

Castle Cove Newsletter

January/February 2010



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Castle Cove Website: www.castle-cove.com

Covenants, architectural control application and form to reserve the clubhouse available online.

EMERGENCY

911

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



CRIME WATCH Committee Liaison:
Jay Bobian Phone: 918-4035

Dates to Remember:

Feb 2 (Tues) Ground Hog Day!



Feb 9 (Tues) Crime Watch Block Captains Meeting

7:00 p.m. at the Library

Feb 4 (Thur) IMPD North District Task Force Meeting at Library at 5420 East 38th Street

Feb 14 (Sun) Valentine's Day

Feb 15 (Mon) Presidents Day



Mar 9 (Tues) CC Board Meeting—

6:30 at Library

Mar 14 (Sun) Daylight Saving Time begins



Mar 17 (Wed) St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20 (Sat) Spring begins

Apr 4 (Sun) Easter



Note from the President

Hi Castle Cove Neighbors,

A warm and friendly hello to everyone! We look forward to a great year in our neighborhood.

As a reminder, your Castle Cove **Home Owner dues are due by March 1** — you should be receiving a notice within the next few weeks. The dues amount will be the same as 2009 which is \$378.

Of special interest is the article on Page 9 regarding the revitalization study and plans for **Castle Cove's recreational common area.**

I look forward to seeing many of you as I walk the neighborhood or at one of our events.

Marie Wright, President

School Information

Mary Castle Elementary 849-5672
 Craig Middle School 823-6805
 Lawrence North High 849-9455

For more school information, call the school or check the website at www.itschools.org

Neighborhood Reminders:

- **Storm Drains** — Please keep street gutters and storm drains clear of grass, leaves, sticks and other debris so rain water can easily drain away.
- **Mailboxes** are to be Size 2 painted Rust-O-Leum Leather Brown.
- **Yard Lights** — Each home must have a working dusk-to-dawn yard light.
- **Sidewalks** — Homeowners are responsible for removing snow from sidewalks and trimming bushes and trees so they don't obstruct sidewalks and streets.

Newsletter Editor

Ruth Ann Stephenson 570-7717

7949 Cove Trace
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The newsletter will be published and sent by email in January, March, May, July, September and November. 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 announcements (like Annual Meeting) and Crime Watch information. The newsletter is emailed in a manner so as not to disclose email addresses.

Deadline for articles, ads and other information will be the 15th of the month preceding the next issue and 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>Castle Cove 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)

Advertisement space in the newsletter is limited — residents have first priority. Please make checks payable to "Castle Cove Owners Association."

If you have any suggestions or ideas to be included, please contact me by phone 570-7717 or email at ruthann@comcast.net. This is **your** newsletter!

Ruth Ann Stephenson

Castle Cove Real Estate Update

Information from the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors .

- 13 homes **SOLD** in 2009
- The average sales price was **\$164,992** (4 of these were bank-owned homes & sold below market value)
- Average Days on the Market (DOM) is **67**

Real Estate Information as of 1/15/09 provided by
 Ruth Ann Stephenson, Realtor, F.C. Tucker
 Phone: 570-7717 or Email: Ruthann@comcast.net

Address	Bed rms	Baths Full-half	Base ment	Lvl	List Price	Sale Price
Currently Listed FOR SALE						
8061 Bay Brook	4	2	1	N	Tri	\$149,900
Homes with a sale PENDING (offer accepted, not closed yet):						
0						
Homes that SOLD (1/1/09– 12/31/09)						
8230 Bayview Ct	5	2	1	N	2	\$209,000 \$200,000
7930 Castle Lake Rd	4	3	0	N	Tri	\$194,900 \$191,000
8082 Springwater Dr	3	2	0	N	1	\$194,500 \$190,000
8140 Springwater Dr	3	2	1	N	1.5	\$193,900 \$196,000
8125 Castle Cove Rd	3	2	1	Y	1	\$189,900 \$183,500
8026 Bayview Pt	3	2	1	N	1	\$189,900 \$182,500
7937 Cove Trace	3	2	1	N	2	\$180,000 \$180,000
7957 Castle Lake Rd	4	2	1	N	2	\$185,000 \$180,000
7929 Castle Lake Rd	4	2	1	Y	2	\$165,000 \$155,000
7948 Castle Lake Rd	4	2	1	Y	2	\$139,900 \$135,900
8125 Castle Cove Rd	3	2	1	Y	1	\$135,000 \$126,000
8121 Bay Brook Dr	3	2	0	N	1	\$121,499 \$120,000
7930 Castle Lake Rd	4	2	1	N	Tri	\$104,900 \$105,001

Is it time to refinance your home mortgage?

