



### IRM CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 P.M.

**St. Patrick's Church  
(corner of Tara Hill and Muirfield)**

Please come to the Annual meeting of the IRM Civic Association! We have a variety of topics to cover as well as elections for the Trustee positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Other topics for the meeting include:

- 1) The possibility of a request to the City of Dublin restricting on street parking in our neighborhood to only one side of the street.
- 2) Discussions of Tara Hill traffic.
- 3) Answer questions about the use of satellite dishes in Indian Run Meadows.
- 4) A final vote on the use of luminaries at Christmas will also be taken. Resident feedback was minimal after our request in the last newsletter. Those few that did respond were split 50/50 on whether or not to eliminate them in favor of entrance decorations only. If participation is considered as a way to silently vote, then the neighborhood is overwhelmingly against the use of them. With the exception of Fallen Timbers residents, the display of luminaries was sparse this past Christmas Eve.
- 5) Discussion on the possibility of having Civic Association Zoo day at the Columbus Zoo.
- 6) We are pursuing the possibility of having a representative from the police department discuss the formation of a neighborhood watch group

### TREASURY REPORT

By Steve Leonard

Here's a snapshot of the Association's finances. We currently have a total of over \$25,000 in our bank accounts. While this may sound like a lot now, spring is here, and summer and fall are around the corner, which means landscaping costs will be incurred, which is our biggest expense every year.

Initial Invoices for the \$35.00 mandatory annual dues were sent November 20, 2002, and were due December 18, 2002. Of the 325 homes in our neighborhood, 270 residents have paid. (Thank you to the vast majority who are conscientious and promptly pay every year!) That leaves 55 homeowners who are currently delinquent. Unfortunately, this means that we will have to spend the time, effort and expenses to issue Second Invoices to those who are delinquent. To date, we have been nice and have not issued liens on the properties of those homeowners who have not paid, but our graciousness is wearing thin, especially for the seven (7) homes that are delinquent more than one year. We are considering listing in a subsequent newsletter the addresses of those who are still delinquent.

A complete financial statement for the past year will be available at the General Meeting.

### IRM RESIDENT PHONE DIRECTORIES

Included with this newsletter is the latest edition of the Indian Run Meadows resident directory. These directories are used by you and your neighbors as a tool identify and contact each other. Missing phone numbers are due to unlisted phone numbers or requests not to list a number. Residents are listed two ways; by street and alphabetical. The directories also list information as a deed restriction overview, street captain names and sections covered. If you need us to correct any information, please e-mail us at the address below or tear out the correction request page in the directory and mail it to our PO Box listed below. If this packet is missing a directory, please contact Bobbie Cannizzaro at 764-0916.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please contact any one of these members before you make exterior changes to your home or property to insure compliance with our deed restrictions. This is in addition to city building permits.  
Kay Neffenger, 6791 Fallen Timbers – 718-0082 and  
Mark MaGinn, 6890 Blackhawk Court – 792-6795

### ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE June 14, 2003 8:30 A.M to 3 P.M.

The civic association will pay for the **required** city permits, newspaper advertising and signs for the event. To participate please contact Bobbie Cannizzaro **by** June 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can purchase the above supplies in support of the event.

### LANSCAPING UPDATE

We have contracted with Luxury Landscapes to maintain the civic association responsible areas such





as the main entrance on Valley Stream and all 13 cul-de-sacs. They have already completed most of the courts for the spring clean up. Oakland Nursery still has some plants to replace from last year's planting. We expect that to be done in the next two months. Luxury Landscapes will water the plants a couple of times over the summer when needed. For those who live on a cul-de-sac, we would appreciate anyone who can pitch in and water any of the new plants that may need it between the watering done by Luxury Landscapes.

### NASTY LETTER ALERT

It has come to the attention of the civic association officers that someone has been distributing anonymous nasty letters to some of the residents. This "form" letter informs the targeted resident that the neighbors are upset about the lack of upkeep of the property and suggests the neighbor move to an apartment if they are unable to maintain the property in a proper manner. The civic association officers are **appalled** that someone would do this. Some of the recipients had already contracted to have work done on the property but had to wait until the weather permitted for completion of the work. Other's had just purchased the property and were in the process of hiring workers to perform the work. This letter is a nasty and cowardly way to address your neighbors and we want it stopped! If anyone has an issue with a particular property, please address it with one of the civic association officers so we can contact the homeowner to work on a resolution in a proper way.

