at this time.
- Status of light switches and raising landscaping lights. Maury reported that the electrician has become very busy and has not gotten back with him. He will have to get someone else. Ron Sans asked about the project and will talk to Maury about it and offered to do it for the cost of materials.
- Status of closers on restroom doors – Tom S. done.
- Status of lien foreclosure – Tom S. Check received by attorney and is being processed. We should receive it next week.
- 82nd Street Project: Lana reported that everyone got a postcard about the upcoming meeting July 9th. We are concerned that the format of the meeting will not include a presentation and then a question/answer period for all to hear at the same time. It will allow a person 2 minutes to express their comments for public record. Then an open house will follow where attendees are welcome to view the plans and possibly talk to someone. Lana was told that, as a result of input at the previous Open House, some changes to the plans have been made. Everyone is encouraged to attend and an email will be sent to our residents to remind them - **Tuesday, 8/9 at 6 pm at Abundant Life Church, NW corner of 82nd and Hague.**
- Gates: (***This part of the meeting was held with only Board Members present.***) At the April Board meeting it was decided to leave the gates open/unlocked so residents could use the parking lot anytime for access to the pool and other amenities. This was to be reviewed at the next meeting to see if anything occurred to warrant a change in this procedure. After lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of leaving the gates open and unlocked and trying to reach a solution agreeable to all, a motion was made as follows, ***“For the rest of July and until the pool closes Labor Day, the gates will be locked at night by the lifeguards. The gates will be unlocked in the morning by 8:00am by several Board members who volunteered to take turns doing so. For September and October, these same Board members agreed to open the gates by 9:00 am and lock them at dark. The gates will remain completely locked from Nov. 1 – April 1.”*** A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 3. The 3 Board members who voted “no” opposed because they feel the gates should be left open all the time (or even removed) so residents can always access the parking lot. Also no incidents have occurred since April where vehicles in the parking lot were involved. The 3 Board members who voted against locking the gate are: Maury Lathrop, Ruth Ann and Tom Stephenson. Those voting in favor of gate locking based their stand on the fact that gate locking previously eliminated undesirable activity going on late at night while cars were in the parking lot. IMPD officers responding to 911 calls there recommended locking the gates. All Board members are concerned with the safety of the neighborhood and, at the same time, how to allow residents access to their amenities.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Responsibilities – Tom S. informed the Board that due to now spending winters in Florida and additional travelling, he is no longer available to perform the duties of treasurer. He asked for another Board member to step up and work with him the rest of this year to be able to take over in 2014. Tom also mentioned there are things he has been doing that could be delegated to committees to lighten the duties of Treasurer. After discussion of responsibilities and qualifications, Tom Johnson agreed to shadow Tom S. and determine if he is “willing and able” to assume the position.

Homes for Lease – Lana brought up that the Board needs to be vigilant about homes for lease and be sure they truly are for lease for a year as outlined in the covenants.

Traffic control officer for CC entrance at rush hour – Lana said a resident asked about this. Checking with a security company, she learned it would cost about \$16/hour with a minimum of 4 hours in the morning and 4 in the evening which, it was determined, would be an unreasonable cost. She also spoke with an IMPD officer who said that some off duty officers are available for this type of work but scheduling conflicts can arise with their jobs. It was determined not to pursue this possibility.

Patti mentioned that a resident asked her about changing mailbox color. Discussion ensued about mailboxes and it was determined unfeasible at the present time. After going through changing the covenants, how long do you give a resident to change? If residents won't spend a couple dollars to paint their boxes, they certainly won't want to spend the money to buy a new one. At least they are now all uniform.

Patti said the same resident also suggested that when we need to have a vote or written approval by a certain number of residents that perhaps it could be done when we send out dues notices. When residents return their checks and updated information, the votes could be included. Sounds like a good possibility and the Board will keep it in mind.

2013 Board Meeting Dates: currently scheduled for 6 p.m. **September 3** at the Castle Cove shelter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Stephenson
Secretary

The following minutes have NOT yet been officially approved by the Board.

