

# HISTORIC CENTENNIAL NEIGHBORHOOD

Winter  
2003



## A Holiday Greeting

As the holidays approach, the Board of the Historic Centennial Neighborhood would like to send best wishes your way. We hope that your holidays will be full of good fun, good cheer, good friends, and good will. May you have a peaceful, happy, and safe holiday season.

## Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association Meeting

You are invited to an open meeting of the Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association on Wednesday, November 19 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Wells Cultural Community Center. Please come to meet your neighbors and to discuss any neighborhood concerns you may have.

## Back Home Again, In Indiana

Angie Palikaris, a new Fifth Street Rowhouse resident, has deep roots in Historic Centennial Neighborhood. Her grandfather and great-uncle owned the Main Hat Shop on Main Street. Angie's grandparents bought the house at 517 Brown in 1929. Her father lived there, and she lived there until she was five years old. Her father graduated from Centennial School and Jefferson High School—both easy walking distance from Brown Street. During the depression, Angie's grandparents used the upstairs bedrooms of the house as a rooming

house. Mostly single men stayed there and paid \$2 a week for their rooms.

Returning to her old neighborhood has been a wonderful experience for Angie, and she credits Phyllis Hunt with letting her know about the Fifth Street Rowhouses and encouraging her to move back to her old neighborhood. Angie is happy to be in the neighborhood, commenting, "It is so good to see the revitalization that is taking place here."

Angie is an academic advisor in the School of Liberal Arts at Purdue University. She has a BA in Sociology, and an MS in Counseling and Personnel Services. She enjoys cooking, traveling, long walks, volunteering, and hunting for antiques, and says that by necessity she is developing an enjoyment of gardening!

## Anna, Boots, and Tiger Join Neighborhood

Anna Marik and her 21-year-old daughter purchased their home on North Fifth Street about a year ago. Anna is an advisor at Purdue, and her daughter is at Ivy Tech working on a degree in respiratory therapy. Although she grew up in Indianapolis, Anna has lived in Lafayette since 1970 when she came to go to Purdue. You might see her now in the early morning walking her black dog, Boots. Boots has to share the limelight with Tiger (Anna's geriatric cat).

Anna has a special interest in recovery and addictions. In fact, she is working on starting her own not-for-profit counseling business. Right now she has three clients that she helps pair up with retired people. This teamwork approach helps her patients, as they help the elderly people with yard work, and so forth, but it simultaneously provides a need to the people they are helping.

Anna's house is a duplex. She rents out the one-bedroom part of the house to Dennis, another new neighbor.

Anna enjoys gardening and reading. Welcome to the neighborhood, Anna!

### Catherine Hill Joins our Neighborhood

Catherine Hill is a new professor in Entomology at Purdue. Originally from Australia, where she lived for 26 years, she recently moved into the rowhouse at 606 N. Fifth from South Bend, where she was a professor at Notre Dame. Prior to that, she worked for Eli Lilly in the Drug Discovery area.

Catherine's expertise is medical entomology; she is most interested in insects that spread diseases to humans (diseases like malaria and West Nile virus, for example).

Jeanne Romero-Severson, a former member of the neighborhood told Catherine about Historic Centennial Neighborhood, and Catherine was interested because she was looking for something more cosmopolitan than the suburbs.

Catherine enjoys international travel, biking, hiking, yoga, and ballet. You may see her fluffy white cat, "Kitty" in her window doing what cats do best—running the household!

Welcome to Historic Centennial Neighborhood, Catherine!

### Walking Tour Brochure Planned

In order to attract more people to our historic neighborhood, we are working on a brochure that will be a walking tour of our neighborhood, highlighting the buildings that have received a Wabash Valley Trust Historic Plaque. Our Purdue intern, Abbie Kasper, has busily been taking photos and writing copy. She also wrote a grant to Purdue's Office of Engagement that has awarded \$525 so that the brochure can be printed.

### Call for Story Ideas

Do you have an interesting idea for a story for the newsletter? Are you a new resident we could introduce? If you have any ideas or announcements that are appropriate for our publication, please call Phyllis Hunt, the president of Historic Centennial Neighborhood at 742-6704.

### Historic Centennial Brochure Printed

Included with this newsletter you will find a brochure that tells some of the important things about our neighborhood. It was produced with help from a Purdue intern (Rhonda Colby), Todd Helfter, Barbara Dixon and Phyllis and Michael Hunt. This publication was funded from a grant from the Wabash Valley Trust, with lots of hands-on help from Lafayette Printing.

