

# Castle Cove Newsletter

## Jan/Feb/Mar 2013



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**Castle Cove Website:** [www.castle-cove.com](http://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:

Feb 2 Sat Groundhog Day  
Feb 12 Tues Lincoln's Birthday  
Feb 14 Thur Valentine's Day  
Feb 18 Mon Presidents Day Holiday  
Feb 20 Wed Crime Prevention presentation by Marion Co. Prosecutor's Office 7-8:30 p.m. St. Matthew Cath. Church, 56th & Binford (see page 11)

### March

### Pay Castle Cove HOA dues

Mar 10 Sun Daylight Saving Time begins  
Mar 17 Sun St. Patrick's Day  
Mar 31 Sun Easter  
Apr 1 Mon April Fool's Day  
**April 9 Tues Board Meeting 6 p.m.** at Marie Wright's  
Apr 15 Mon Tax Day  
**May 7 Tues Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Library**  
**July 2 Tues Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Library**  
**Sept 3 Tues Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Library**

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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](http://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 .*

- 4 homes **SOLD** 4 in 2012
- The average sales price \$181,000.
- Average Days on the Market (DOM) 75

*Real Estate Information as of 1/27/13 provided by Ruth Ann Stephenson, Realtor, F.C. Tucker  
Phone: 570-7717 or Email: [Ruthann@comcast.net](mailto:Ruthann@comcast.net)*

**Mortgage Interest Rates Remain Very Low**  
As of 1/27/13 (from Tucker Mortgage 849-5050)

Loan Program	Rate (%)	Points (%)
30 year fixed—Conventional	3.625%	0
15 year fixed	3.00%	0
30 year fixed —FHA	3.25%	0
30 year fixed —VA	3.25%	.0

Address	Bed rms	Baths Full-half	Base ment	Lvl	List Price	Sale Price
<b>Homes Currently Listed FOR SALE</b>						
7960 Clearwater Ct	3	2 1	N	2	\$179,900	
7931 Cove Trace	4	2 1	N	2	\$190,000	
<b>Homes with a sale PENDING (offer accepted, not closed yet):</b>						
<b>Homes that SOLD (1/1/12– 12/31/12)</b>						
8021 Springwater Cir	3	2 1	Y	2	\$209,900	\$203,500
7967 Springwater Dr	3	2 0	N	1.5	\$189,900	\$183,000
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>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
<b>Small Ad</b> (business card size)	free	\$5/issue
<b>1/4 Page Ad</b> (maximum size)	5.00/issue	\$15/issue
<b>Coupon Space</b>	free	\$5/issue
<b>For Sale Space</b> (about 5-6 lines)	free	(residents only)

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

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

*Ruth Ann Stephenson*

## With the onset of winter and snowy weather, here are some reminders:

1. Our neighborhood has a contract with Ski Landscaping to plow our streets when there are 3 or more inches of snow.
2. It is a good idea to use markers to identify street curves, your driveway or other edges of your property that may be difficult to determine when covered with snow.
3. Homeowners are responsible for shoveling their sidewalks. This is a “finable” city ordinance.
4. Be cautious with icy places on the roads, your driveway and sidewalks — use an ice melting product where possible.
5. Dress appropriately when going out and take your cell phone with you— whether going out to shop, shovel, play or just take a walk. You never know when you might need help, fall or get stranded.
6. Keep windows and doors in proper condition with caulk and weather stripping to prevent cold drafts from entering your home.
7. Let the sun shine in the windows on the sunny side of your home while keeping blinds and curtains closed on the shady side can allow “Mother Nature” to help warm your home.
8. Have your furnace and fireplace cleaned and serviced.
9. Be careful with space heaters and extension cords.
10. Be cautious, safe and stay warm!

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

#### Attendees:

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

**Residents:** Lana Jordan

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

A revised 2012 Committee list was handed out to those present.

**Approval of previous minutes:** July 9, 2012 with 2 minor corrections that will be made (under Newsletter, Round-Up should be capitalized and crack should be cracks)

A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected and were unanimously approved.

