

Island Home Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting – October 14, 2025

South Coast Pizza

The Island Home Park Neighborhood Association held its Annual Meeting at South Coast Pizza on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. 42 people attended the event.

South Coast Pizzas were bought by the association and enjoyed by the people in attendance. Food and fellowship began at 6pm and Matt Park, President, began the meeting at 6:30pm.

Minutes – Jeanne Fair, Secretary, reminded people all the approved minutes from the board meetings can be found on our website – www.islandhomepark.community. Ally Ketron did a wonderful job in getting our new website set-up and keeping it updated. Many thanks to her for all her time and effort.

Board Members' Information – Please write your email address on the Board Member list if you are new to the board or to former members if you have a change. This is the address we will use to send out information.

Christmas Wreath Memorial Fund – Jeanne explained about the 7-year tradition of the Christmas Wreath Memorial Fund and booklet. This is by donation – there is no set amount to give. In the past, people have given “In Memory of” or “In Honor of”. The past booklets were on display. The booklets are delivered to all households the week before Christmas regardless if you donated or not. It is a wonderful way to remember family, friends and neighbors..

Margaret Webb, Chairperson of this project, will be sending out the forms through our neighborhood email, main@ihpna.groups.io and forms will be in the box on Mary Wiginton's front porch, 2032 Island Home Blvd. Checks can be left in the box with the completed forms.

Mary Wiginton – Treasurer – Mary explained the dues are \$15/household and \$10/ Senior Citizen household. Many people donate extra to specific events or to the General Fund. If you use VENMO to pay, PLEASE be sure your name and address and where you want any extra money to go. It takes a lot of time to track down where the dues come from through the VENMO system.

Special Line Items in the budget: Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Picnic, Christmas Party, Christmas Tree Lighting, Beautification, Porch Hops, South Knoxville Elementary School, Helping Hands and General Fund.

** We currently have 111 households that have paid dues.

Nancy Campbell – Dogwood Arts Trail representative for Island Home Park

Nancy explained to the new residents and as a reminder to all the Dogwood Arts has the Bazillion Blooms happening to “keep Knoxville blooming”. You can purchase bare-root dogwood trees (2-4 feet) - 1-4 trees/\$25 each and 5+ trees/\$20 each. You can donate in Memory of or In Honor of to the Historic Dogwood Trails. These are \$35 and include a commemorative card mailed to the recipient of your choice. Fall and Winter are the best times to plant the dogwoods.

Trees ordered through November 19, 2025, can be picked up from the Dogwood Arts Office on Friday, December 5th from 10am -5pm and Saturday, December 6th from 9am – 1pm.

Nancy also mentioned we are one of the Dogwood Trails which will open in April. More information will be sent out.

Knoxville Police Department – Officer John Morgan, the Central District CPO, was unable to attend our meeting but he did send two officers to attend. The officers explained they are always available if you have a concern and do not hesitate to call 911 if you feel there is an emergency, or you feel unsafe. In most cases, the main concerns of the area neighborhoods are speeding and the homeless people in the parks, greenways and sidewalks. KPD is working on this with the city. When they asked if we had any specific concerns, there were none expressed which is a good thing. The officers said they will be patrolling the neighborhood during Halloween night.

Officer Morgan attends our board meetings and can be reached at:

Officer John Morgan – jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov

Pillar Lights – Bill Hahnemann

Bill reported he is continuing his search for lights to add to our new pillars located at the Island Home Avenue/Fisher entrance to the neighborhood. These pillars do not have power so the lights will need to be solar. He is hoping to find lights that are large enough and a close match to the lights at the entrance. This has been a slow process, but it seems technology is slowly catching up.

Nancy Campbell added these pillars were bought and built by the neighborhood. There were grants and fundraisers to get enough money to make this possible. We are proud of these pillars and the beauty they add to the top entrance.

Currently we have \$5000+ in the Pillar Fund to cover the cost of the lights and the installation. Any extra money from the Memorial Christmas Wreath Fund is put into the pillar fund.

Kara Finger – City of Knoxville

Kara Finger, Deputy Policy Officer from the City of Knoxville, spoke about the proposed Tax Increase that is on the ballot. She shared information about where the money would be allocated and talked about how affordable housing is funded and managed. She also shared about Five-Year Neighborhood Investments for District 1 including Sidewalks, Park, Greenways and Facilities. Although there is nothing specific for Island Home Park, there will be improvements all around us. This information can be found at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/LocalOption.

Elections – Nancy Campbell

Nancy Campbell and Lisa Horn were the Chairs of the Nominating Committee. It was decided that the officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will remain in office for another year. These offices will be up for election next September at the General Meeting.

The new slate of Board Members was presented. A motion to approved passed. CB/JB.

Alec Antonelli – Maplewood West

Clare Borsari – At-Large

Jeannette Bouchard – IHB South

Katie Graham – Spence Place West

Lisa Horn – Fisher, Watson, Willis

Christie Kennedy – Maplewood East

Debbie Malone – IHB North

Cobren Rochat – Hillsboro Heights

Stewart Smith – Spence Place East

Jim Staub – At-Large

Halloween – Matt Park

Although the neighborhood association does not do anything “officially” for Halloween it is still a fun and crazy experience so new neighbors beware! Ghosts and goblins will be arriving around 4:30pm. Most people turn off their porch lights around 8:30pm or when their candy runs out. Be prepared for around 1600 trick or treaters especially since it will fall on a Friday night.

