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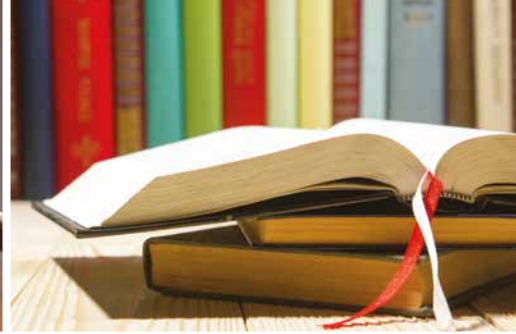


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UPCOMING EVENTS

IHCA Board Meeting

Monday, February 5 @ 7pm
Location: TBD

Directory Photo Cover Contest – Photo Submissions Due

Wednesday, February 14

Indian Hills Book Club

The Indian Hills Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM and 7:30 p.m. and we continue to have lively discussions. Come and join us!

Next meeting: February 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating Life, Creating Friendships, through BOOKS.

Donna Worden (843) 597-5530 • Rusty Morgan (713) 882-8267

Rosalind Katz (404) 317-2151 • Lindsay Reese (678) 296-0590

Save the Date

Spring Garage Sale April 19-20

Open Volunteer Positions Community Affairs Director Area I Director

Your IHCA volunteer board needs YOU! There are a few open positions available that need service-minded neighbors to join the Board and help lead and bring together our wonderful IH community.

Please contact any board member to inquire about the open positions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Cobb County Information and Resources

Water lines, new construction, and fallen trees, oh my! There seems to be a lot going on in our part of the county these days. Whether you need information on road closures or the current status of construction projects, you need to know where to turn. Here are some resources to help you navigate through the gridlock to what you're looking for.

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Post 6*	Nichelle Davis	404-398-4830
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* includes schools of Indian Hills residents

Please help report outages of Indian Hills street lights to Steve Mead, Security and Roads Director. Please provide the pole number and the address closest to the light. Street lights, potholes, and other routine maintenance issues can now be reported online using the SeeClickFix (<https://seeclickfix.com/cobb-county>) online tool or mobile app or by calling the maintenance work desk at 770-528-1600 during regular business hours.

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PENS Dispatch from Cobb County Police: Safety alerts and crime trends brought to you by your local Cobb County Police Precinct (Indian Hills is District 2, Police Precinct 4). This information is sent out monthly by the precinct via Nextdoor.com, and is an innovative way for our police officers to keep us posted, ask us for pertinent information, and warn us about issues that are important to our immediate area.

Cobb County Code Enforcement
770.528.2180 or codeenforcement@cobbcounty.org

Welcome to the Indian Hills Facebook groups! There are two Facebook pages dedicated to our wonderful neighborhood... neighbors helping neighbors, since that is what makes this such a Great Place to Live! Lost dogs, coyote sightings, emergency communication, these are your neighborhood spaces. For general conversations and comments, please join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IndianHillsNeighborhood> For official communication from your Indian Hills Civic Association Board, please join <https://www.facebook.com/IndianHillsAGreatPlaceToLive>



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Update on the Lower Roswell Road Construction Project

Information Provided by Cobb DOT and Leslie DeRosa, External Affairs Director

"During the last few months Cobb County DOT finalized the design and continued our coordination with the utility companies and property owners. We have advertised the project and received bids. We will take the low bid to the Board of Commissioners in early February for approval to move forward with the construction contract. I would anticipate Notice to Proceed could be issued in late March, after the contract is executed."

– Karyn M. Matthews, P.E., Project Manager
Cobb County DOT/ARCADIS

Project Information – Lower Roswell Road (Project No. E6020-2011 SPLOST – District 2)

As part of the 2011 SPLOST program, Project E6020 was enacted to improve traffic flow and safety along Lower Roswell Road between Woodlawn Drive and Davidson Road. This project will provide safety and operational improvements through a combination of intersection improvements, raised medians, and a multi-use trail. A raised median along Lower Roswell Road between Johnson Ferry and Davidson Road will reduce left turn conflicts and therefore reduce the number of angular crashes. Since this project was last presented to the public in 2022, the design team has made revisions to remove the on-street bike lanes and ensure multi-use trail connectivity for pedestrians and bikes on the south side of Lower Roswell Road.