CASTLE COVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Castle Cove Shelter

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Patti Davis, Tom Johnson, Maury Lathrop, Tom Stephenson, Lana Stevens, Marie Wright, Scott Gallagher, Ruth Ann Stephenson. Absent: Rich Havlin

Non-Board Members: Ron Sans, Mary Sans, Christie Wilmoth, Sydney Wilmoth, Greg Sorrels, Jay Bobian, Rich Kautzman. *(Only Ron & Mary Sans remained for the entire meeting, the other non-Board members attended fewer than 10 minutes).*

MEETING NOTES: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Presentation: Sydney Wilmoth, 8 year-old resident (with the help of her Mom, Christie) presented her idea of a **food drive** to the Board requesting neighborhood support, participation and advertising in the newsletter. Christie's letter to the Board is included after these minutes. The Board unanimously agreed to support her cause and thanked her for bringing this project idea to the meeting. All food items collected will go to Wheeler Mission and can be dropped off at 7967 Springwater Drive on the front porch between now and Nov. 15th. Items can also be brought to the **Annual Meeting at Lawrence North High School on Wed., Nov. 13 at 7:00pm.**

Minutes: of the July 2nd Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Tom Stephenson

Bank Balances as of August 30, 2013:

Checking:	\$ 4,325.03
Savings:	\$30,335.72
Reserve:	\$14,092.42
TOTAL:	\$48,753.17

2013 Dues: 96.07% received for a total of \$78,805.73.

Home closings:

1. 7931 Cove Trace – 3/14 – seller Jones, buyer O'Neil
2. 8050 Clearwater Dr - 4/18 – seller Gilbert, buyer Pfau
3. 7959 Springwater – 4/29 – seller Dawley, buyer Mercurio
4. 8038 Clearwater Dr – 4/30 – seller Lindgren, buyer Barisano

5. 7913 Cove Trace – 5/20 – seller Novotny, buyer Wolf
6. 8131 Lake Point Way, 6/14, seller Mudgett, buyer Gaines
7. 8140 Springwater Dr, 6/28 – seller Grant, buyers Williams & Shonkwiler
8. 7957 Castle Lake Rd, 7/9 (foreclosure), buyer Secretary of Veteran's Affairs (to be sold again)
9. 8128 Castle Cove Rd, 7/26 – seller Benton, buyer Cavanaugh
10. 8030 Castle Lake Rd, Aug – seller-Skowronski, buyer Chaplin/Martin

2013 spending – A YTD statement is attached. At the May meeting we talked about \$15,000 to be spent this year. This was spread out in the 2013 budget among Pool repairs, common Area Revitalization, Common Area Repairs and Tennis court. Those accounts are highlighted on the YTD statement and we have spent \$14,754.

Based on our budget and projected expenses we have enough left with approximately \$10K to carry over. It is recommended the only additional project is removal of the dead trees next to the playground.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Architectural (Sherry Havlin) Nothing to report

Common Grounds (Marie Wright) –

- Marie received an estimate from Arbor Doc for \$2785 to remove 3 large ash trees, 3-4 smaller dead trees and another ash partially alive next to the playground. Ruth Ann will get 3 additional estimates (Ping's Tree Service, Broad Ripple Tree Service & BAM Outdoor). A motion was made and unanimously approved to use the lowest estimate as long as they all were talking about the same number of trees and would provide us a certificate of insurance.
- Marie also had an estimate from Dave Fuss to prepare and over seed the areas near the tennis courts for \$722. The Board made a motion and unanimously approved this project. Tom Stephenson will provide enough hose and a sprinkler for watering. Maury will water.
- Marie removed the broken flower pots that were against the outside of the neighborhood brick wall.

Compliance (Rich Havlin- Lana reported in Rich's absence)

- Lana has not yet heard back from Devon Day of Code Enforcement regarding fence and pool issues at home on Castle Lake Rd.
- Boat in driveway too long is now gone.
- Regarding parking on street within 30' of intersection (with stop sign at Springwater and Clearwater), police say situation is OK. May ask DOT to erect "No parking between signs" to help with this congested area.

Crime Watch (Lana Stevens)

- There were 116 names on the sign-in list of attendees to our National Night Out Against Crime Ice Cream Social on Aug 6th. Along with many long time and brand new residents, we were pleased to have visits from Gary Lovelace the new liaison to the Mayor's Office, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, police officers, our State Representative and even McGruff Crime Dog!
- Soliciting by putting advertisement door hangers on our front doors was mentioned at the last meeting. If not removed by the homeowner, it can give the message you are not home. It was decided for Lana to call the "hibu" company and ask them not to distribute in our neighborhood. Lana submitted all homes in neighborhood to "not receive" door hangers from hibu.
- Residents have been keeping an eye out for a suspicious black pick-up truck.
- A Castle Lake Road resident's mailbox was completely knocked down leaving debris from not only the mailbox, but the vehicle as well. The perpetrator confessed and took care of replacing the mailbox.

