

# FLOWER POWER

NOVEMBER 2008

LITTLE FLOWER  
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## November 18th Meeting Speaker

Our speaker this month will be Nancie Cloe, Nuisance Abatement Coordinator in the Indianapolis Division of Community Development. This department underwrites community and housing related projects like the Unsafe Buildings Program.

The program's goal is to remove potential hazards of vacant and unsafe structures while compelling property owners to repair and properly maintain structures.

To report an unsafe building, contact the Health and Hospital Corporation at 317-221-2143.



## Garden Club Meeting

Join the Little Flower Garden Club for its next meeting Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the St. Therese Room on the main floor of the Little Flower Parish Center. This will primarily be an organizational and planning meeting to brainstorm ideas for speakers and projects in 2009.

For more information about the club, to find links to gardening resources and to connect with other club members, visit the Little Flower Garden Club web site at [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/littleflowergardenclub](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/littleflowergardenclub).

While you're there, please vote to help us determine the 2009 meeting dates. You do not have to have a Yahoo email account to access this page. We hope to see you on Dec. 6!

## Spotlight on ...

### Volunteers!

#### ***Making a difference in the neighborhood!***

I would like to take the time to thank Tom Sisson for his volunteer work in our neighborhood.

Tom regularly helps the LFNA Board during neighborhood meetings by arriving early, bringing refreshments and staying late to help.

Whenever we have a special event such as a tree planting or neighborhood cleanup, Tom is always there to lend a hand. He volunteers time and energy in keeping our adopted IndyGo bus shelters clean and free of trash.

Tom also works with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful in a trash abatement program on his street and actively participates in area meetings.

Thanks for all your help Tom!

Send me an email if you would like to shed the spotlight on a neighbor who makes a difference.

Morris Schefcik  
President, LFNA  
[mschefcik@littleflowerneighborhood.com](mailto:mschefcik@littleflowerneighborhood.com)



## Neighborhood Meeting Change of Venue

The LFNA meeting is moving! The next neighborhood meeting on Nov. 18 will be held in the Little Flower School cafeteria. This larger space will help accommodate the growing number of neighbors who attend.

The cafeteria is located below the gym. Enter through the north doors and take the stairs down one level. There will be signs and people posted to direct you and to remind you that the meeting has moved.



***Follow the signs  
to our new  
meeting  
location!***

Also, in response to the great outpouring of speakers and concerned neighbors, this meeting will be structured differently.

The last twenty minutes will be set aside as an open forum for attendees to bring up additional concerns, feedback and information that they want discussed.

We want all our neighbors to have the opportunity to offer their ideas to the group without interrupting the announced speakers. You will be asked to limit comments to two minutes per person during the open forum.

If you wish to be a speaker or know someone appropriate who is willing to speak at the meeting, please contact a Board member beforehand so it can be scheduled prior to the forum.

# between newsletters, visit [www](http://www.littleflowerneighborhood.com)

## Leaf Disposal Schedule

Leaves are beginning to turn throughout Indianapolis, and that means soon they will be covering the ground.

The city has announced that the 2008 Leaf Disposal Season will run from Monday, Nov. 10 through Friday, Dec. 5. During this time, the city will run an additional trash pick-up just for leaves.

Residents may set out up to 30 bags of leaves per week in addition to their regular trash.

Please place leaves in the same location as you put out trash (curb or alley), but keep the bags of leaves three to five feet away from trash. Leaves in a can do not come out easily, so they should not be placed loose in cans.

Leaves and trash will be collected separately. If you notice that only the leaves have been picked up, the trash will be picked up by a separate truck before the day is over (or vice versa).

Leaves collected during this special pick-up schedule are taken to Southside Landfill where they are turned into compost. The compost is made available to

Indianapolis residents at no charge.

Please call Southside Landfill at 317-247-6808

for information about the availability of compost.

## Deck the Halls - and the Yards and Porches!



This holiday season, LFNA will hold its first ever Holiday Decorating Contest! Release your inner Griswold and overload your house with beautiful lights and tasteful tinsel in celebration of the season.

There are no criteria for entering. Just decorate the exterior of your house and make it stand out!