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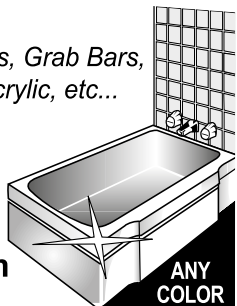
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IHCA Spring Garage Sale

By Theresa Collins

It's back...the IHCA spring community-wide garage sale is set for April 19 and 20. That's right, Friday is also a sale day. Double the days to get rid of your extra stuff! As before, there will be a map of houses selling for each day. If you would like to be on the map or if you have any questions or suggestions, please email IHCAGarageSale@gmail.com. Start your garage sale pile now!



What is the purpose of this project?

It's really about safety.

This portion of Lower Roswell Road has a **crash rate approximately 4.5 times higher than the statewide average** for the years 2015 through 2017. The crash rate along Lower Roswell Road within the project limits (half-mile section) is approximately 2,900 crashes per 100 million vehicle miles. The statewide average for similar facilities is approximately 640 crashes per 100 million vehicle miles.

Intersection delays and traffic congestion play a role in these crashes and have a negative impact on vehicles trying to make turning movements during the AM and PM peak travel periods.

The real purpose of this project is to provide safety and operational improvements to Lower Roswell Road from Woodlawn Drive to Davidson Road. Alternatives were evaluated based on potential crash reductions, capacity, probable costs, property impacts, property access and improving pedestrian/bicycle accommodations. The preferred alternative was identified as having the best balance of these considerations.

Why include a raised median that could impact business access?

The most important consideration again: safety.

Traffic experts reviewed the individual crashes along Lower Roswell Road between Johnson Ferry Road and Davidson Road (from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016), and determined that **52% were found to be correctable by the installation of a raised median.**

This is in line with the latest research from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Corridor Access Management Executive Summary, which indicates that "converting a two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL) to a **non-traversable median reduces total crashes by 15 to 57 percent** and **reduces injury crashes by 33 to 48 percent.**"

It is also important to note that the project design team went through numerous analyses and incorporated additional measures into the project so businesses adjacent to the proposed raised median could still be accessed by motorists in either direction.

Will traffic delay really improve with this project?

Yes.

Lower Roswell Road/Woodlawn Drive Intersection

The year the project is built, vehicle delay at this intersection is expected to be reduced:

- from 37.4 seconds/vehicle to 27.3 seconds/vehicle during the morning peak hour – **a 27% reduction**
- from 53.8 seconds/vehicle to 35.5 seconds/vehicle during the afternoon peak hour – **a 34% reduction**

Looking forward to the year 2041, vehicle delays is expected to be reduced:

- from 54.9 seconds/vehicle to 30.0 seconds/vehicle during the morning peak hour – a 45% reduction
- from 78.6 seconds/vehicle to 41.3 seconds/vehicle during the afternoon peak hour – a 47% reduction

Lower Roswell Road/Johnson Ferry Road Intersection Delay

The year the project is built, vehicle delay this intersection is expected to be reduced:

- from 76.1 seconds/vehicle to 47.4 seconds/vehicle during the morning peak hour – **a 38% reduction**
- from 88.1 seconds/vehicle to 64.0 seconds/vehicle during the afternoon peak hour – **a 27% reduction**

Looking forward to the year 2041, vehicle delays is expected to be reduced:

- from 135.8 seconds/vehicle to 83.9 seconds/vehicle during the morning peak hour – a 38% reduction
- from 128.6 seconds/vehicle to 90.1 seconds/vehicle during the afternoon peak hour – a 30% reduction

Membership Update

By Bonny Carr, Membership Director



2024 IHCA Directory Cover Photo Contest Ends 2/14

Calling all IHCA photographers! We need a photo for the cover of the 2024 IHCA Directory. The winner receives \$200, is voted on by IHCA members, and will be announced in the April Smoke Signals.

All photos must be received by February 14. Please follow the criteria below for submitting your photos so it can be blown up for the cover.

Photos should be:

- 1) Preferably a picture taken within Indian Hills (think beyond golf course and deer photos)
- 2) A photo you have personally taken (you will need to sign a release for it to be published)
- 3) Portrait layout (so it can fit the cover of the directory)
- 4) High Resolution (300 dpi or higher)
- 5) Submitted by email to ihcamembershipdirector@gmail.com

Our goal is to have the winner chosen by 3/1 so we can submit it and all the directory content to the publisher at that date (see the IHCA Directory update below).

Good Luck to all our photographers and I hope every member will take a minute when the polls open on our Indian Hills website to vote for the winner. www.indianhills.life

Check Your Information in the 2023 IHCA Directory and on the Website

Our goal is to have all edits and content to the publisher by 3/1 for the 2024 IHCA Directory. By pushing our deadline earlier this year, it will result in our directory being mailed in mid-to-late April instead of May and June.