The brochure has already been the subject of presentations to the real estate associates. The purpose of the brochure and of these presentations is to let people know about the good things going on in our neighborhood and to attract possible residents. Please share the brochure with your friends. If you would like some extras, please call Michael or Phyllis Hunt at 742-6704.

### Hollyhocks and Homes

Centennial Neighbors have been thinking about an identity—and a festival that would bring the community into our nice neighborhood. We have an idea that would come to fruition in June of 2005. This spring we plan to distribute hollyhock seeds with our newsletter. Would you be willing to find a spot in your yard to plant some hollyhocks? Imagine how striking it would be to have hollyhocks all over our neighborhood in bloom in time for a walking tour of our historic homes!

Hollyhocks do not take a lot of care. They are biennials, which means, they bloom every other year. They drop seeds at the end of the year, so you should have flowers every year. Think about a sunny spot for this coming spring and plan for "Hollyhocks and Homes" in June 2005.

HCNA appreciates Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. for their assistance duplicating this newsletter.

### Ordinances Make Neighborhood Livable

Residents of HCNA can be appreciative of several city ordinances, which are intended to make neighborhoods more pleasant places to live:

**Garbage:** Trash cans should not be left out for collection until the night before, and should be retrieved by the following evening.

**Noise:** Lafayette has a noise ordinance prohibiting residents from playing music loud enough to irritate neighbors.

**Dog walking:** A leash law prohibits owners from letting their dogs run loose. When taking walks, owners must clean up after their dogs.

**Rentals:** No more than three unrelated persons may live in an apartment or house. Owners of rental properties are responsible for assuring that their properties meet safety regulations.

Those with concerns relating to these ordinances may call the Police Department at 476-4045 or the City Engineer at 476-4471.

### Midwest Party Rentals Turns 50

Midwest Party Rentals, located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Cincinnati and Brown Streets, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The company was opened in 1953 by James P. Schafer with Chuck Selby, an army friend, as a general rental outlet—one of the first in the country. A year later Selby sold his part of the business to three of Schafer's relatives. The business has been family owned and operated ever since. After Schafer died in 2000, his wife Ruth and two daughters, Nancy Stacy and Karen O'Leary, took over the business.

For many years Midwest Rentals handled tools, light construction equipment, and medical appliances as well as party equipment. Only relatively recently has its inventory focused only on party equipment. The company also has a division, located elsewhere that has rented portable toilet facilities since the late 1970s.

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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 them so wonderful! For questions concerning membership status, please contact Dick Nagel, HCNA Treasurer, at 420-7737.

Agnew, Chris	Hoffman, Aaron	Reiss Johnson Properties
Rev. Tim Alkire; St. Boniface Church	Hovey, Dorothy	Rinehart, Jane
Arriaga, Ximena	Hunt, Phyllis and Michael O.	Rohrer, John
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Brown, Beth	Kiefer, Marianne	St. Johns Episcopal Church
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Bundy McNear Insurance Agency	Lahr, David & Sandy	Seiters, Gregory G.
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Dickman, Elmer	Mehring, Gretchen	Trinity United Methodist Church
Dixon, Barbara and Paul	Mertz, Bob	Uerkwitz, William & Phyllis
First Baptist Church	Micon, Joe; Lafayette Urban Ministries	Vernon, Randy & Kathy
First Christian Church	Midwest Party Rentals	Wagoner, Ed and Nancy
Frescas, Stewart	Mork, Elizabeth	Wang, Thomas
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Gerhart, Shirley and Jack	Phillips, Van and Linda	Weldon, Laurel
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GTM Automotive (Tom Miller)	Reason, Rob	Wilkinson, Don & Cris
Helfter, Anne and Todd	Reed, Doug	YWCA

**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, 2004

Yearly Dues:	\$20	
_____ Neighborhood Resident Owner		\$20
_____ Neighborhood Resident Renter		\$10
_____ Friends of Centennial Neighborhood		\$20
_____ Business/Organization/Landlord		\$20

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of property owned in Centennial:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in becoming involved as:

Block Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Officer in the Association \_\_\_\_\_ Helper \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Donations are graciously accepted.

Please mail your check and this form to HCNA, 602 N 5<sup>th</sup> St. 47901