



# ISLAND HOME PARK NEIGHBOR

March 2022

The Island Home Park Neighborhood Association



## Dogwood Arts Trail

**Nancy Campbell, Dogwood Arts Trails Chair**

Spring is finally around the corner! The Dogwood Arts **Island Home Trail** will be one of three featured South Knoxville Trails this spring - along with **Lakemoor Hills** and **Chapman Highway**. A few special events will take place in April to celebrate the trails and gardens in South Knoxville.

In addition to our short but lovely trail through Island Home Park, four neighborhood gardens will be Camera Sites. The Stanley and Wrisberg homes on Spence Place and the Archer and Bouchard-Dean homes on Island Home Boulevard will be recognized for their garden beauty. The Stanley home next to Stanley's Greenhouse on Davenport Rd. is listed with our trail, too. A

Camera Site and Open Garden are adjacent to the historic home on the greenhouse property.

Ours is a very popular Dogwood Arts trail with an estimated 5,000 visitors. Let's all try to keep our gardens spruced up during April and remember visitors are admiring our homes and gardens the entire month. Short on blooming trees and shrubs? The addition of pots or beds of colorful annuals can make any home look like spring.

**Per the City of Knoxville – brush and leaves should NOT be placed in the median (in our case the Boulevard) or on other public property.**

## IHPNA Membership

**Cait McGehee**

As a neighbor in Island Home, we get to enjoy so many wonderful things. From the blossoming garden at trolley island, the upcoming Easter egg hunt, summer porch hops, newsletters and directories, pillars marking the neighborhood entrances, and so much more. This is all possible thanks to your annual dues and contributions.

Dues for 2022 are being collected now. They are **\$15 per household (\$10 for seniors 65+)** with the opportunity to contribute additional amounts to areas you are passionate about. The early bird deadline is **April 5th**--turn in your completed insert and payment by then and you'll be entered to win a gift certificate from one of these local businesses: **Stanley's Greenhouse, South Coast Pizza, Red Bud Kitchen**. Don't forget:

- 1- Complete the inserted form. Information shared will be used for this year's directory.
- 2- Make your payment via cash, check, online, or @venmo account.
- 3- Turn your completed form + dues\* in by **April 5** to be entered to win a gift certificate!

\*Dues can be mailed or hand-delivered to 2032 Island Home Blvd. Look for the box on the porch. If paid online, send a picture of your completed form to: marywiginton06@comcast.net

Dues and contributions are voluntary, but with your support, the neighborhood will continue to be a place where beauty and fun is celebrated in every season.

## Memorial Wreaths

**Margaret Webb**

The Island Home Park Memorial Wreath Fund was once again a huge success! This year our new theme was “Remembering the past as we illuminate the future.” This is because we are now putting any extra money over the basic needs of the fund towards a new goal for our neighborhood, which is to purchase lighting for the new pillars at the top of Fisher Place.

Much of the generous response this year was due to many giving over and above to not only support the memorial wreaths, but to help towards the lighting project.

A huge thank you goes to all that helped with the delivery of the Memorial Wreath Booklets so that every home would have a lovely keepsake with names of those we want to honor and remember. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come and to be able to provide the wreaths and booklets as well as to help make the additional lighting a reality.



## City to Study Speeding

**Along Portion of Maplewood Drive and Spence Place**

**Bill Hahnemann**

In our Island Home Park neighborhood the combined Maplewood Drive/Spence Place roads comprise the most direct access to Island Home Park, Will Skelton Greenway and Downtown Knoxville Airport. As such, it has for some time been the most heavily traveled thoroughfare in our neighborhood. With the now ever increasing popularity and growth in and around our immediate neighborhood and South Knoxville in general, there has been a consequential increase in vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic that is evident on a daily basis to those residing along the Maplewood Drive segment and Spence Place.

While speeding vehicles have always been a problematic characteristic of this traffic, the growing traffic volume has made the problem even more concerning and more intolerable. Simply stated, it has become a tangible threat to the personal safety of many residents and visitors, young and old, who drive, bike or walk along this roadway.

To address this concern, Board members representing the affected Maplewood and Spence Place neighbors and led by Joni Morabito, have submitted a petition to the City qualifying for a traffic study of the roads for the purpose of determining if appropriate traffic calming measures (speed humps, signage, etc.) are warranted. The study is expected to commence in the near term.

## SKNBC News

**Lisa Horn**

The Kern's building is at a stand still with development due to expensive infrastructure repairs and the lack of a large company to lease a portion of the building.

Baker Creek Commons has two thirds of its space leased for future use. It is lacking a tenant(s) for one of the buildings. Renovations have started.

South Haven – Working on bus stand at Round Up.  
Lindbergh Forest – Meeting with City about Chamberlin Blvd Privacy Project.

Lake Forest – Received grant money for a series of events – movie night, gatherings, for purpose of membership growth.

South Woodlawn – Working to have Sam Duff Park designated as arboretum. Elmington Group (Young High Flats developer) will clear invasives and undergrowth at wooded area of park.