Mortgage Interest Rates		
As of 1/15/10 from Tucker Mortgage 849-5050		
Loan Program	Rate (%)	Points (%)
30 year fixed	5.125%	0
15 year fixed	4.5%	0
3/1 ARM	4.0%	.5
5/1 ARM	4.125%	.5
30 year fixed —FHA	5.125%	0
30 year fixed —VA	5.25%	0

Castle Cove Owners Association
Minutes of the November Annual Meeting
November 10, 2009

Those Attending the Meeting:**Board Members:**

Frank Borelli	x	Lana Jordan	x
Tom Stephenson	x	Ron Sans	x
Tim Scofield		Marie Wright	x
Jay Bobian	x	Paul Kern	
Ron Long	x		

Members:

Ron & Mary Sans	8101 Castle Lake Road
Tom and Ruth Ann Stephenson	7949 Cove Trace
Bud & Marie Wright	7991 Springwater Circle
Jay & Eleanor & Donna Bobian	7935 Bayview Point
Frank Borelli	8080 Bay Brook Drive
John & Joann Miller	8043 Bayview Point
Larry & Lana Jordan	7921 Springwater Court
Jay & Sharon Johnson	8205 Lake Point Court
Anita & Ryan Donaldson	8012 Springwater Drive
Jessica & Scott Gallagher	8050 Bay brook Dr
U.B & Reenie Bontrager	8083 Bayview Point
Scott Herrin	8021 Castle Lake Road
Audrey Neucks	8042 Springwater
David & Nora West	7960 Castle Lake Road
Winston Powell	8141 Castle Lake Road
Charles (Ken) Massey	8051 Castle Cove Road
Ed Lucas	7957 Castle Lake Road

Gary & Lynn Windler	8121 Bayview Court
Ron Long	8008 Bayview Point
Ross Fazekas	8133 Castle Cove Road
Carol Lathrop	8121 Water Trace
John Sondermann	8070 Bay Brook Drive
Dave Fuss	8149 Castle Lake Road
Jim Lindgren	8083 Clearwater Drive
Linda & Elizabeth Dernier	7986 Springwater Drive W
Don & Julie Anderson	7945 Bayview Point
Crystal & Tom Johnson	8009 Castle Lake Road
Doug Reichl	8042 Water Trace
Rich Kautzman	8001 Castle Lake Road
Shivaji Gunale	8035 Castle Lake Road
Robert & Beverly Davie	8011 Springwater Circle
Nancy Arthur	7942 Castle Lake Road
Jody Fournier	7944 Bayview Point

Meeting Notes:

- President Marie Wright called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in Room 195 at Lawrence North High School.
- The Board members were introduced to the association residents present.
- **Secretary's Report** – Ron Sans
 - The members were given time to read the minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting.
 - The 2008 Annual Meeting minutes were approved by the association members.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Tom Stephenson
 - The treasurer's report/financial statement for 2009 year-to-date was presented.
 - The total bank balance is \$55,760.53 (Checking: \$2,237.55, Savings: \$43,452.95 and Money Market: \$10,070.03).
 - The pool expenses were significantly under budget this year. The cost of installing the dual drain system was less than expected and efficient pool operation also kept costs down.
 - Because repairs to the tennis courts were going to cost much more than budgeted, the budgeted funds were placed in a money market account to be added to each year for future use in the tennis court area.

