

News Letter

Benjamin Crossing

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The first Benjamin Crossing News Letter There was no input from the community as a whole but, two area businesses inquired about advertising space.

The News Letter will now be scheduled quarterly rather than a monthly basis.

We continue to seek content for the News Letter. Should you wish to submit information or ideas send them to norahsyak@gmail.com or P.O. Box 3805, West Lafayette, IN 47996

Welcome Wagon

The Social Committee is interested in starting a "Welcome Wagon" program for the Benjamin Crossing community. If anyone would like to be a part of this project please email norahsyak@gmail.com for more information.

Community Information

Project Safe Neighborhoods
Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office - Anti-Gang Initiative
301 Main Street
Lafayette, IN 47901

We Tip Hotline: 1-800-78-CRIME (1-800-782-7463)

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24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
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Caught In The Act



of being

a wonderful neighbor

Fred VanHook who lives on Fletcher Court was caught in the act of cutting grass. What's so wonderful about that??

Fred was caught cutting not only his own grass but that of four other properties too. When approached, Fred simply said "I want to keep our neighborhood looking good."

Three cheers for Fred and a big **THANK YOU!**

Party Parking

A "Party Parking" committee has been formed to explore possible solutions for guest parking during parties and/or large family events. Two members of the committee will present ideas to the Benjamin Crossing HOA Board of Directors at a meeting on May 20, 2010. A proposal from the Benjamin Crossing Home Owners Association must be presented to the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Dumb Laws in Indiana

In Elkhart, Indiana: It is illegal for barbers to threaten to cut off kid's ears.

Social Committee Report

The annual Egg Hunt was on Saturday, March 27th at Oakley Park and about 50 families participated. 400 candy stuffed plastic eggs were placed around the park for the children to find.

A BIG thanks to the members of the Benjamin Crossing community that donated all the plastic eggs and candy and to the Social Committee for stuffing and placing the eggs.



Upcoming Event- The Annual Benjamin Crossing Community Garage Sale will be held on June 11th and 12th. The advertised hours will be from 8am to 4pm each of these days.

The event will be advertised in the newspaper, on TV and radio and signs will be placed at strategic intersections around the area.

The county has approved street parking on these days during the advertised garage sale hours.

It's Tornado Time Spring not only ushers in tulips and outdoor trysts. It's also a time for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. Families can be caught off guard if they ignore the pitches from local emergency officials to prepare for the unthinkable. Here's what you need to know -- talk to your children about what to do if a severe thunderstorm or tornado hits our neighborhood.



Watch vs. Warning-- A tornado watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado to form. A tornado Warning means a tornado has been seen locally

When the sirens sound-- A tornado warning is issued for any part of the county. A public safety officer, such as a police officer, reports a funnel cloud or tornado. A tornado watch is issued in combination with a severe thunderstorm warning.

When a tornado threatens ... go to your tornado shelter immediately. For best shelter, go to the lowest floor, preferably a basement or seek small interior spaces, which can form a protective core from flying objects and wind tunnel effects. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down, and cover your head with your hands. Get underneath a desk or anything heavy that can provide extra overhead protection.

Even if your children are young, it is not too early to start talking to them about emergency preparedness.

Our Community A community is a place you want to call home and where you feel at home. There is a difference between living in a community and being part of that community. Being part of a community means sharing with your neighbors a common desire to promote harmony and contentment.

This goal is best achieved when homeowners, non-owner residents and association leaders recognize and accept their rights and responsibilities. In all cases, this entails striking a reasonable, logical balance between the best interests of individual homeowners and those of the community as a whole.

Community associations exist because communities exist -- because they offer choices, lifestyles, amenities and efficiencies that people value. Yet, with all of their inherent advantages, community associations face complicated issues, none more common than the challenge of balancing the rights of the individual homeowner with those of the community as a whole. Managing this critical and delicate balance is often the essence of effective community leadership.

Within planned communities such as Benjamin Crossing it is important to recognize the Rights and Responsibilities of homeowners, non-owners, and leaders so as to promote harmony and to make life better for all who live in our community. For more information about your rights and responsibilities contact norahsyak@gmail.com.

*Excerpts from *Community Associations Institute*

Neighborhood Watch



The Benjamin Crossing Neighborhood Watch is responsible for keeping an eye out for the safety of our neighborhood.

Volunteers use their daily routine to watch for suspicious activity and safety concerns. Patrols are done while walking the dog, jogging, bike riding or taking the kids to the park.

We are always in need of more volunteers to help prevent crime in our neighborhood. Having homeowners out patrolling the neighborhood is our best defense against lower home values due to crime.

If you are interested to help, please email Antwion Butler at comacazy2002@yahoo.com.

HOA Meeting Minutes

March 2010 Benjamin Crossing Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Minutes are available for viewing on the website www.benjamincrossing.com.

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Nettie Beck for transcribing the meeting minutes.