Decorations will be judged the week before Christmas by the LFNA Board. Winners will be announced in the January newsletter.

The first place winner will receive \$150 in gift cards to local restaurants, and the runner up will receive \$50 in gift cards.

## Homes with Histories

We want your stories! Send facts or photos representing Little Flower Neighborhood throughout the years to [erawlinson@littleflowerneighborhood.com](mailto:erawlinson@littleflowerneighborhood.com) for inclusion in a new web site / newsletter section.



Little Flower School, 1926, W. H. Bass Photo Company Collection  
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## Movie Night Success

The LFNA Movie night was a great success! Thanks to all the neighbors who came out to view movies under the stars, and special thanks to Little Flower Parish for letting us use their property.

Another big thanks should be extended to Randy Peek at Ovation Audio and Video Experts for setting up the movie for us!

Because of the good response, look for more movie nights to come next summer. We are hoping to coordinate movies nights with music, dinner, garden walks or other neighborhood events.

We look forward to seeing you then!





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## Heavy Trash Pick-up

Trash items that are too heavy or too large to fit in your waste cans can be placed on the curb once each month for a separate heavy trash pick-up.

Little Flower has two pick-up dates as designated on the map below. Residents east of Chester St. should set items out on the fourth Thursday of each month while those west of Chester St. should set them out on the third Tuesday. Please observe these dates so that trash is not sitting out for long periods of time.

### HEAVY TRASH DAY

-  FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
-  THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

## New Bike Lanes

Bikers and green-commuters recently rejoiced when Mayor Greg Ballard introduced a major bike lane project. The new routes run near Little Flower on New York St. and Michigan St. between downtown and Emerson Ave.

This is part of an overhaul of the Indianapolis Greenway trails that will incorporate the new Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

Gas prices are dropping, but biking is still a great alternative. It's good for your wallet, your body and the environment. Look for the lanes to be painted immediately, and remember to ride and drive safely!

## Student Walk-a-Thon

St. Therese Little Flower School held its annual Walk-a-Thon last month on Oct. 1.