Garage Sale (Karen Young) held June 7th & 8th.

Lake (Tom Johnson)

- A resident has been unhappy with the quality of the lake water this year. He talked to someone he knows who treats lakes, but they are not taking on any more clients. Tom Johnson will check on it and call Aquatic control.
- A few weeks ago some people seen fishing may not have been residents. It is appropriate for Board members or residents to question people fishing or otherwise using Castle Cove amenities if in doubt.
- Muskrats are again becoming a problem around the lake. Critter Control will be called.

Newsletter (Ruth Ann Stephenson)

- An issue is planned for the fall.
- Ruth Ann was asked to include an article about needing more lifeguards next year as well as inviting residents to consider running for the Board of Directors.

Nominating (Rich Havlin)

Three Board positions will be available this year; Marie Wright, Rich Havlin and Maury Lathrop.

- Maury Lathrop will not be running again.
- Marie will re-run.
- Tom and Ruth Ann Stephenson will be moving and therefore will be ineligible to serve on the Board. They will, however, help with the annual meeting and serve until the end of the year.
- Ron Sans said he would run again.

Pool (Tom Stephenson & Kyle Goodwin, Manager):

- Pates will close the pool Thursday.
- A resident has reserved the shelter for a party from 2-8pm on Saturday so the furniture will not be stored in the shelter until after that date.
- Water will be turned off in the restrooms Nov. 1.
- Tom looked into the cost of a cover for the baby pool. A 12 ft. diameter mesh cover would cost \$870 and would still allow dirt to filter into the pool. A solid cover (to keep dirt out) would cost \$1587. It was decided not to spend the money but continue to use a tarp cover which is satisfactory.
- Ron Sans and Dave Every installed the new lights in the restrooms.
- Maury put chicken wire around the bottom of the pool fence on South and West sides to keep the baby ducks out.

Revitalization (Lana Stevens) –Nothing new at this time.

Tennis (Maury Lathrop) – Nothing new at this time.

Website (Ruth Ann Stephenson) – Nothing new at this time.

Welcome (Marie Wright) – One new resident needs to be welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Improvement List projects – Table for now since no more money to be spent at this time.
- Maury will call another electrician about raising landscaping lights.
- Status of lien foreclosure – Tom S. reported a check was received for \$7,476.16.

82nd Street Project: Lana reported that she has heard changes to the plan were made as a result of input at the public meeting. Steve Hardiman with DPW said the plan has to be re-approved and those changes will not be shared until the next public meeting which will be sometime after September.

- Removal of dead trees near playground – see Common Grounds.
- Process to clean restrooms after pool season – Lana spoke with 4 companies and presented their information. It was decided unanimously that Pro-Clean would be hired to clean the restrooms once a week for \$35/week until they are closed Nov 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting will be Wed., Nov 13 at LNHS at 7 p.m. (Marie will be out of town and unable to attend).

2013 Board Meeting Dates: **September 29, 6:00 p.m. at LNHS** October 29, 6:00 p.m. at LNHS for **Board members only** to plan for annual meeting, 2014 budget proposal, and 2014 meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Stephenson, Secretary



LIFEGUARDS

needed for Castle Cove pool next summer

Want a great summer job? Sit in the sun and get paid \$10 an hour! Get your life saving certification and apply by contacting Kyle Goodwin our pool manager at 372-5248 or email: kgoodwin@hse.k12.in.us.



Let's All Help!



The food drive
 Hello my name is Sydney I am 8 years old and I go to Crestview Elementary. I am going to do a food drive for Wheeler Mission and I am so excited to give this to you! This is how it will work. Please drop off your cans of food on the porch of 7967 Springwater DR. w between now and November 15th. I have been talking about communities in school and I thought let's try a food drive. So thank's for your time and your supporting the food drive. Bye!