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

Bank balances as of August 31, 2012:

Checking:	\$ 4,390.25
Savings:	\$ 32,310.31
<u>Reserve:</u>	<u>\$ 7,088.36</u>
Total:	\$ 43,788.92

- As of 9/10/12: \$9,595.11 in checking, \$22,310.31 in savings = \$31,905.42 + the reserve.
- 2012 Dues: 96.78% were received for a YTD total of \$79,384.00 (no change from last meeting).
- Budget vs. Expenses: Subtracting remaining budgeted expenses from available cash on hand = \$20,227.45 potentially left over at year end. Of the budgeted expenses, it appears an additional \$5,000 may be left over.
- Sold homes: only 2 homes have sold so far this year
- Still owed: \$1,710 to BAM for tree removal

Proposed 2013 Budget: handed out and asked to review for discussion and finalizing at next meeting.

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

**Committee reports:**

Architectural (Sherry Havlin): (Rich Havlin gave the report in Sherry's absence)

- New patio on Springwater Circle was approved and is complete. Nothing pending.

Common Grounds (Marie Wright): (Ruth Ann Stephenson gave the report in Marie's absence)

- Greenscapes
  - Will be changing the summer flowers to fall by the end of the month.
  - Proposal for next year has been received.
- Estimates need to be obtained for re-seeding by tennis courts – work to be done next spring.

Compliance (Rich Havlin):

- New cement board siding going up on home on Springwater.
- A letter was presented to potentially send to homeowners who have not responded to previous requests to comply with issues with their home, yard or trees. Two homeowners (out of 14) have not responded or communicated in any way with the Committee. Both have issues regarding repairing deteriorating siding and painting the exterior of their homes. The letter would ask that the homeowner contact a committee member within 15 days with a plan for remediation or the issue will be turned over to the HOA's attorneys. After discussion, a motion was made and it was unanimously approved to send the letter and follow up with a letter from the attorney.
- Now that it is getting dark earlier, it has been noticed that many yard lights are not working. The Committee will contact those homeowners.
- The Committee will see what, if anything, can be done about the number of contractor vehicles parked at the Castle Lake entrance. They need to leave appropriate lane space for vehicles entering and leaving the neighborhood.

Crime Watch (Lana Jordan):

- Shared a flyer from the police department with crime prevention tips. Theft from vehicles is a persistent problem.
- Reminder to keep garage doors closed
- Mayor's Night Out is held monthly and the next one will be held nearby at Heritage Christian School on Thursday, October 11 from 6-7p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend to gain information and be able to ask questions about the proposed budget and other city concerns.
- **Next Block Captains Meeting** is Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Lawrence North High School in Room 102.

Garage Sale (Karen Young):

- Nothing to report.

Lake (Ron Sans):

- Nothing to report.

Newsletter (Ruth Ann Stephenson):

- Was distributed yesterday by email. One group received it 4 times. Should be fine next time! Included great pictures by Ron Sans from National Night Out Ice Cream Social.
- 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 was included.

Nominating (Rich Havlin):

- Three Board spots will be open; one member has agreed to run again. Other residents are being asked to consider running for the Board.

Pool (Tom Stephenson):

- Pool has been closed and the new winter safety cover installed.
- Kyle and the life guards will put up the furniture this weekend.
- Maury has repaired and painted all the doors.
- The phone has been turned off for the winter and the water will be turned off and winterized Nov. 1.
- A question was asked about whom to contact to use the shelter house. Marie Wright is the one who should be contacted because she maintains that schedule. However, the forms are on our website and any Board member can make those arrangements for someone.

Tennis (Maury Lathrop)

- Windscreens have been taken down

Revitalization (Jessica Gallaher & Lana Jordan):

- Nothing at this time

Web site (Ruth Ann Stephenson):

- Updating 2012 information
- Ron currently has some server issues he is working on

Welcome (Marie Wright): (Ruth Ann reported in Marie's absence.)

- New packets are ready and will be presented to new residents and renters.