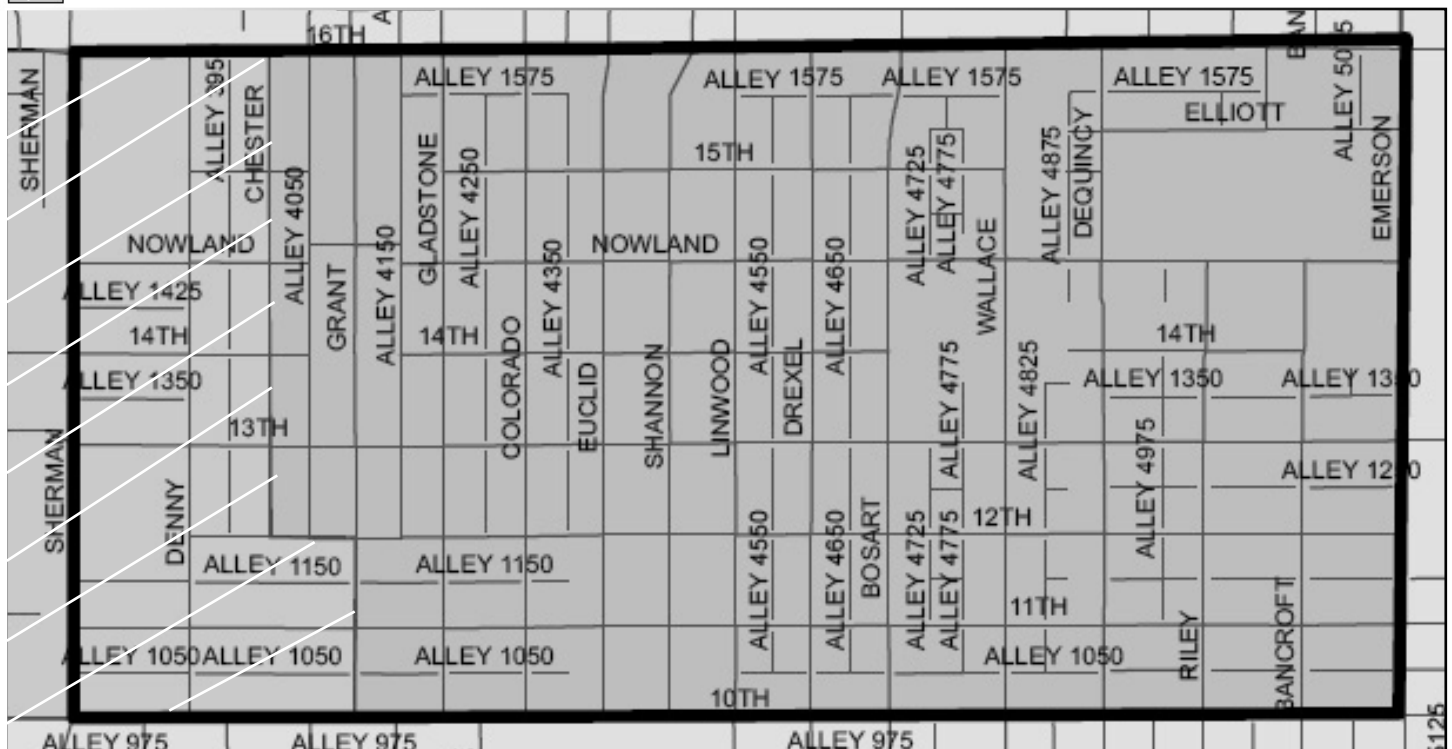


Students walked laps through Little Flower Neighborhood and to Scecina Memorial High School to raise funds for fieldtrips, assemblies and other class activities.

Teams of four students each competed to complete the most laps.

While it was very close the Blue team won with 759 laps. The students as a whole walked almost 3,000 laps to raise funds.

Congratulations everyone!



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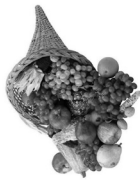
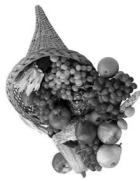


# Get in the Spirit of the Season!

*Holiday events & volunteer opportunities to make you feel warm inside*



Find details at the [www.indy.org](http://www.indy.org) "Events Calendar," [www.littleflowerneighborhood.com](http://www.littleflowerneighborhood.com), or [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Nov</b> Indianapolis Colts vs Houston Texans at home, 1pm	17 Heavy Trash Pick-up (West of Chester) <b>LFNA Meeting</b> , 7pm	18 Heavy Trash Pick-up (West of Chester) <b>LFNA Meeting</b> , 7pm	19 Northeast District Task Force Meeting, 6:30pm, 317-327-6267	20 Thanksgiving Day 	21 Benton House Christmas Bazaar, 10am - 3 pm	22 Benton House Christmas Bazaar, 10am - 3 pm
23 Indianapolis Colts at San Diego Chargers, 8:15pm	24 Yoga at the Boner Center, Tuesdays at 6pm	25 Yoga at the Boner Center, Tuesdays at 6pm	26 Garfield Park Conservatory, Holiday Decor and Model Train, Nov 29 - Dec 28	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28 Delayed Heavy Trash Pick-up (East of Chester) Circle of Lights Tree Lighting, Monument Circle	29 Public Ice Skating, Ellenberger Park Ice Rink, Saturdays, 6 - 9:30pm
30 Indianapolis Colts at Cleveland Browns, 1pm	<b>Dec</b>	2 Garfield Park Conservatory, Holiday Decor and Model Train, Nov 29 - Dec 28	3 Garfield Park Conservatory, Holiday Decor and Model Train, Nov 29 - Dec 28	4 Garfield Park Conservatory, Holiday Decor and Model Train, Nov 29 - Dec 28	5 2008 Leaf Disposal Season Nov 10 - Dec 5	6 Little Flower Garden Club Meeting, 10am
7 Indianapolis Colts vs Cincinnati Bengals at home, 1pm	8 12 Free Days of Christmas: Indy Wine Trail	9 Heavy Trash Pick-up (West of Chester)	10 12 Free Days of Christmas: Morris-Butler House	11 Indianapolis Colts at Jacksonville Jaguars, 8:15pm	12 12 Free Days of Christmas: Indiana Historical Society	13 Garfield Park Holiday Family Day, FREE
14 Indianapolis Colts vs Detroit Lions at home, 1pm	15 12 Free Days of Christmas: Indy Wine Trail	16 Heavy Trash Pick-up (West of Chester)	17 12 Free Days of Christmas: Morris-Butler House	18 Indianapolis Colts at Jacksonville Jaguars, 8:15pm	19 12 Free Days of Christmas: Indiana Historical Society	20 12 Free Days of Christmas: Indiana Medical History Museum