- The association no longer is required to pay property taxes on the common area.
- Dues for next year will remain the same at \$378. They are due March 1, 2010.
- The 2010 budget was presented and discussed. Most expenses were kept similar for 2010.
 - Money has been budgeted to repair the leak in the baby pool.
- A question was asked about auditing the books. An official audit by a CPA would cost \$5,000 to \$6,000. The accounting firm said home owner associations do not usually perform actual audits due to the expense. It was suggested that Castle Cove establish a committee to perform an annual review/audit of the books. Linda Denier, Audrey Neucks, and Tom Johnson volunteered to be on the committee.
- The Homeowners' Association approved the Treasurer's report and the budget for 2010.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Architectural Improvement Committee** – Paul Kern - The following projects were approved in 2009:
 - 7932 Springwater Ct Garden Shed
 - 7940 Springwater Ct Wood Deck
 - 7935 Bayview Point Storage Shed
 - 7949 Cove Trace Home Addition
 - 8141 Bay Brook Dr Backyard fence
 - **Common Grounds** – Marie Wright
 - 2 estimates were obtained for weed control in the mulched areas of the common grounds and entrances. Dave Fuss has been given the contract.
 - 2 estimates were obtained to trim trees and shrubs at the entrances and common area. Larry Jordan was chosen to perform this work.
 - The light at the Springwater entrance is not working and needs to be fixed.
 - **Compliance Committee** – Lana Jordan presented the responsibilities of the committee which include ensuring ongoing compliance by residents with Castle Cove Covenants, Bylaws and rules to enhance property values and keep our community the appealing neighborhood it is noted to be.
 - **Crime Watch** – Jay Bobian
 - The program was re-established 3 years ago as a cost effective way to assist law enforcement and maintain a safe and secure neighborhood. Crime Watch is responsible for interacting with residents to improve the watchfulness of neighbors and advise the community of new and ongoing situations as they occur.
 - Block Captains have been active in passing information on to their block residents as well as organizing neighborhood-wide events to encourage residents to socialize and become better acquainted resulting in increased vigilance for one another. Ten of the 16 Block Captains were present at the meeting.
 - Crime Watch works with IMPD officials. Crime in our neighborhood has been very low this year. If a crime or suspicious activity occurs, please call IMPD and then your crime watch block captain.
 - **Garage Sale** – Karen Young
 - The 2009 sale was June 4, 5 and 6.
 - Advertising costs were \$110.68
 - The 2010 Garage Sale will be a 2-day event, Friday and Saturday, the first weekend in June.
 - **Lake Committee** – Ron Long
 - Aquatic Control handled the lake algae control again in 2009. The cost for servicing the lake was \$2,454.81. Quotes from two other companies were obtained. The next closest bidder was \$3,200.
 - Homeowners requested we keep a closer eye on the algae at the shallow end of the lake. Any concern should be brought to the attention of the Lake Committee.
 - A question came up on dredging the lake. Ron Long stated that it is the responsibility of the Homeowner Association to maintain the lake. This would be an extremely large expense from information previously obtained and would need to be planned for in advance.
 - Consideration was given to obtaining an ultrasonic device for keeping geese out of the lake area. The cost would be \$1,800 with only a 30-day guarantee. Since the geese were not much of a problem this year and only 1 complaint was received about geese, it was decided not to purchase this device.
 - **Newsletter** – Ruth Ann Stephenson
 - The newsletter has been e-mailed this year and a paper copy mailed to 18 residents who are without email. The quality is much improved in clarity, use of color and photographs as well as less expensive.
 - Net expenses this year totaled \$87.44

- Nominating Committee – Frank Borelli
 - This committee's responsibility is to obtain neighborhood residents to be nominated to run for the Board of Directors.
 - Nominations the committee obtained for this election were: Jessica Gallagher, Ron Sans and Tim Scofield.
 - There were 3 full 3-year positions open and a 1-year position created by a vacancy.
- Tennis Courts – Larry Jordan
 - A presentation was given regarding the Tennis Court area. After obtaining several quotes to repair the existing courts, the committee suggested the Board evaluate the use of the courts and possibly revitalize the entire area. Due to the condition/cracks, etc of the courts, any court repairs would not be guaranteed. The companies contacted said they should be replaced which is very expensive. The committee has many ideas, but would like to gather thoughts and ideas from residents as to what they would like to have and would use if the area were revitalized. Is one new tennis court enough? Maybe a sand volley ball court, basketball or other activity areas. \$7,000 was put in a money market account to start the fund for this project. During 2010 plans will be made and some progress may begin for this long-term project to better meet the needs of our community. The Association approved this project.
 - The tennis court gate will be left unlocked April through October.
- Web Site Committee – Ruth Ann Stephenson
 - A new committee was set up to improve the Castle Cove web site. The purpose is to enable residents to have a central place to obtain information about our neighborhood as well as serve as a marketing tool for prospective residents.
 - The goal is to have the website be extremely user-friendly, easy to update and contain valuable neighborhood information such as maps, Crime Watch information, dues information, pool rules, trash and recycle info, Board of Directors, Covenants & Bylaws, minutes from Board meetings, newsletters, events calendar and other documents, pictures and forms.
 - The committee is looking into several homeowner website hosting programs.
- Welcome Committee – Marie Wright
 - All eleven new residents were welcomed this year.
- Election of Officers - The Association nominated and elected the following residents to the Castle Cove Board of Directors starting in 2010.
 - Jessica Gallagher (3 year term)
 - Audrey Neucks (1 year term)
 - Ron Sans (3 year term)
 - Tim Scofield (3 year term)
- Open Discussion
 - It was suggested that the inside of the shelter house be painted.
 - It was suggested that we e-mail the phone directory to residents.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Sans, Secretary