### STREET CAPTAIN UPDATE

By Bobbie Cannizzaro

We need some street captain volunteers for the following areas:

**Area J** (Blackhawk Court and a couple houses on Fallen Timbers)

**Area P** (Wichita Court)

**Area R** (Muncie Court and part of Schoolcraft). See Street captains map in the resident directory. Please contact Bobbie Cannizzaro at 764-0916 if you can volunteer.

### ANY INTEREST IN IRM SPONSORED CPR COURSE?

SOS technologies offers a program called "Friends and Family" which teaches adult, child & infant CPR and Chocking to groups of 8 to 20 people. This is a 2.5 hr. program covers CPR basics including practice on a CPR dummy. The rate is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. They will include a small booklet and wallet guide (usually extra but they would throw it in for us). If more than 20 residents are interested, then we can have more than one class.

The American Red Cross also offers a group program for adult, child & infant CPR. The price is \$53 or \$60 if it includes First Aid. This is a 6.5 hour program with a minimum class is 8. Groups of 40 or more get 10% discount. They can teach the class any day of the week.

Your trustees would like to know if there is any neighborhood interest in either of these programs. We would consider organizing a class for our residents and contributing \$5 per household toward the cost of an IRM organized class. Please contact Farid Masri at 889-7847 if you would be interested.

### BLOCK PARTY PACKAGE

The City of Dublin offers ONE FREE block party package per calendar year to each civic association. This package includes:

- 1 barricade

- 2 sandwich boards
- 4 10x 10 tents
- 8 tables
- 50 chairs
- PA system
- 2 trash bins/liners

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to organize a neighborhood wide event, we would welcome your efforts since we do not currently have a social events officer for the civic association. Please contact one of the officers listed below. If there is no volunteer for an all civic association party, we will make this package available to any street/section of IRM residents who would like to have their own block party. This is on a first come, first serve basis. The request to the city for the block party package must come through the civic association president.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY IN DUBLIN

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service Day is on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM. The city is looking for:

- **Organized Spring clean up in the neighborhood-** asking us to organize a clean up day.
- **Volunteers-** to help with projects around the Dublin community. Volunteers are asked to bring garden tools.

Registered volunteers receive T-Shirts, donuts, pizza coffee and juice at the Dublin Community Recreation Center.

If you would like to organize our neighborhood clean up or just be a volunteer for the Dublin community, please contact Farid Masri at 889-7847 **up to** April 25<sup>th</sup> to get registered for the event.

If you have questions about the event, call the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, at 889-2001.





### FROM THE E-MAIL BAG:

Residents may utilize the IRM Civic e-mail address to send their thoughts and ideas to the trustees. Please keep sending us your notes or feel free to call one of the trustees. The identity of those corresponding will be kept confidential unless otherwise requested by the sender.

• **Mailbag Question –**

I'm starting to notice more homes in the neighborhood getting the small satellite dishes. What are the rules regarding putting these on your property?

• **IRM CIVIC Response-**

Our deed restrictions do not allow satellite dishes however the FCC has issued some recent rulings in this area. Please come to our Civic Association meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the latest developments and how it affects IRM.

• **Mailbag Question**

I recently received an invoice for "annual fee" associated with my residency of this neighborhood. To begin with, the dues state that they pay for among other things landscaping, lighting, etc of common areas. I live on a corner and our area has no common area associated and I am not seeing any of the above being done in our area. I have lived here since February and at no time was I told by anyone or is it in my deed that this property had a "fee" associated with it. I moved out of a condo complex specifically to avoid fees to live in my own house. In my opinion unless you can prove to me that this fee benefits me in any way or that my property deed specifically states that I must pay this, I am politely refusing to do so.

**IRM CIVIC Response:**

Before I begin my response let me ask that you not shoot the messenger.....Unfortunately, you have **no** choice on the fees.....