## Volunteers of America of Indiana

Holiday Toy Donation Volunteers are needed to collect gifts for children with parents transitioning out of the criminal justice system. 317-224-2616

## Indianapolis Symphony Store

Volunteer opportunities are available at most Yuletide and Coffee concerts during the holiday season, and volunteers receive free admission to the concert and other benefits during their shift. 317-231-6755



## Salvation Army Social Services


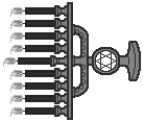



Help is needed preparing and serving food to the residents at the Social Services Center for abused and homeless women and children.  
317-224-1010

## Salvation Army Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army Indiana Division seeks Bell Ringers from Nov. 20 - Dec. 23 to raise funds for various outreach programs.  
1-800-589-1037

## Flu Shots

Visiting Nurse Services, Inc. is recruiting volunteers to provide non-medical support to nurses during clinics. Volunteers receive a free flu shot.  
317-722-8299

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
21 12 Free Days of Christmas: Eiteljorg Museum	22 Hanukkah begins 12 Free Days of Christmas: Indiana State Museum	23 12 Free Days of Christmas: free desserts at participating downtown restaurants	24 Christmas Eve 12 Free Days of Christmas: The Children's Museum	25 Christmas Day 	26 Delayed Heavy Trash Pick-up (East of Chester)	27
28 Indianapolis Colts vs Tennessee Titans at home, 1pm	29 	30	31 New Year's Eve	<b>Jan</b> New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Snow Park at Major Taylor Velodrome, Nov 15 - Mar 1	8	9	10 
11	12 	13	14	15	16 Indianapolis Ice vs Chicago Steel, Pepsi Coliseum, 7:30pm	17 Indianapolis Ice vs Green Bay Gamblers, Pepsi Coliseum, 7:30pm
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day "Keep the Dream Alive," Madame Walker Theatre	20 Heavy Trash Pick-up (West of Chester) <b>LFNA Meeting</b> , 7pm	21	22	23 	24

## Important Phone Numbers

### Community Prosecution

Prosecutor 327-6233  
Paralegal 327-6258  
Narcotics Eviction Program 327-1406  
Neighborhood Impact Statement 327-8500  
Intake 327-8500

### Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Front Desk 327-6200  
Suspected Drug Dealing 327-DOPE  
Neighborhood Criminal Activity 327-6282  
Community Relations Officer 327-6267  
Crime Watch Specialist 327-6265

### Mayor's Action Center

Abandoned Vehicles 327-4MAC  
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Illegal Dumping 327-4MAC  
File online reports at:  
[www.indygov.org/mac](http://www.indygov.org/mac)

## Reutz Review

By Jeff Reuter

Featuring the Little Flower scale of 5 petals



### Yoga at the Boner Center

I recently had the privilege to experience a yoga class - something I had never done before, so it's hard to rate it on the petal scale in this review. What I can tell you - Shannon Abbott gave me one heck of a workout!

I feel I am in pretty good shape from working out three to four times per week, but after yoga class I went to the gym and had just about the best workout ever. It had to be because I had spent an hour stretching prior to my gym workout. I had no idea that I could work up a sweat doing yoga or that I would feel this positive about it. What a great experience!

If you're interested in taking classes, they are located in the John H. Boner Community Center at 2236 E. 10th St., and they meet on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

For more information check out Shannon's blog at [www.shannonabbottyyoga.blogspot.com](http://www.shannonabbottyyoga.blogspot.com)



### New Little Flower Home

A pair of Little Flower residents recently sold their side yard lot to Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat volunteers began work on this home in October at 1337 N. Bancroft. We hope everyone will join us in welcoming our new neighbor!