2010 Castle Cove Association Dues

Individualized bills will soon be mailed to homeowners for their **2010 dues of \$378 which are due March 1** and cover the 2010 calendar year. The return portion includes current homeowner information and a place for easy updating to be mailed with your payment. The dues amount remains the same as last year. Avoid any late fees by getting your payment in on time!

If you have any questions, please contact **Tom Stephenson, Treasurer**

Phone: 570-7717 or email: jts47@comcast.net



CASTLE COVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2010 BUDGET

As of 10/31/09

Castle Cove Owners Association

Proposed 2010 Budget

	2007 Budget	10/31/2007 Actual	%	2008 Budget	10/31/2008 Actual	%	Proposed 2009 Budget	10/31/2009 Actual	%	Proposed 2010
Revenue										
Dues (217 homes)	\$ 74,865	\$ 73,084	97.6%	\$ 78,120	\$ 75,315	96.4%	\$ 82,026	\$ 81,272	99.1%	\$ 82,026
Delinquent Dues	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,854	178.4%	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,143	76.2%	\$ 1,200	\$ 733	61.1%	\$ 1,200
Advertising	\$ 75	\$ 85	113.3%	\$ 100	\$ 60	60.0%	\$ 100	\$ 45	45.0%	\$ 100
Interest	\$ 120	\$ 145	120.9%	\$ 125	\$ 134	107.4%	\$ 150	\$ 181	121.0%	\$ 175
Attorney Fees	\$ 1,400	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 250	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 444		\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -
Late Fees	\$ 900	\$ 104	11.5%	\$ 600	\$ 335	55.9%	\$ 400	\$ 509	127.3%	\$ 400
Total Revenue	\$ 78,960	\$ 76,271	96.6%	\$ 80,695	\$ 77,431	96.0%	\$ 83,876	\$ 82,740	98.6%	\$ 83,901
Expenses										
Pool										
Management	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,577	82.9%	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,943	84.7%	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,012	90.1%	\$ 20,000
Supplies/Chemicals	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,697	269.7%	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,499	166.6%	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,226	40.9%	\$ 2,000
Telephone	\$ 325	\$ 278	85.5%	\$ 275	\$ 258	93.8%	\$ 275	\$ 497	180.6%	\$ 275
License	\$ 475	\$ 475	100.0%	\$ 475	\$ 475	100.0%	\$ 500	\$ 475	95.0%	\$ 500
Gas	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,079	71.9%	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,871	155.9%	\$ 2,500	\$ 734	29.4%	\$ 1,400
Water/Sewer	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,134	261.2%	\$ 1,500	\$ 331	22.1%	\$ 1,500	\$ 836	55.7%	\$ 1,500
Open/Close	\$ -	\$ 1,633		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,900	126.7%	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,165	98.4%	\$ 2,200
Repairs	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,937	206.2%	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,562	189.1%	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,711	58.9%	\$ 5,000
Total Pool Expenses	\$ 39,500	\$ 56,810	143.8%	\$ 30,450	\$ 31,839	104.6%	\$ 37,975	\$ 28,655	75.5%	\$ 32,875
Common Area										
Grass & Fertilizer	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,981	66.4%	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,102	108.0%	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,580	73.1%	\$ 8,000
Electricity	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,498	78.8%	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,524	80.2%	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,526	80.3%	\$ 1,900
Snow Removal	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,175	172.5%	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	25.0%	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,975	74.4%	\$ 4,000
Repairs	\$ 1,500	\$ 542	36.1%	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,590	172.7%	\$ 2,000	\$ 13	0.7%	\$ 2,000
Landscaping	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,948	149.8%	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,685	112.3%	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,061	42.4%	\$ 4,000
Tennis Courts	\$ 200	\$ 466	233.0%	\$ 500	\$ 340	67.9%	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 7,000
Vandalism	\$ 250	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 250	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 250	\$ 15	6.0%	\$ 250
Lake Maintenance	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,811	190.6%	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,232	89.3%	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,465	81.8%	\$ 3,000
Playground	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,249	83.3%	\$ 500
Total Common	\$ 17,650	\$ 18,421	104.4%	\$ 19,650	\$ 17,472	88.9%	\$ 31,150	\$ 15,874	51.0%	\$ 30,650
Other										
Garage Sale	\$ 130	\$ 103	79.2%	\$ 130	\$ 91	69.7%	\$ 100	\$ 111	110.7%	\$ 100
Professional Fees	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 250	\$ 1,067	426.8%	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,890	157.5%	\$ 1,200
Printing & Postage	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,000	\$ 189	18.9%	\$ 300	\$ 294	98.1%	\$ 400
Insurance	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	75.0%	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,088	60.9%	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,749	84.4%	\$ 8,000
Property Taxes	\$ 3,200	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,200	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,200	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Misc. (Business Exp.)	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 750	\$ 376	50.1%	\$ 750	\$ 605	80.6%	\$ 1,250
Contingency	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,000
Total Other	\$ 18,330	\$ 7,603	41.5%	\$ 18,330	\$ 7,811	42.6%	\$ 16,550	\$ 9,648	58.3%	\$ 13,950
Security										
Crime Watch	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 500	\$ 126	25.2%	\$ 500
YE ADJ										
Total Expenses	\$ 75,480	\$ 82,834	109.7%	\$ 68,930	\$ 57,122	82.9%	\$ 86,175	\$ 54,303	63.0%	\$ 77,975
Operating F										
Contingency Fund										
Beginning Bal	12,860.43	6,000.00	1/1/2007	7,530.00	6,000.00	1/1/2007	29,500.00	6,000.00	1/1/2007	30,000.00
Revenue +	76,271.38			80,695.00			83,876.00			83,901.00
Expenses -	82,833.58			68,930.00			86,175.00			77,975.00
Balance	6,298.23			19,295.00			27,201.00			35,926.00