Vestal – Gateway park clean up, trees planted, Ijams hosting a weed wrangle at Mary Vestal Park  
SKNBC was provided with information for those that are need of housing assistance for renters financially impacted during COVID-19 pandemic, for homeowners in need of minor or major home repairs, senior help and the homeless. Below are links for more information:

[KNOXHOUSINGASSISTANCE.ORG](http://KNOXHOUSINGASSISTANCE.ORG)  
[WWW.KNOXCAC.ORG](http://WWW.KNOXCAC.ORG)

# Holiday Cheer

**Gary D. Anderson**

**Photos: Jeanette Bouchard**

If you traveled down Island Home Boulevard on the evening of December 11, you couldn't fail to notice that there was a party going on at the homes of Jeanette Bouchard and Lance Dean at # 2128, and Cindy and Chris Moore and Cindy's mother, Mary Jane Simmons at # 2038. Their homes were open and welcoming to a large number of our neighbors that were out celebrating the holiday season.

Guests were directed to first go to Jeanette and Lance's home where we were treated to a table of delicious hors d'oeuvres that drew a steady stream of folks circling the table. A platter of ham and cheese sliders was a popular stop on the circuit as well as the artichoke dip. But before all of that I noticed almost everyone first headed for the kitchen. From the sound of voices that seemed to be a place to go, and that is where a huge bowl of wassail was found. 'Tis the season for wassail as well as wine and assorted beers, which led to folks spreading out in small clusters of conversation. It was a good time to catch up with neighbors that we hadn't seen in a while, but even more importantly, it was an excellent opportunity to meet newer neighbors that we had not had a chance to meet.

About halfway through our time Jessica announced we should move down the street to the Moore's. Their house and lawn was beautifully decorated and so warm and welcoming. They had a wonderful assortment of desserts spread out, and Chris was kept busy serving up delicious Cruze Farm eggnog with "ALL the trimmings". Cindy's mother, Mary Jean, lives in the delightful little cottage behind the house, which is fitting for such a delightful person.

We can't thank these families enough for opening their homes to the neighborhood, and allowing us to get our holiday season off to festive start.



*(Left to right): Mike Rodocker, Grant Barton, Nancy Campbell*



*(Left to right): Laura Barton, Nancy Campbell, Mary Wiginton, Carolyn Williams, Wayne Williams, Grant Barton*



*(Left to right): Gavin Baker, Grant Barton*



*(Left to right): Gavin Baker, Jessica Rodocker, Matt Park, John Withers*



*(Left to right): Jessica Rodocker, Laura Barton, Naomi Baker*

## Helping Hands Fund

It's common for Island Home Park residents to organize assistance for neighbors in need, but did you know that our neighborhood also has a Helping Hands Fund set aside for the same reason? If you or a neighbor are facing a hardship that could be helped by this program, contact the Board of Governors to learn more.

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

**David and Lisa Tennyson, Spence Place** The Tennysons moved from Winston Salem, NC in December 2020. They were eager to get closer to family in Oak Ridge and Friendsville. After an internet search to find the best neighborhood in Knoxville, they fortunately landed in Island Home Park. The Tennysons have 3 daughters, 2 grandsons and a cat. They love to play cards and to explore the area.

**John and Ann Withers, Island Home Boulevard** John is a mostly retired Emergency Room physician and Ann is a registered nurse. They moved to Knoxville to be closer to family members (including 3 amazing grandkids) and to be nearer the mountains. The Withers love hiking, biking, paddle boarding, kayaking, listening to live music and drinking great local beer. They are thrilled to call Island Home Park their home.

## IN MEMORIAM

Our thoughts and condolences are with the families of:

**Eula Mae Holliday**, Maplewood Drive, passed away June 12. We extend our condolences to her children and grandchildren, including IHP neighbor Bryan D. Watson.

**Helen Strong "Patsy" Gilbert**, Island Home Boulevard, passed away on August 30. Patsy's deep connections with Island Home Park began when her grandmother moved here to teach at Tennessee School for the Deaf in the 1920's. Although 5 generations of her family have lived in our neighborhood, Patsy also made her home all over the world as an adult before retiring to IHP. Our condolences to her husband Vernon "Tommy" Gilbert, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, including neighbors Nancy, daughter, and Jon Bandy.

**Bobby D. Tipton**, Spence Place, passed away October 1. We extend our condolences to his wife Sheba Tipton, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, including neighbors Tim Tipton, son, grandson Josh and Michelle Tipton, and great-grandsons Addison and Bjorn.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Book Club

Monday, April 4

Jeanette Bouchard home

**Hamnet** by Maggie O'Farrell

IHP Book Club meets monthly to discuss terrific fiction and nonfiction books selected by our members. Meetings offer interesting discussion and fellowship for neighbors and are held on the first Monday of the month at a location (usually) in the neighborhood. Contact Jeannette Bouchard ([bo-deans@comcast.net](mailto:bo-deans@comcast.net)) to be added to the email list for future meetings!

### Dogwood Arts Trail

(Pink Line Trail through Neighborhood)

April 1 - April 30

### IHPNA Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 6

### Neighborhood Egg Hunt

TBA

Visit our website at [ihpna.net](http://ihpna.net). Send news to Clare Borsari, [cborsari@vols.utk.edu](mailto:cborsari@vols.utk.edu)

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