### Dream Weavers Hearing Postponed

Little Flower Neighborhood Association would like to thank everyone who has supported our community by attending hearings and writing letters. By working together, we CAN make a difference.

The Alcohol and Tobacco Commission has postponed (vacated) the appeal hearing to give us a little more time to work out a settlement to close the bar permanently. Rest assured that the representatives of Little Flower and Emerson Heights neighborhood organizations are committed to obtaining a non-negotiable date that the bar will be permanently closed.

We want to ensure that the bar will not be able to open under another name or relocate anywhere in our area. Negotiations are proceeding rapidly, and we hope to have a signed agreement very shortly.

Log on to the web site for additional updates as they occur: [www.littleflowerneighborhood.com](http://www.littleflowerneighborhood.com).



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# LFNA MEMBERSHIP

Become an active member of the Little Flower Neighborhood Association!

Your donation of time and financial support will help us achieve our annual goals:

- Accomplish tree plantings on two streets
- Create a neighborhood crime watch
- Publish and distribute six annual newsletters
- Perform at least one annual neighborhood clean-up
- Coordinate an annual neighborhood-wide garage sale
- Grow our Little Flower Garden Club
- Continue development of our web site
- Build relationships and act as neighborhood representatives with local government officials, police, community organizations, churches, schools and businesses
- Promote and market a positive image campaign for our neighborhood

To become a dues-paying member of LFNA, mail your check payable to:

Little Flower Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 11639  
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### Membership Levels:

- Patron - \$100 / year
- Benefactor - \$52 / year
- Good Neighbor - \$24 / year
- Friend - \$12 / year

We're happy to list our current membership roster. The date next to each name reflects the month and year in which your dues will expire so you'll know when they should be mailed.

### Patrons

Mary Catherine Barton 8/09  
Danny & Bridgit Finn 8/09  
Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale & Frank Smith 3/09  
Mike Sanders 3/09  
J Clydes 11/09

### Benefactors

Bryan & Angie Conn 3/09  
Dennis & Jane Cuppy 6/09  
Joshua Driver 6/09  
Deirdre Endsley 8/09  
Victoria Gibson 2/09  
Ken Rottet 11/09  
Morris Schefcik 3/09  
Shi-Kay Lounge 1/09  
Dale Sommers 4/09  
Andy & Heather Teets 3/09

### Good Neighbors

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**Renting in Little Flower?**

Now is a great time to buy, but the process can be overwhelming, confusing or even risky. Check out the Indianapolis Housing Neighborhood Partnership, a great one-stop shop for home-buying help, at [www.inhp.org](http://www.inhp.org).

**Little Flower Signs**

Show your neighborhood spirit by displaying a Little Flower sign



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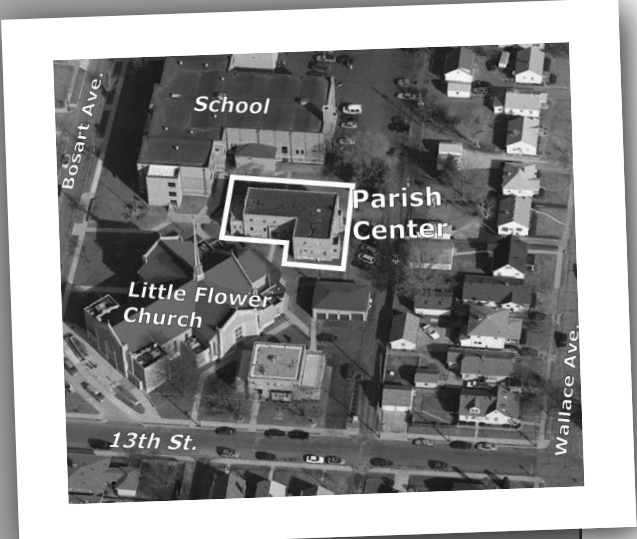
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Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:**

This month's NEW meeting location is in the Little Flower School cafeteria, on the lower level under the gym. Use the north door entrance, and take the stairs down one level. There will be signs and people posted to help guide you.

**2009 Meeting Dates:**

Jan. 20	July 21
Mar. 17	Sept. 15
May 19	Nov. 17



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