Castle Cove Owners Association
Minutes of the January Board Meeting
 January 12, 2010

Those Attending the Meeting:**Board Members:**

Jay Bobian	x	Lana Jordan	x
Tim Scofield		Ron Sans	x
Frank Borelli	x	Marie Wright	
Tom Stephenson	x	Jessica Gallagher	x
Audrey Neucks	x		

Non Board Members:

Ruth Ann Stephenson	x

Meeting Notes:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jay Bobian (in President Marie Wright's absence) at the Library at 6:30 p.m.
- New Board members, Jessica Gallagher and Audrey Neucks, were introduced.
- **Secretary's Report** – Ron Sans
 - The Board unanimously approved the Secretary's minutes from the last regular Board Meeting on October 10, 2009.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Tom Stephenson
 - The bank balance as of Dec. 31, 2009 is as follows:
 - Checking: \$ 1,907.99
 - Savings: \$40,965.12
 - Money Mkt: \$10,074.64
 - Total: \$52,947.75
 - The dues will remain the same as in 2009 at \$378.
 - \$7,000 for the Tennis Court improvement fund was budgeted again for 2010.
 - A motion was made and approved to move \$30,000 from the savings account to the money market account in order to earn slightly more interest.
 - Tom will investigate other banks and/or credit unions to see if any might pay more interest.
 - The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report.
- **Election of Board Officers for 2010.** The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation:
 - President - Marie Wright
 - Vice President - Jay Bobian
 - Treasurer - Tom Stephenson
 - Secretary – Audrey Neucks
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Architectural Improvement Committee** – Frank Borelli
 - Since the previous chairperson, Paul Kern, is no longer on the Board, Frank Borelli is accepting this position
 - Tom Stephenson and Sherri Havlin will join the previous members of this committee.
 - No requests have been submitted since the last meeting
 - **Common Grounds** – Marie Wright (not present)
 - Snow Plowing by Ski Landscaping, including the possibility of clearing the ends of driveways and use of salt at intersections was discussed. This will be looked into further.
 - Ice skating on the lake was discussed and felt to be a liability.
 - **Compliance Committee** – Lana Jordan
No report at this time