You Need to Take These Steps by 3/1:

- Look at your info in the printed directory. Is it still up-to-date?
- If not, go to www.indianhills.life and edit your information & preferences.
 - Is your email(s) correct? This is our fastest way to communicate with you.
 - Is your "Resident Since" date correct?
 - Have you checked the box whether you'd be interested in volunteering?
 - Have you checked the box if you want your information to be excluded from the printed directory?
 - Would you like to change your membership level from Annual Member to Continuing Member with automatic renewal?

Trading Post

Please check out the Trading Post ads in this newsletter as we are continuing to add new member businesses. Whenever possible, please support them.

American Disposal/Waste Management and Yard Waste

I have become aware that our garbage comparison chart incorrectly states that ADS will pick up 8 bags of yard waste, but it is actually 5 bags. My apologies for the error. I am not sure if it changed at some point and we didn't catch it.

A new account representative has been assigned to IHCA. There were numerous turnovers last year, but I am hopeful we will have more consistency this year like we had in 2021/2022.

Hopefully, your trash and recycling pick-ups are becoming more consistent and timely. I have heard from many of you about your frustrations and have shared them with our new account representative.

Please note that they are rebranding to Waste Connections on their trucks and email addresses. ADS merged with Waste Connections in 2018.

	Waste Connections/ADS		Bgreen	Hughes
	IHCA member rate	General rate	General Rate	General Rate
Services	Weekly (Thursdays)	Weekly	Weekly	Twice a week
Pricing	\$19.45 for trash and recycle per month	\$38* plus admin fees and fuel surcharge * est for 2023	\$84 per Qtr + \$35 set up fee no discount	\$35.50 no discount
Yard Waste pickup	5 bags/no charge	5 bags/no charge	Yes upon request/ no charge	Yes/no charge
Containers provided	96 gal trash 65 gal recycle	96 gal trash 65 gal recycle	95 gal trash 32 or 95 gal recycle	No
Billing	monthly	monthly	quarterly	monthly
Yearly Cost	\$240	\$456	\$371	\$426
Compared to annual IHCA cost		+ \$216 per year	+ \$131 per year	+ \$186 per year
Back Door/ Valet Service	Yes \$39.95 Trash only	Yes \$39.95 Trash only	No	Yes extra charge \$5

Greetings to Our Newest IHCA Member!

Area II

CJ Johns..... High Green Drive

Volunteer Needed: Area I Membership Director

We have four fabulous volunteers to greet new owners in Area 1 but are still looking for a Director to represent the members in this area on the Board. Please contact me if you might be interested.

Mailbox Discount Extended for 2024

Global Home Products is again extending a discount to IHCA members for their black iron mailbox which includes removal of an existing mailbox and installation of the new one. See the flyer in this Smoke Signals.

Thank you to all our IHCA members. Every member makes a difference!

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PROMOTION BEGINS 1/1/2024



Bringing Calm to your Home in 2024

By Lindsey Rawley

You often hear December described as the “most wonderful time of year” and it can be in many ways. However, December can also bring along an unhealthy dose of stress. From preparations over holiday hosting, to making sure each person has that special gift, to the endless time commitments of the season: the holidays are stressful. When the dust eventually settles, many of us are left with a surplus of things and nowhere for them to go.

We are professional organizers Natalie Defnall and Lindsey Rawley from The Well Kept Home. Our little company was born when we teamed up as neighbors, friends, and moms, both with previous professional organization experience, to meet a need that we saw in the area where we live. The East Cobb community has been lacking a team of organizers that can meet you where you are. Whether you are moving into a new home, finishing an addition or have been in the same home for 20-plus years, Natalie and I would love to help you. Our team has done a lot of organizing within the Indian Hills community and beyond over the past six months. We are here to pass along some tips for starting your new year clutter-free and confident in your home.

I don't know about you, but every year, right after the holiday decorations are all put away, Natalie and I are hit with the urgent need to declutter and organize! This task can seem

overwhelming and daunting after your entire house has been turned upside down, but taking small action steps can go a long way. With the simple process spelled out below, you too can feel both accomplished and lighter as we head into a new year.

When it comes to making changes within your own home, these are the steps we recommend:

- **Start Small**

This will help keep the task manageable, and hopefully prevent you from becoming overwhelmed. Start by choosing one room in your home. Divide the room into smaller spaces and take it one space at a time.

- **Categorize Like Items**

Remove all items from the chosen space and group like items together. One pile will be trash, one pile will be for donations, and the rest of the items will be split into categories based on their final location within the home.