CASTLE COVE FOOD DRIVE (for Wheeler Mission)

Organized By *Sydney Wilmath*

Drop off appropriate canned and boxed food items on the porch of **7967 Springwater Drive** between now and November 15th or bring your items to the Castle Cove Annual Meeting at Lawrence North High School on November 13 at 7:00p.m.



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 by the Board 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, 2013. 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 Havlin

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National Night Out Against Crime Ice Cream Social And lots of Photos !

Wasn't it awesome? We had over 100 attendees which is considerably more than we've had in the past couple of years. It was great that several of our brand new families attended. Children new to the neighborhood were welcomed by resident children and all were happy to make new friends, as were their parents. New folks said they've already experienced the friendliness of Castle Cove and were impressed with having been visited by the Welcome Committee and their respective Crime Watch Block Captains.

Among our guests were a number of North District Officers, Assistant chief of Homeland Security Bates, Chief of Investigations Lorah, Shift Captain Ciesielski, Prosecutor Terry Curry and staff, Noelle Maletestic our outgoing Mayor's Office Neighborhood Liaison, Gary Loveless our new Liaison, Sgt. Carter and bloodhound Grace, Deputy VanTreesse and McGruff, Diana Vanarsdall of the 911 Communications Center, Rep. Christina Hale, Councilor Ginny Cain. They all enjoyed meeting and chatting with Castle Cove residents. They view us as a friendly, supportive, involved community.

Many thanks for your generosity in the snacks, water and cash donations that evening for the IMPD Satellite Office. I've shopped for more and delivered all. We've already been thanked by some of the officers for our kindness and thoughtfulness — they appreciate being appreciated.

My personal gratitude to those of you who made it all possible. A special thanks to Jay and Sharon Johnson again for their generous use of freezer space, to Connie for "rounding up" tables and to those of you who were able to be there start to finish. What quick clean-up, pack-up and load-up! Just think, we've made this happen six years in a row!



National Night Out Against Crime Ice Cream Social





PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there also. Share this with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. You could leave the spare key fob or remote button next to your bed permanently. Please pass and share this as a security tip to family and friends even if you've read it before. It's a reminder.

Submitted by resident Brandon Decker.

From Streets and Common Areas to our Pond Litter Travels...



This summer I had a couple of calls about someone dumping yard waste into the lake near the south end. After some questioning, it appears to have come from a home on Castle Lake Road. After the call, a lot of "nature" debris was floating about in clumps as the wind blows. We tell folks to clear the storm drains to help keep the lake clean. What do we tell a direct yard-to-lake dumper? No grass clippings, bush trimmings or other yard debris are to be put into the lake.

Submitted by Tom Johnson

Nothing is to be dumped in the lake! . . . either from private residences or the common area.

It's Your Yard! How do you feel when someone discards fast food wrappers, drink cups, cans or bottles in your yard for you to pick up simply because they didn't want to be bothered to dispose of these items properly themselves? **The common areas at Castle Cove are also your yard** and yet weekly, trash is thrown on the ground simply because someone was too lazy to use the trash cans provided.

The Castle Cove Board has strived to make the common area attractive. We have painted the shelter house inside and out, we have painted the pool house inside, painted and added lighting to the restrooms and made them accessible also when the pool is not open by adding the new gate and lock system, the tennis courts are new and most recently we added the ramp and side walk to the playground.

Daily, things are thrown from passing cars in front of our neighborhood and we have no control when this happens. I have observed residents picking up what has been discarded and the lawn service personnel also pick up these items. But, there is no reason that the common areas around the pool, basketball goal, tennis courts, playground, or lake should be trashed.

This is your yard and yet weekly I find discarded water bottles at the basketball goal, tennis can lids on the courts, candy wrappers on the ground and toilet tissue on the floor of the rest rooms. Residents need to think of the common grounds as their own yard. Would you drop these things on the ground in your yard or home?

This summer a resident decided to set off fireworks on the parking lot and around the lake with no intention of removing the debris. He claimed to be a lawyer and defied a Board Member to call the police. Obviously, he does not respect your yard or his. Members of the Board spent over an hour cleaning the mess that he left behind. This is not the Board's job!!! **It is everyone's responsibility to pick up after themselves and use the trash cans that are provided.**

You decide. Do you want your yard to look neat, clean and inviting or like the local dump?