**Old Business:**

- Repair/Needs (see Master Repair/Needs List)
  - From the list a motion was made and unanimously approved to contact Ron Stout (painter who did inside of shelter house) to paint the exterior of the shelter house. Maury will handle.
  - Estimates need to be obtained for the items so they can be appropriate prioritized and considered for next year.
- Plexiglas panels on the East wall of shelter were discussed. Maury got an estimate of \$400 to buy new replacement panels. Other options were discussed such as would heavy duty screening be a good option. Windows made of an unbreakable material like Plexiglas that open and close might be preferred but would be much more expensive. Options will be further looked into and considered for possibly next year.
- Gate/Lock for restroom access during non-pool hours was discussed. Tom Stephenson has an estimate for the lock which he can buy online for \$979.78 which is several hundred less than we paid for the tennis gate lock. This would be the same lock and residents would use their same code. Tom also got a quote for installing the fence and gate across the opening to the restroom area from the same company who installed the tennis fence and gate. This cost was \$1,875.00 so the total for fence, gate and lock would be \$2,854.78. He will obtain at least 2 additional fence/gate quotes.
- BAM removed the trees that were pushing on the brick wall. This included removal of the half-dead willow at the edge of the pond and another dead tree in front of the brick wall East of Castle Lake Road.

**New Business**

- During the process of removing the trees pushing on the brick wall, it was discovered there are cracks in the brick wall, not just in the mortar joints. These will need to be looked at and repaired.
- Some discussion about trees along north end of pond (between pool and pond). Some in favor of removing current ones and replacing with better looking trees (possibly evergreens) closer to water to leave space for trucks to bring mulch to playground. More discussion in future.
- A new sign needs to be made for "No swimming, no ice skating" to replace the missing one. Maury will handle.
- It was suggested to get a proper cover for the baby pool rather than continuing to use a tarp that doesn't stay in place for the winter. Tom agreed to get a quote.
- Kim Berlin has moved and resigned from the Board. She had almost completed the first year of her 3-year term. A motion was made to re-assign Ruth Ann from a one-year term to take Kim's three-year term. The motion was passed unanimously. Since Kim was the Secretary, Patti has agreed to take notes for the remainder of the year and Ruth Ann will type them up. A new Secretary will be designated at the January Board meeting.
- (*Non Board resident was excused from the meeting prior to this topic.*) After discussion and consideration about appropriately and fairly carrying out the duties bestowed on the Board, a motion was made and passed to proceed with a lien foreclosure on a resident who is multiple years behind in payment of dues.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm


**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. -- Mainly for budget and annual meeting preparation.

**Annual Meeting:** Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at Lawrence North High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Davis and Ruth Ann Stephenson (*in the absence of an "official" secretary*)

**Castle Cove Dues will remain at \$378 for the 5th year in a row!**



As usual, dues must be paid in full before the end of March to avoid any late fees. Compared to other nearby neighborhoods, our dues are quite reasonable considering everything that is included. Our budget was presented at the annual meeting. It includes maintenance and insurance for the common area, pool (lifeguards' pay), tennis courts and buildings. Snow removal is also included plus common area landscaping.



## MEET YOUR 2013 CASTLE COVE BOARD MEMBERS !

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.


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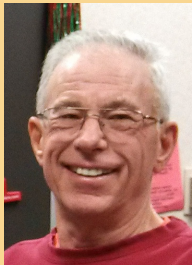
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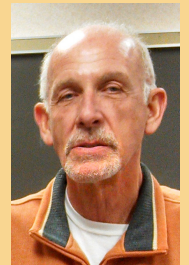
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### CASTLE COVE BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2013

Lawrence North High School, Room 102

#### ATTENDEES:

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

Non-Board Members: (Mr. Gray Mouse)!

MEETING NOTES: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### Election of Officers:

President	Marie Wright
Vice President	Lana Stevens (Jordan)
Secretary	Ruth Ann Stephenson
Treasurer	Tom Stephenson

Review of Committees:

Each committee was reviewed as to members and chairperson. Several people were added to committees and others will be called to see if they want to remain on the committee. The committee list will then be revised and posted on the website.

Minutes: of the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Tom Stephenson

- Bank Balances as of Dec. 31, 2012:

Checking:	\$5,344.02
Savings:	\$12,313.29
Reserve:	\$7,089.54
TOTAL:	\$24,746.85
- 2012 Dues: 97.7% were collected for a total of \$80,140.
- 2013 Dues: will remain at \$378 for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Notices will be mailed out this week.
- Home closings in 2012: 4, with an average value of \$181,000.
- The 2012 year-to-date (end of year) report was briefly reviewed as well as the 2013 budget which was presented at the annual meeting.
- An annual audit will be performed in the spring.
- The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