- Crime Watch Committee – Jay Bobian
 - Today there was a break-in in the neighborhood. Entry was gained from forcing the back service door to the garage open. The Crime Watch Committee will look into this and send an email to the neighborhood. Other than this break-in, the neighborhood has been very peaceful and safe.
- Garage Sale – Karen Young (not present)
 - Our neighborhood garage sale will be the first weekend in June on Friday and Saturday only – 6/4 & 6/5.
- Lake Committee – Ron Sans
 - Ron Sans will be the new chairman of this committee with Ron Long remaining as a member on the committee
- Newsletter Committee – Ruth Ann Stephenson
 - The January-February newsletter will be out soon after the Board Meeting to be able to identify the new Board Member positions and include the minutes from the January Board Meeting.
- Nominating Committee – Jay Bobian
 - Jay Bobian agreed to chair this committee and Frank Borelli will remain on the committee.
- Pool Committee – Tim Scofield (not present)
 - No report
- Common Area Revitalization Committee – Frank Borelli and Larry Jordan will co-chair this committee.
 - The “Tennis Committee” has been renamed to more appropriately depict the responsibilities and plans of this committee.
 - The newsletter in January will contain an article on current ideas and solicit suggestions from residents on what they would like to see included in their neighborhood.
 - Jessica Gallagher will be on the committee and hopefully the other members from 2009.
- Web Site Committee – Ruth Ann Stephenson
 - Ideas are being investigated for a host for our website
 - A discussion ensued about whether to include the directory or not due to privacy issues. It was decided to see what security measures the HOA website host includes before making that decision. We certainly want to protect our neighborhood information, but at the same time make useful information available to our residents.
- Welcoming Committee – Marie Wright (not present)
 - Will remain chairperson.
 - No new residents to welcome at this time.
- **Old Business**
 - Construction project on Castle Lake & 82nd St – A report was given on the status of the legal action.
 - Signs for Neighborhood Meetings/Events –
 - Paul Kern and Tom Stephenson obtained prices from various local vendors as well as online. The prices were for several types of signs and ranged from \$131 each sign to over \$200 per sign.
 - The Board approved the purchase of two heavy plastic A-frame signs and an extra set of letters for a cost of no more than \$500.
 - Baby Pool Repair – Tim Scofield will make arrangements to get the pool leak repair and resulting concrete work scheduled so the pool will be ready to open on time.
- **New Business**
 - Board Member Manuals – The Secretary, Audrey Neucks, will update the information for the manuals and prepare new manuals for Board members who do not have one.
 - The next Board Meeting is March the 9th at the library at 6:30 p.m.
- **The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM**
- Respectfully submitted,
- Ron Sans, Secretary

BOARD MEETINGS

Neighborhood residents are always invited and encouraged to attend any Board Meeting.

Check front page of newsletter for date, time & location of future

Common Area Tennis and other Recreational Activities

A Revitalization Study is under way to better utilize the common area around the pool to accommodate a variety of recreational activities!

Last year, the Board budgeted \$7,000 to resurface the two tennis courts. Our Tennis Committee reviewed three bids. Because of age and condition of the courts, no contractor would guarantee that the cracks would not return for more than one season. Two of the bidders recommended replacement, the cost of which is too great when you consider how under utilized the two courts are and the small number of residents who would benefit.

With that in mind, the Tennis Committee made two recommendations to the Board:

1. The \$7,000 budgeted to repair the two tennis courts be held in reserve.
2. The Board budget \$7,000 a year for the future revitalization of the common area to include a variety of recreational activities.

The recommendations were accepted by the Board along with the recommendation that the proposal to revitalize the area be put before the general membership at our Annual Meeting. With an overwhelming show of support (raised hands), the general membership sanctioned the Board to proceed with the study.

To help in the study, we are asking for volunteers to work on the project, to share their ideas and to help put together a preliminary plan to present to the general membership at our next Annual Meeting.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact either —

Larry Jordan (ljordan1@comcast.net, 252-5875) or Frank Borelli (fborelli@comcast.net, 842-7018).