Submitted by Maury Lathrop

Compliance Committee

While upkeep of most homes and yards more than adequately lives up to Castle Cove standards, here are a few reminders:



Mailboxes: As set forth in the Castle Cove Covenants, residents are to have a Size 2 mailbox painted Rust-O-Leum Leather brown maintained in good condition. Perhaps your mailbox just needs a coat of paint. If it does need to be replaced, it can be purchased at Menards, Ace Hardware or Sullivan's. According to the postmaster, mailboxes are to be installed with the bottom of the box at a vertical height of 3 ½ - 4 feet from the road surface and 6-8" from the front face of the curb to the mailbox door.

Yard lights: Also required by our covenants is a working "dusk-to-dawn" front yard light. Is your light coming on at night? Having your home and the neighborhood well lit helps prevent crime. Please note that solar powered lights do not always provide ample lighting.



Disintegrating **driveways** need to be repaired or even replaced.

Homes and sheds: require routine painting, occasional board repair or replacement not only to look nice, but to avoid more expensive repairs later on.

Trash Cans: City ordinance and Castle Cove standards state that **trash** should not be placed curbside for pickup prior to Sunday evening. Trash cans should be brought in no later than Monday evening and should be kept in a location not visible from the street.



Vacant Properties: Have you noticed that several of the long vacant properties look somewhat better? In efforts to maintain Castle Cove's appeal, the Board has approved having some of these lawns mowed when the deed holders are not doing so.

Periodic review of Castle Cove's Covenants and Standards is a good idea for all of us. They can be found on the website: www.castle-cove.com. Questions regarding these should be directed to the committee members listed below.

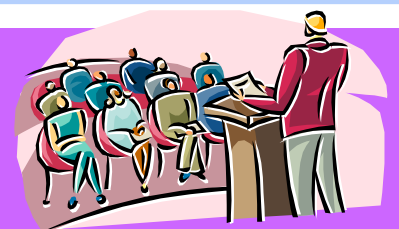
As a result of this committee's encouragement, many residents have spruced up their mailboxes and attended to yard lights; this is wonderful! However, a number of homeowners will be receiving reminders in the mail about theirs.

Please do your part to ensure your home, mailbox, driveway and yard light not only look good, but are in good working order.

Compliance Committee,

Richard Havlin, Chair
Tom Johnson
Lana Stevens

Mark your calendar now to attend the
Castle Cove Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 7:00pm
Lawrence North High School



Please take an hour or so to attend the meeting, learn what your Board has accomplished for you this year and what next year might bring. Participate in nominating and voting for your Board who will represent you in decision making. Ask questions, make suggestions... attend the annual meeting.

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 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.

NOTICE OF CHANGE: Non-emergency calls to IMPD North District Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 7 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. In an emergency, or if the presence of an officer is necessary, please do call **911**.

The individual "No Soliciting" signs on doors do deter most solicitors. If you do not yet have one, contact Lana or your block Captain for a free "No Soliciting" card. Weather-proof metal stick-on signs are available at both Lowes and Menards for \$1.00.

We are pleased to see that fewer garage doors are being left open and that residents are reporting suspicious vehicles and unwanted solicitors. Several block captains report that many of their block residents do let them and their neighbors know when they will be out-of-town. Be sure to let IMPD know (see the second paragraph within this article for contact numbers) when your home will be unattended/unoccupied for several days. They will do extra patrols when they are able.

New residents have expressed gratitude upon receiving the Crime Watch folders when welcomed by their captains. The folders contain lots of valuable safety information along with contact numbers of various city agencies and offices.

Be sure to see the pictures and comments about Castle Cove Crime Watch's 6th Annual National Night Out Ice Cream Social on pages 10 and 11.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS OR AN INCIDENT IN PROGRESS,

CALL 911.

Call your block captain **after** calling 911.

For a list of Crime Watch Block Captains, their contact information and a map of our Crime Watch Blocks, please visit our website at **www.castle-cove.com**.

Be safe, vigilant and enjoy the beautiful Fall weather!!!

NEXT MEETING: Oct 8, 6:30pm at Lawrence North High School

Lana Stevens (Jordan)

Crime Watch Coordinator

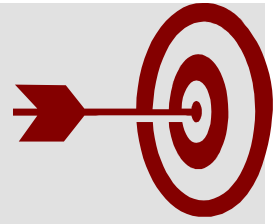
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Crime Statistics for Marion County can be found in two places:

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.

Is your home a target for burglaries?