Neither do the rest of us in Indian Run Meadows. The developer and city officials established deed restrictions to the Indian Run Meadows division at the time of the plans to build our development. The Deed Restriction for Indian Run Meadows, Section 1 part 1, were recorded July 8, 1984 in Official Records Volume 4488, Page H-20. As subsequent sections were built, the same deed restrictions were applied to the land in IRM. These restrictions follow the LAND and are not a personal homeowners choice. I am truly sorry that you were not informed of these deed restrictions by your real estate agent, previous home owner or closing company because it sounds like it may have affected your decision to purchase here. You may be interested to know that most housing developments in Dublin HAVE some type of deed restrictions and annual dues. Dublin likes to maintain high standards in this community to prevent a decrease in property values and overall aesthetics. I have been in meetings with other Dublin civic associations leaders and have heard that their annual dues can be as much as \$100 per year. Our dues are fairly reasonable at \$35.

Indian Run Meadows includes 325 homes which are on both sides of Muirfield. Our development includes 13 cul-de-sacs and a front entrance at Valley Stream and Muirfield. The 13 cul-de-sacs and entrance have plant life that need to be maintained and are the responsibility of the civic association (not the city).

Our civic association officers are elected "volunteers" who are **not paid** to be responsible for our neighborhood. We hire people to plant and maintain the common areas. We collect dues, balance budgets, write these newsletters, and directories, maintain deed restriction compliance, interface with

the city on issues that affect our area, attend City council meetings, planning and zoning meetings and any other city sponsored meeting which affect us. These duties are done in addition to our family and regular job demands. We also try to have some neighborhood sponsored events (note this newsletter). One large challenge with the neighborhood events is the fact that we do not have a Social Events Officer to organize events. (Hint: this could be your opportunity to volunteer so we can spend more money on something that personally affects you) In the past we have had Halloween parties, Easter Egg hunts and Garage sales. We did not have them this past year due to no one volunteering to run them. As you have read in the Treasury report in this newsletter, we have a few households that have yet to pay. We are very seriously considering the option to place liens on delinquent homeowner's properties in order to collect the funds. We do not want to do this because it uses our funds for legal fees that should be going into our neighborhood instead. The vast majority of us pay dues on a timely basis and it isn't fair to allow those who refuse to support our neighborhood. May I politely suggest you send in your check today and also welcome you to Dublin.

• **Mailbag Question**

I occasionally hear trash trucks and parking lot cleaning trucks out very early in the morning (before 6 a.m.) What can be done about this?

• **IRM CIVIC Response**

The City of Dublin has a noise ordinance which prohibits loud disturbing noise between the hours of 9 PM and 7 AM. Next time this happens please contact the Dublin Police Department's non emergency number at 889-1112 to report this problem so it can be stopped.

• **Mailbag Feedback**





Dear resident- I have decided to include some of the responses we received concerning whether or not to continue the holiday luminaries. Here they are:

- “..we love the luminaries! We have lived here for 8 years and it has become a family tradition to drive around the neighborhood and see the luminaries after church”
- “Our family very much enjoys the luminaries displayed each year on Christmas Eve. We would indeed miss this tradition in our neighborhood and would like to see it continued”
- “...personally think it looks worse having just a few homes here and there putting them out. We use to buy more candles just so the one side of our home would look nice too but we had to store over 30 milk cartons and it got too much.”
- “I would rather NOT light luminaries on Christmas Eve. I would prefer the money be spent decorating the entrance ways.”

- **Mailbag Question**

We have a neighbor who let's their dog bark and bark and bark outside. Please say something in the next newsletter!

- **Mailbag Feedback**

Attention DOG OWNERS.....please do not tie your dog up and let it bark until it irritates your neighbors! Be considerate to us. We may like your animals but we don't enjoy hearing them bark incessantly.

On another note- remember it is a city wide ordinance that you pick up your dog excrements when you walk your dog. Unfortunately we have

had rollerbladers, strollers, bicycle riders, children and others step in or accidentally fall in the stuff on occasion. This is a nasty thing to have to endure! Thanks!