- **Implement appropriate storage solutions**

Having the most efficient product for your space does matter! It can be both a monetary investment and a time commitment to find the right product for a specific space in your home, but it more than pays off when it comes to maintaining the organization of your space over time. The



Container Store is the go-to spot for organizational products due to its vast selection and quality control, but if you are willing to do some research sometimes you can find a product that works just as well on Amazon or at Target. The Well Kept Home likes to spotlight some of our favorite products on our Instagram account. Feel free to follow along @awellkepthome.

If you decide to take on an area of your home using the simple steps above, and find yourself with lots of donations, we have provided a list of local charities accepting donations below. Some of these charities will even pick up from your home.

Simple Needs GA works to meet the simple needs of children, people experiencing homelessness, and others in need. They accept all household items, including furniture, for people emerging from homelessness.

Hope House is an outreach program that focuses on single women and children transitioning from domestic violence. They are in need of women and children's clothing, including shoes and accessories. They also collect usable household items such as pots, pans, dishes, toys, and small working appliances.

Fur Kids has several donation centers that feed their thrift stores. All store proceeds go to saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs through providing medical care, food, and shelter. They happily accept gently used clothing, home décor, kitchen items, books, furniture, appliances, and more!

- **Every item in your space should have a home**

Embrace the stage you are in! Many Indian Hills residents are parents of young children who tend to follow behind and undo any type of organization that has been attempted. Having simple, yet sustainable systems in place where your children frequently play is the key to success for maintaining efficiency within a busy home. One of our valued clients, Christine Jarratt, who lives off Pinehurst Drive and has four kids under the age of 11, recently said, "Lindsey and Natalie are a dream to work with. They jumped right into my cluttered chaos and my house and my mind feel so much lighter." When everything has a home, teaching your children to clean up without the assistance of an adult is easy. Having a consistent place where possessions are located keeps everyone in the family on the same page and accountable for cleaning up after themselves. As our neighbor Christine explains, "I have systems for every part of my home now that keep it running like a well-oiled machine."

Small changes do go a long way. The time spent looking for lost items in your home or shopping for things that you already have hidden in the back corner of the pantry, adds up fast! Make the vow in 2024 to spend your time wisely and feel good in the space that you are in, and if you need help, ask for it. We can't stress enough the value we place on our clients' time with their families. If you feel like you are drowning in your home, or simply do not have the time it will take to regain control of your space, hiring an organizer to help can be priceless. If we can ever help, please feel free to reach out to us at info@thewellkepthome.net.

THE TRADING POST

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Another way couples might want to celebrate Valentine's Day is to travel to places around the world that have romantic names. Feelings of love may be enhanced when celebrating in locales with names that call to mind love and affection. The following are some locations sweethearts might want to visit this Valentine's Day.

Valentine ♥

Plenty of places around the United States pay homage to St. Valentine himself. Towns named Valentine can be found in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. In Maryland, there is a town called Valentine's Creek, while New York is home to Valentines Beach.



El Beso en el Parque del Amor, Peru ♥

In Miraflores, Lima, Peru, El Beso en el

Parque del Amor ("The Kiss Statue at Love Park") is a large statue of a couple kissing. The piece depicts sculptor Victor Delfin and his wife in an embrace. Couples may gather in the park and engage in kissing competitions to see who can kiss the longest.



Galesnjak Islet

Galesnjak Islet ♥

This small island in the Adriatic Sea near Croatia has become an ideal spot for romantic Valentine's Day

getaways. The land mass came to prominence after its unusual shape—which looks like a heart—was highlighted on the app Google Earth. The island is uninhabited and privately owned. Travelers have inundated the owner with requests to stay there and have renamed the location "Lovers' Island."

Newfoundland ♥

Visitors to this northeastern province of Canada can find many romantically named towns. Travelers can visit Cupids, Heart's Content, Heart's Delight, and Little Heart's Ease if they want to share the gift of a getaway with the one they love.

Loveland ♥

The name Loveland may conjure images of idyllic streets filled with couples holding hands and embracing. Although it sounds like a place one might encounter when reading fiction, Loveland can be found in Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Washington.



Kissing ♥

If kissing is what lovers have in mind, they might like to travel to the municipality of Kissing in the Aichach-Friedberg district in Bavaria, Germany. Kissing is a relatively small area with just around 12,000 inhabitants. Not too far away is Petting, another municipality in Bavaria.

Couples who want to include travel in their Valentine's Day plans have many romantically-named locales to include on their itineraries. ♥

Newfoundland ↘



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