As much as you'd like to believe your home is immune from burglary, it happens — a lot. The FBI reported that more than 1.9 million burglaries occurred in 2011, and 74.5 percent of them were residential crimes. Fortunately, there are many easy, affordable and common sense things homeowners can do to protect their homes.

Tighten up your security. Dissuade burglars with these tips:

- Add a generic security sign to your yard or stickers to your door or windows. A burglar may think twice about hitting your home.
- Create open spaces in your landscaping and keep bushes trimmed so burglars have fewer places to hide. If you're landscaping, plant thorny plants such as rose bushes in vulnerable areas.
- Install a motion sensor light to catch intruders by surprise, but put it high enough that a burglar can't reach up and unscrew the bulb.
- At night, turn on your lights, open your curtains and walk around the exterior of your home. You'll see what's visible to a burglar from your yard or sidewalk. Then have someone turn off the lights in your home: You may be surprised how much you can still see from street level. After this exercise, you might choose to move certain items or draw the blinds more frequently.
- Install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and doors from an attached garage. Select a deadbolt that has been given a Grade 1 from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The ANSI tests locks for security and durability, and gives them a Grade 1, 2 or 3 with Grade 1 being the best.
- To make existing locks more secure, install a heavy-duty strike plate using three-inch screws that penetrate the wall stud. Make sure the door strike is held in place by four or more screws. Strengthen the door frame with a door jamb reinforcement product.
- Put tools, bikes and other items away when you're done using them. It's an invitation to burglars. Keep garage doors closed.
- Dogs are exceptional deterrents to theft. Let your dog be seen and heard. A thief who knows there's a dog in the house usually picks another target.

Hide the good stuff. Thieves are typically looking for small items they can grab quickly and resell easily.

- Master bedroom drawers and closets are often where thieves look first. Hide valuables, jewelry and cash elsewhere.
- Thieves will hit the family room looking for gaming systems and small electronics. Cover your windows with shades that block an intruder's view of your electronics and components.
- Your desk is filled with important papers, statements, checkbooks—which could lead to identity theft. Encrypt vulnerable information that's stored on your home computer, and keep important documents in a home safe. Be sure to keep your safe well hidden and bolted to the floor so it cannot be easily removed.

Pretend you're there. Keep your home looking lived-in when you're away.

- Leave lights on timers when you're away—and choose timers with random settings so thieves can't detect a pattern.
- If you'll be away for a short time, leave a radio or TV on, turned up loud enough that it might be heard outdoors. If a longer trip is in your plans, consider using an electronic device that simulates the lights and flicker of a TV and gives the impression that someone's home. It uses about the same amount of power as a night light.
- Don't leave a message on your home answering machine that indicates you're away. Some burglars phone to see if you're there.
- Don't post your travel plans on social media websites. Some burglars use social networking sites to find victims.
- When you're leaving for a longer period, ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home, gather your mail and otherwise give the appearance of activity. Leave your spare key with the neighbor too, burglars know the usual hiding places. Ask local police to do extra "drive bys" while you are gone.

Try an ounce of prevention. Take these steps to protect your home and property.

- Ask police to do a safety check of your home. An officer can point out where your home is most vulnerable.
- Engrave your electronics with a non-official ID number to help police track goods if they're stolen.
- Take photos or a home movie of every room and its contents and store the film in a safe deposit box or safe. Take a home inventory. Forms are available from Crime Watch.

If your house was hit... Despite everything, you still may be a victim.

- If you return home and notice something's wrong—the back door is ajar or a window is broken—leave immediately and call the police from a safe place. If you're at home, go to the nearest room and lock yourself in, then call 911.
- After contacting the police and family, contact your insurance agent to report the theft.
- Know that if you've been burglarized once, you may be targeted again. Some burglars will return after homeowners replace their items. Don't wait to secure your home after a burglary.

This information was provided by Dan Blackley, State Farm Insurance Agent, 317-897-8532

WANTED

Resident with good computer and grammar skills including word processing, program similar to Microsoft Publisher, ability to include photos in articles, etc. and capability of emailing to take over as ...

Castle Cove Newsletter Editor



Lana Stevens has agreed to remain available as a major contributor and proof reader.

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A few more photos from the Ice Cream Social celebrating National Night Out Against Crime.



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WANTED

List items or services wanted — it's FREE

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