

# The Greater Allisonville Community Council Newsletter

Your voice in Your community!

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## GACC Briefs

**Petition 2005-ZON-090:** 4025, 4047, 4049 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Sandalian Investments, LLC. Request for re-zoning of 5.5 acres to CS for self storage sheds. Reapplication. The GACC board opposed this request. Petition approved.

**Petition 2005-UV2-022:** 8140 Castleton Road. Variance of Use to provide for a bus brokerage business with display and storage of a maximum of five-25 foot long buses (not permitted). Petition withdrawn.

**Petition 2005-ZON-831:** 7950 Castleway Drive. Requests rezoning to 5.19 acres from CS to CS to provide for religious uses. GACC Board voted to support this petition. Petition approved.

**Petition 2005-UV3-026:** 4760 East 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. Variance of Use to provide for a chiropractors office (not permitted) and Variance of Use of Sign Regulations to provide for a ground sign. Petition continued. GACC board has not taken a position at this time.

**Petition 2005-DV1-038:** 7701 Allisonville Road. Allisonville Christian Church requests a Variance of Development Standards to provide for a 7.5-foot tall, 50 square foot pylon sign located 60 feet from a protected district (maximum four-foot tall sign permitted within 600 feet of a protected district.) Petition withdrawn.

**Petition 2005-ZON-132:** 5050 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Mann Properties, LLC. Requests a rezoning of 10.96 acres being in the D-A District to the D-P Classification to provide for 23 two-family residences with a density of 3.65 unites per acre. GACC Board is participating in D-P meeting with nearest neighbors, city planners, and the developer.

## Washington Township E-Newsletter

There is a new e-newsletter available to Washington Township residents from, Neighborhood Liaison, Rachel O'Neil. This newsletter is available free of charge.

This quarterly newsletter is designed to provide information on both citywide and neighborhood issues. Each newsletter will feature dates and times for community meetings, links to web sites, updates on road construction, as well as information on city initiatives and services.

Contact Rachel at [roneil@indygov.org](mailto:roneil@indygov.org) to subscribe. If you know someone who is interested in receiving this but does not have access to a computer, please let Rachel know and she will provide a paper copy. Phone: 327-5380.

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### **Future GACC Meeting Dates:**

The **September** Meeting: Tuesday,  
September 13 at 7 pm

The **October** Meeting:  
Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm

Thank you to **Epworth United  
Methodist Church** at 6450 Allisonville  
Road for providing the meeting space.  
All are welcome to attend!

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## GACC Board Members

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**Boundaries:** The GACC is bounded on the north by 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, on the east by Binford Boulevard, on the south by Kessler Boulevard and on the west by Keystone Avenue and the White River.

The **purpose and mission** of the GACC is:

To disseminate information on the environmental, social and economic issues that affect residents and businesses of the community

To provide a forum for public discussion of community issues

To act on matters of common interest to the GACC community

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## Something to BRAG about!

### Binford Redevelopment And Growth

**BRAG** is a group of citizens dedicated to making our community the best possible place for all citizens to live, work, do business and raise a family.

### **Mark your Calendar to help at the first Binford Gateway Beautification Project:**

**Saturday, October 1, 2005—9 A.M.**

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIBI) is partnering with **BRAG** to begin developing Binford Boulevard as a gateway to the city of Indianapolis. A master landscape plan has been developed by David Gorden, landscape architect at Mark M. Holeman, Inc. On October 1, KIBI will provide nearly \$20,000 worth of trees, other plant material, mulch, equipment, trash removal, safety and technical assistance. Our community must provide the volunteer labor. We need at least 100 volunteers on that day to:

- Dig holes for trees and bulbs
- Spread mulch.
- Clean out weedy and overgrown areas.
- Tear down unsightly fences.

They also need our help to ensure that these trees thrive and grow. **BRAG** will ask local businesses and individuals to help fund professional maintenance on an annual basis. For more information, or to make a charitable donation, or to volunteer, contact **Karen Kryah** at 842-2621 or [kjkryah@yahoo.com](mailto:kjkryah@yahoo.com).

### **What is BRAG?**

**BRAG** is a group of local citizens whose mission is the redevelopment of Binford Boulevard and 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Many store fronts in this area have been vacant for a decade or more, and many more have been vacated recently. Binford Boulevard from I-465 to Kessler Boulevard is a gateway to the City of Indianapolis. As such, it deserves particular attention to development and beautification. This area could and should provide the surrounding community with a variety of professional services; convenient, high-quality shopping; and opportunities for businesses, employment, recreation and culture.

For more information visit the web site [www.binford71.org](http://www.binford71.org).

## **The Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource**

**Center (INRC)** has launched a new, innovative community building program, the Indianapolis Community Building Institute (ICBI). The Institute offers a program that explores ideas and develops practical skills necessary for effective neighborhood leaders.

Each of ICBI's three tracks feature a 6-week course with sessions that combine leading edge thinking with practical application to enhance the capacity of people to work effectively with a broad range of neighborhood assets and issues.

Skills developed through the program help community leaders and neighborhood advocates successfully bring people with diverse views and opinions together, with the goal of rallying around common issues and solutions.

The ICBI is designed for residents that are active in their neighborhood through:

- Block Clubs
- Neighborhood Associations
- Resident Councils
- Neighborhood Improvement

ICBI participants will learn how to:

- Focus on capacities of neighborhoods
- Develop the knowledge and skills necessary for empowering people to build their own futures
- Share methods of involving people at the neighborhood level
- Establish a resource network
- Provide a forum for learning and sharing with a diverse group of people

How Can I Get Involved?

Through generous support from their partners, ICBI is a free program. All participants in the program will start in Track

1 and progress through the curriculum.

ICBI Begins Soon! Classes begin October 6 and will run through November 10. Participants can attend weekly courses on Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings.

For more information and to receive a copy of the application form, contact:

**Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center  
1802 North Illinois Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-1318  
(317) 920-0330 Phone  
(317) 920-0556 Fax**

### **LAND USE MEETING**

The update of the Washington Township portion of the new Land Use Plan for Indianapolis-Marion County is nearing completion. In preparation for adoption of the plan by the Metropolitan Development Commission, the Indianapolis Division of Planning invites you to a public meeting to take a final look at the proposed plan.

The meeting will be held at the Holliday Park Nature Center (6349 Spring Mill Road) **Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

At this meeting the community will discuss possible changes to the proposed Land Use Plan based on changing conditions in the township since the close of the public planning meetings in late 2003. Most of these recommended changes are the result of zoning and variance cases. Some are the result of the work of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

For more information:  
Phone: 327-5155

Or go to the web site:  
[www.indygov.org/indianapolisinsight](http://www.indygov.org/indianapolisinsight)