



A Holiday Wish

The Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association Board would like to wish all our neighbors a safe and joyous holiday season. May you have occasions to reconnect with family and friends, reflect on the good things in your life, find ways to make the lives of others better, and enjoy living in an increasingly beautiful neighborhood.

New Board Members Elected

The following officers were unanimously approved as board members of the Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association at its August 22 meeting.

As board members: Barbara and Paul Dixon, Todd Helfter, Michael and Phyllis Hunt, Elizabeth Mork, Dick Nagel, and Leon Thorpe. As advisers: Bob and Joan McIlwain, Bob Mertz and K. J. Nutt.

Neighborhood Tips

Trees in the parkway: Property owners are responsible for the care of newly planted trees in the strips between the sidewalks and the street. Some of the young trees are in desperate need of watering.

Responsible pet ownership: Please be considerate of others and clean up after your dog. Be aware of how often or how long the dog may be barking. It can be disturbing to a neighbor who is home ill, at home studying, or who has worked all night and trying to get some sleep before the next work shift. A responsible pet owner cleans up after their pet.

Trash ordinance: According to city regulations, no trash is to be set out before 2:00 p.m. the day before collection. For those who have alley pickup, it may be left out earlier if you have cans with tight-fitting lids.

Decorated Tree Recalls Daughter



A blue spruce in the neighborhood, decorated around this time each year, is more than just a celebration of the Christmas season.

According to Allan Young, resident of 635 North 4th Street, the tree is a memorial to his daughter, Allison, who died of cystic fibrosis on December 1, 1994 at age 20. "The tree was given at her funeral instead of flowers," he said. "It was about three feet tall at the time. It keeps her memory alive for me."

Reception Welcomes New Residents

The Historic Centennial Neighbor Association held a reception at Wells Community Center August 22 for new residents.

Heidi Hines, Aaron Hoffman, Kenny Redman, Jeanne Romero-Severson, Greg Seiters, and Laurel Weldon were recognized at the meeting. Each stood and said a few words. Beth Brown, John Rohrer and Martha Settles, who could not be at the meeting, were recognized with pictures on a poster, along with quotes from each about their impressions of the neighborhood.

The reception followed a business meeting of the neighborhood association. Officers Bruce Biggs and Brian Baker, members of the Lafayette Police Department assigned to patrol the neighborhood, were guest speakers at the meeting.

HCNA Has Web Page

The Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association has its own web page, located at <http://www.historiccentennial.org>

According to Todd Helfter, webmaster, recent updates include a newly designed front page and biographies of historic residents.

HCNA Welcomes New Homeowners

The Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association is pleased to welcome the following new homeowners:

*** Aaron Hoffman and Laurel Weldon--508 North 6th Street**

Aaron Hoffman and Laurel Weldon both teach in the Political Science department at Purdue. Laurel has been teaching at Purdue since 1999, and Aaron just started teaching this fall. Both moved here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (where they did their Ph.Ds) a little more than two years ago. Aaron is originally from Brooklyn, New York and Laurel is from Canada.

They said, "We are both thrilled to be living in Historic Centennial neighborhood. It was our first choice for a place to live in the area. We wanted to live here because of its proximity to the university and downtown, and we were particularly attracted to the historic character of the neighborhood. We love our new house, and we look forward to finding more time to fix up the front and back gardens and a few other things. We have also enjoyed getting to know our next door neighbors (the Mosses) and all the other wonderful people living in the community.

*** Jane DeVoss--522 North 5th Street**

Jane DeVoss moved in on Memorial day weekend. She has twin daughters, Megan & Caitlyn, who are seniors at Jeff this year, and a son Beau who is 19. She was born & raised in Lafayette, growing up on 29th Street. Concerning her Lafayette background, she said, "I am very proud to say that my great grandfather was Captain John Mitchell of the Lafayette Fire Department, who was killed in the Dryfus Theater fire so many years ago."

She added, "I absolutely love this neighborhood, I enjoy driving through the area and looking at the beautiful historical buildings.

Somehow it has a calming effect on me and makes me feel like I am at home. I don't think you can pay a higher compliment to a neighborhood and its residents than that! Thank you."

*** Tari Alper-- North 5th Street**

Tari Alper shares her new row house with Lady and Cody (Rescued Shetland Sheepdogs) and Jon and Ayla (Lilac-point Siamese siblings). Tari, a relocation specialist with the Purdue's Spousal Relocation Assistance Program, saw an announcement last October in the Journal and Courier about the new funds available for the development and revitalization of the neighborhood and contacted Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services to discuss possible opportunities to purchase one of the upgraded residences. By mid-April of this year, the new family was happily and safely installed in their new home.