In addition, we need your input as to what activities you would like to see included. These are some of the suggestions that have been made:

- Picnic tables and a charcoal grill along the lake
- A pier out into the lake for fishing and to launch canoes or kayaks.
- Improvements to the shelter area to make it more open.
- Card readers for residents to access the pool, the shelter, the toilet facilities and other designated areas.
- A new tennis court
- A half court volleyball court
- A sand volleyball court
- Capping off the top of the hill north of the tennis courts and moving the children's swing set
- An area for horseshoes and corn-hole toss
- A small fenced in area accessed off the swimming pool for small children who would like to run around and play rather than swim.



What ideas do you have for the revitalization of the area? What would your list include? Please email your suggestions and ideas to either Frank or Larry.

Castle Cove has such a beautiful location for our common area. It's time to make better use of the area and offer additional recreational and other opportunities so more residents can enjoy the area. This would also make our community more desirable to others which could result in increased property values.

The previous Tennis Committee has now been renamed "The Common Area Revitalization Committee."



Tips From Consumer Reports

- Switching to store brands can help the average family save \$2,500 a year in groceries. Store brands generally sell for 27% less and taste just as good as name brands. In fact, many are made by the same national brand companies. (Not from CR article — *Have you tried Aldi's? Great food at considerably lower prices.*)
- Skip the extended warranty on washers and dryers. The usually don't break during the warranty period.
- Also don't bother with an extended warranty on electronic products. The exception to this is to consider an extended warranty if you want the best tech support from Apple computers.
- Boost the value of your home by adding square footage that will bring your house up to, but not beyond, neighborhood norms. Renovations that merely update styles will only sell your house faster if you sell while the style is still in style.
- Have trouble sleeping? Try a sound machine which makes sounds like being in a forest or at the beach. In tests this worked almost as well as drugs to help people sleep.
- Don't skimp on paint. Lower grades of paint do not cover as well as premium paints. Behr Premium Plus Satin was one of the best value low-luster paints in tests. It was a winner in one-coat ability and just \$24 a gallon.
- How fresh are your eggs? For most food, the expiration date indicates the last day the food should be eaten. Eggs are an exception. Federally graded fresh eggs in the shells are safe for 3-5 weeks after the expiration date on the carton as long as you keep them refrigerated.
- Ditch credit cards that carry an annual fee.
- Don't bother buying premium gas if your car specifies regular. It won't make your car go faster or operate more efficiently — it will just cost you about 20 cents more per gallon!



Have you seen?

- The large heart shaped squirrels' nest high in a tree on Bayview Court? Recently the squirrels have packed more leaves onto it so the heart shape is not quite as prominent.



- The "wood lady?" This small elderly lady can be seen almost daily walking along 82nd Street in front of our neighborhood gathering and carrying wood. Those that have seen her assume she must heat with wood. One of our residents tried to help her by offering to take the wood to her home in a truck, but she doesn't seem to speak or understand English.

The CENSUS Makes Sense



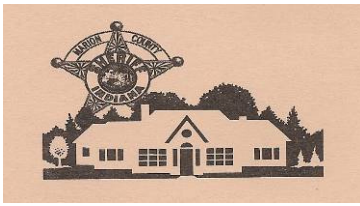
In March of 2010, census forms will be mailed to every residence in the U.S. Just answer the 10 short questions and mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker who will ask you the questions from the form.

The census questions ask about name, sex, age, race, phone, how many live at your address, etc. They do NOT ask financial questions or for your Social Security Number. All information is kept private and confidential.

The Census helps communities receive federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training, schools, senior centers, emergency services and some public works projects.

Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law. If a census taker comes to your home, he/she will have an official government badge and a "U.S. Census bag."

For more information about the 2010 census, check online at www.2010.census.gov



Castle Cove **CRIME WATCH**

Jay Bobian, Neighborhood Coordinator 918-4035

Our active **Crime Watch** program increases awareness of and reports criminal and suspicious activity. It also hosts several neighborhood events each year and encourages block parties so residents have more opportunities to become better acquainted and feel more comfortable looking out for each other.