Committee Reports

**Architectural** (Rich Havlin for Sherry Havlin) – nothing new to report

**Common Grounds** (Marie Wright) –

- The neighborhood has been plowed 2 times so far this winter and appears to have been a good job – no complaints as of this meeting. It was suggested to get an estimate for salting streets and/or intersections when icy.
- This committee will have a meeting in the spring to discuss plans for the year.
- Greenscapes will again provide our seasonal flowers at the entrances which will include watering and fertilization. We will also be getting an estimate from them for mulching the currently mulched areas.
- We would also like to get some estimates for landscaping the area between the gates to the parking lot to make it look more welcoming and also prevent vehicles from driving around the gates.
- The entrance lights need to be raised to better focus on our Castle Cove entrance letters. Maury Lathrop will call an electrician to get an estimate. At the same time it is suggested to have an outdoor electrical outlet installed at each entrance so holiday lights could be displayed.

**Compliance** (Rich Havlin)

- Recent infractions are minor which include non-working yard lights and a trailer in a driveway. Residents have been notified and it has improved.
- Dog issues were discussed. Barking dogs and dogs attacking people or other dogs are not a Castle Cove Board issue but should be addressed by Animal Control which can be reached through the Mayor's Action Center at **327- 4622** or if in immediate danger call 911.

**Crime Watch** (Lana Jordan)

- Our neighborhood had not experienced any major issues recently until today when a break-in occurred on Bayview Point about 11am. The intruders drove a black Dodge Ram truck; the passenger got out and looked in windows while on the phone then they kicked in the front door. A neighbor witnessed this and called police, but the intruders were gone with their stolen goods before police arrived. This same truck was recently observed in a burglary in The Villages off 86<sup>th</sup> Street. We have been told these burglars appear to be after jewelry, TV's, computers and guns. They seem to know when residents are gone and may knock or call the home first. Be on the look out for this truck!
- Signs of residents being away include trash cans out and newspaper(s) in the driveway. Storm doors and security systems are deterrents.
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> is a Crime Prevention presentation by the Prosecutor's Office that is worthy of attending. More information is in the newsletter.

**Newsletter** (Ruth Ann Stephenson) – currently working on an issue that should be out mid January.

**Nominating** (Rich Havlin) – recruiting another member or 2 and will become active closer to the annual meeting and elections. Meanwhile, though, the committee members will talk to residents about participating on the Board.

**Pool** (Tom Stephenson & Kyle Goodwin, Manager)

- Tom has received the new electronic lock for the new gate to the restroom area.
- New concrete sidewalk has been poured on the north side of the pool house/restroom building.
- The new fence with door/gate has not yet been installed in front of the restroom doors on the north side of the building nor has the baby pool fence been repaired. This should occur early this spring.
- Since school starts Aug 1, several options for keeping the pool open all day will be discussed: 1) use college age guards, and/or 2) have non-guarded pool hours.
- Concern for safety of children and privacy in the restrooms with others using new system of access to pool through restrooms was discussed.

**Revitalization** (Lana Stevens) - nothing to report at this time.

**Tennis** (Maury Lathrop) - nothing to report at this time.

**Website** (Ruth Ann Stephenson) – with Ron Sans no longer on the Board, we hope he will still manage our website server. Ruth Ann will update the information and send it to Ron to post.

**Welcome** (Marie Wright) – all new residents have been welcomed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Master Repair list will be reviewed at the next meeting.
2. The pool fence, gate lock and concrete were discussed under Pool.
3. Status of lien foreclosure – have not heard any more at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lana Stevens (Jordan) has been in contact with Ginny Cain (our City-County Councilor) about coordinating a multi-neighborhood meeting about the 82<sup>nd</sup> Street widening project. This would be held sometime this spring.
- **2013 Board Meeting Dates:** all are scheduled for the Library at 6 p.m. except April 9th at Marie Wright's home.

#### **April 9, May 7, July 2, September 3**

- The Board made good use of email during 2012 and it was suggested to continue this practice being sure to “reply to all” with your comments. This can help avoid special meetings, although there are times when a face-to-face meeting is the preference in order to better facilitate a discussion and vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

## ***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](http://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





## Compliance Committee

Thanks to the many residents who cleared their sidewalks of snow and ice!! Dogs, their owners and other walkers certainly appreciated that. You may have heard that City Code Enforcement was responding to reports of businesses and homeowners who did not clear sidewalks in front of their properties. While news reports on 1/02 stated that Code Enforcement is currently issuing warnings to offenders, a city ordinance provides for assessment of a \$50 fine.