Arrival in this neighborhood is a rather special homecoming for Tari. Dr. Steven Mathers' office, now located at 14th and Union Streets, was the site of her large family's first home in Lafayette. St. Boniface Elementary School and Parish Church were the fulcrum of the family's community interactions and many times travel to the grocery or various events at the school and church required a fair-sized walk through the many streets of the neighborhood. Tari's father worked nights at Alcoa, while her mother stayed at home with six young children, whose entire ages spanned no more than seven years from the eldest to the youngest.

A bustling neighborhood grocery operated where the Trinity Mission Outlet store (12th and Union Streets.) presently exists and a large drugstore was in the place of the new Carpet Store/Church on the corner of 9th and Union Streets across from the Armory. Jefferson High School was a glamorous and thriving building whose windows seemed to shimmer with the after-school beat of the fabulous Elvis Presley. Tari said, "It is amazing to think that a second-grader is so permanently impressionable. Much of the history of the neighborhood is still living, thanks to the efforts of Michael and Phyllis Hunt and the Neighborhood Association. It is a great satisfaction and happiness to be home again."

*** Greg Seiters--516 North 5th Street**

Greg was eager to tell how he feels about his new home: "I've lived in Lafayette all my life. For quite a while, I dreamed of living downtown. Yes, downtown Lafayette: the most exciting area in one of the biggest boom towns in the Midwest. Now, it's a reality. I'm a Brownstoner.

"How did it happen? I have a realtor who believes in me. She would not take no for an answer; sometimes not even from me. Thanks to Alice Abbott at Coldwell Banker/The Shook Agency, I have my first home and I'm loving it. The neighborhood is a delight. There's plenty to do within walking distance, and I was an enthusiastic volunteer at Civic Theatre even before I arrived at my Fifth Street address. I am becoming very attached to strolling down to the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. Already, I'm such a regular some of the vendors expect to see me. Several of my new neighbors can be seen there as well, I have noticed, as well as friends from all over town."

*** Heidi Hines--518 North 5th Street**

According to Heidi, "I grew up just north of here in Brookston and was a member at St. James Lutheran Church. I had been living in Indianapolis since '94. I moved back to Lafayette this summer. My daughter Olivia lives with me; she is four and the joy of my life. She attends St. James Pre-Kindergarten and we both attend church there. This is our first home and we both are in love with the brownstones and the neighborhood." A new addition to the family is Addison, a four-month-old Shetland Sheep Dog.

First Baptist Church has a new Pastor

Since April, Reverend Peggy Jones Nowling has been serving as the new pastor the First Baptist Church (411 North 7th St.), which is affiliated with the American Baptist Church. "Pastor Peg," as some of her parishioners call her, is a native Hoosier. She grew up in Scottsburg, Indiana, and attended Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She moved here from Shaker Heights, Ohio, and before that was Pastor in Rochester, New York. She has two grandchildren: Shae, four, and Jaxon, two. Shae's mother is marrying Reverend Nowling's son in December, and Reverend Nowling will perform the ceremony in Lafayette. Jaxon loves the sanctuary, and has pictures of it in his room. He also likes to look at the organ when he visits.

Reverend Nowling likes serving in an urban area. She would like to build on the community projects that First Baptist has done for many years. In partnership with Lafayette Urban Ministry, First Baptist will continue the "Jubilee Christmas," where the gifts are available so that LUM parents can pick out themselves what their children would like. Reverend Nowling's final quotation typifies her enthusiasm for her urban setting: "I love Lafayette!" Welcome, Pastor Peg!

Sons of Abraham hires a new rabbi

The Sons of Abraham, 661 N. 7th St. have hired Rabbi Michael Rascoe who came to Lafayette from Congregation Am Echod, in Waukegan, Ill. Rabbi Rascoe will spend half of his time here and the other half in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Animal Friend Jan Alford

HCNA wishes to thank Jan Alford and the Loeb House Inn for raising several litters of wonderful kittens that were left on the doorstep by an alley cat and placing them in good homes. In addition, momma cat was captured and spayed, hopefully reducing the number of future litters.

HISTORIC CENTENNIAL NEIGHBORHOOD

Winter
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Appreciation is given to the following members for their financial support by joining the Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association. It is their believing in the

future of the neighborhood, and the efforts currently underway for neighborhood revitalization that makes this so wonderful.

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**HISTORIC CENTENNIAL IS A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS ON THE MOVE.
WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER AND BE A PART OF THE ACTION!**

Membership Dues paid now will be effective through December 31, 2002

Yearly Dues: \$20 Additional donations graciously accepted.
 _____ Resident/Owner
 _____ Friends of Centennial Neighborhood
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 \$10 Additional donations graciously accepted.
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Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Address(es) of property owned in Centennial:

 Phone (Home) _____ (Office) _____
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I am interested in becoming involved as:
 Block Captain _____ Officer in the Association _____ Helper _____
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Mail check and application form to HCNA, 602 N 5th St. 47901