Block Captain Meetings:

Block Captain meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday every other month at the Library on Hague Rd.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST BLOCK CAPTAIN MEETING:

- Captains attending reported activity on their respective blocks. Everything has been calm and safe!
- A coyote continues to be seen on the East side of the neighborhood usually at dawn or dusk. Residents are reminded to use caution and be watchful and protective of small pets and children if out at this time of day.

*Since the last Crime Watch Meeting, it was reported that, unfortunately, **a break-in occurred in our neighborhood.** The following information was emailed to our residents from their block captains—

“During the daytime (probably between 8:00 a.m. and approximately 12:30 p.m.) on Monday, 1/11, a home near the Springwater entrance was broken into and robbed. It was a forced entry through the garage’s locked back door. The owners’ van was in the garage and the robbers still entered their home. The home owners were at work--the last person left about 7:25 a.m. The police were notified. A police report was taken and a detective came out to collect evidence and take pictures. There were footprints in the snow that went from the driveway around the back of the house to each of the rear entries. The door was forced open/broken through locks.”

Fortunately, no one was hurt, but a strong reminder that as good neighbors, we must remain vigilant.

Upcoming Crime Watch Events:

Feb 4 (Thurs) IMPD North District Task Force Mtg, 3 pm at Library at 5420 East 38th St. Emily Mack, Deputy Director of Division of Inspections of the Dept. of Code Enforcement is the guest speaker.

Feb 9 (Tues) Block Captain Meeting 7 p.m. at the Hague Road Library

Call **911 in an emergency** or **327-3811 to report a non emergency** and then notify your **Block Captain.**

It is **extremely** important that all incidents and suspicious activities are reported to the police. Patrols are directly related to the number of calls the police receive.

Crime Statistics

for the past 90 days 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.

Winter Snow Advisory!

- Our neighborhood will be plowed when snow accumulates to 3 inches or more. Salt will be applied to intersections on an “as needed” basis.
- If you have a **fire hydrant** on or near your property, please be sure it is not covered by snow but is visible in case of a fire.
- It is the responsibility of homeowners to **clear the sidewalks** of snow in front of their homes. A violation of this Indpls Municipal Code (chapter 431, sections 431-106) can result in a **\$50 fine.**



HOW CAN WE HELP ENSURE FIRE HYDRANTS REMAIN OPERABLE?



Advice from the Water Company as presented on the Channel 13 news recently.

Call the water company if you observe:

- water leaking anywhere out of a hydrant
- water pooled around the base of a hydrant
- anyone opening the hydrant
- a vehicle has run into a hydrant

It is also important to be sure firemen can find our hydrants. Please keep them clear of snow! It may save your home if a fire were to occur!

Neighborhood Services



NAME	PHONE	BABY SIT	PET SIT	Mow, Rake, Shovel Snow
Anderson, Julie ^A	578-7141		Y	
Arthur, Stacy	849-4839	Y		
Bacon, Samantha	849-5909	Y	Y	
Bacon, Justin	849-5909			Y
Baker, Amy	842-6763	Y	Y	
Confer, Ashley	849-1453	Y**		
Cronkhite, Amanda	577-0973	Y**	Y	
Goodwin, Erika	841-7391	Y**		
Jaicomo, Ali	578-0592	Y		
Jaicomo, Nick	578-0592			Y
Kautzman, Alexandra	845-0180	Y	Y	
Kautzman, Christian	845-0180		Y	Y
Kautzman, Michelle	845-0180		Y	
March, Michael	842-3311	Y	Y	Y
Miner, Christopher	849-6323		Y	Y snow
Miner, Courtney	849-6323	Y**	Y	Y snow
Roberts, Jonathan	849-9882			Y
Roberts, Joseph A	849-9882		Y	
Roeschlein, Michelle	842-8129	Y**		
Scofield, Dan	577-8469			Y
Scofield, Greg	577-8469			Y
Scofield, Jeff	577-8469			Y
Smotherman, Basil	594-0794			Y
Sonderman, Jeanette	595-0349	Y	Y	
Young, Johnny	849-5456	Y	Y	Y
Young, Patrick	849-5456		Y	Y

KEY: ** Indicates Safe Sitter Course, ^A Indicates an adult

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- 1) 60" Mitsubishi (about 9 yrs old)
- 2) Pioneer Home Theater Surround System (with 5 disc CD/DVD & radio tuner)
- 3) 37" RCA ProScan (about 12 years old)

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