Please be aware that parking on the street when measurable amounts of snow are forecast prevents effective clearing of our roads and makes the job much more difficult as well as possibly plowing snow around your car so you can't get out. It's important to avoid leaving your vehicles on the street especially when snow is forecast.



A reminder about on-street parking: Castle Cove limits on-street parking of vehicles to 48 consecutive hours. This committee has received a number of complaints about cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers not respecting this provision. We hope that will be remedied without notification letters.

To ensure you receive your mail, please allow easy access for the mail truck to reach your mailbox. They are providing you a service. Please don't park vehicles close to your mailbox and keep snow shoveled in this area; also, please remind contractors not to block your mailbox.

This committee has noted that a number of residents' dusk-to-dawn front yard lights are not working. Some may just need a new bulb while others may need repair. While it may be an inconvenience to get the ladder out to change the bulbs in front yard-lights, a well-lit yard and neighborhood is a deterrent to those with ill intentions and Castle Cove covenants require every home to have a working dusk-to-dawn light.

Most of us do wait until Sunday evening or early Monday morning to set out trash. We encourage all to follow this lead. This is not only a Castle Cove standard but also a city ordinance. Empty cans should be returned to storage by Monday evening. Those cans are to be kept out of sight until next trash pickup.

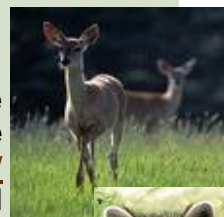
Castle Cove is a great place to live!

Compliance Committee,  
Richard Havlin, Chair —Tom Johnson, Lana Stevens (Jordan)



## Nuisance Wildlife Information Online

Hoosier's trying to deal with nuisance wildlife can now access a broad range of information on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Web site. An easy link to the DNR's Nuisance Wildlife online product is on the main DNR Web site. It can be accessed at [www.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm). The Nuisance Wildlife page provides specific information on the general characteristics, food habits, distribution, reproduction, prevention and control techniques, and disease threats of many species of mammals and birds, as well as general information about snakes.



Many wild animals in Indiana have become displaced as the result of urban growth and removal of their habitat. While some species may move to other areas where natural habitat exists, some species actually thrive in urban settings. Wild animals such as these are protected by the State of Indiana for all of the citizens of Indiana, but sometimes they cannot peaceably coexist. Because of the large number of raccoons and other species that cause a nuisance for landowners throughout the state, the DNR is unable to provide assistance to actually help remove the animals. The DNR does offer some solutions and advice on how to try to prevent future problems and remove wild animals that have created a problem. The DNR also licenses individuals to provide nuisance wild animal control services to the public. Find one near you by going to <http://wildlifehotline.info/> and clicking on the "Find A Professional" link near the top of the page.



# Castle Cove



## 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**.

Your block captains continue keeping you informed about criminal activity in nearby communities and about recent suspicious vehicles seen in Castle Cove. We are still more fortunate than many north side neighborhoods even though we recently had a break-in. We still encourage all residents in Castle Cove to always be alert to anything seeming "a bit off." With any such call, you can ask to remain anonymous. Also call or email your block captain after contacting the authorities.

An unofficial report from an observant resident of Copperfield stated that the homes targeted for daytime burglaries in that nearby neighborhood had these 3 things in common: no storm door on the front door, newspapers left outside and trash cans left out all day after trash had been picked up.

Many of our children are waiting for school buses in the early morning when it is still dark. Please keep an eye out and drive carefully. Obey the stop signs at our corners; many cars are barely even slowing down for the signs at the corners of Clearwater Drive with Springwater and Castle Lake Road.



While this is not a Crime Watch issue, resident safety is involved. Coyotes are again being spotted in the area. Early mornings and dusk seem to be their most active times. Small children and pets can be in danger when those animals are roaming. *(See article on previous page regarding nuisance wildlife.)*

Be safe and continue to enjoy our wonderful neighborhood.

Happy New Year!

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Crime Watch Co-Coordinators

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL 911.**

If an incident occurs, 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**.

**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.

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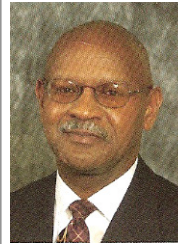


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