

# The Greater Allisonville Community Council Newsletter

Your voice in Your community!

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## GACC Briefs

**7938 Allisonville Road:** Ronnie and Bobbie Adams. Request variance of Dev. Standards. Request sideyard setback minimum 7.5 ft with aggregate of 19.5. (min. 30 ft. with aggregate 75 ft. required, or rezone to D2.) Previous variance to construct a 2.5 car garage on north side of lot. No petition number at this time. Petitioner will attend the May 9<sup>th</sup> GACC Land Use/Public mtg.

## GACC Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

7pm

Epworth United Methodist  
Church

6450 Allisonville Road.

Conversation/Panel with the  
four Washington Township  
School Board Candidates:

Don Barr, Tim George, Don  
Kite and Greg Wright.

Refreshments will be served!



## Future GACC Land Use/Public meeting dates:

The **April** meeting: Tuesday,

April 11th at 7 pm—this is also the  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

The **May** meeting: Tuesday,

May 9th at 7 pm.

Thank you to **Epworth United  
Methodist Church** at 6450  
Allisonville Road for providing the  
meeting space.

All are **Welcome** to attend!

## **What's Your Story?**

Every neighborhood has a story, and these stories have shaped our city. The GACC would like to collect a written history of our neighborhoods or organizations. We're also interested in guest columnists for the newsletter.

Contact Lori Olivier, 845-5956 or  
[lsolivier0414@hotmail.com](mailto:lsolivier0414@hotmail.com) if you have a  
story you'd like to share.

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**Neighborhood Liaisons** are your direct link to Mayor Peterson's office, as well as any city department and service. There has been some reorganization within this program. GACC residents who live west of Allisonville Road continue to be served by **Rachel Buckmaster** at 327-5380 or [rbuckmas@indygov.org](mailto:rbuckmas@indygov.org). Residents who live on the east side of Allisonville address their concerns to **Kelly Wood** at 327-5580 or [kwood@indygov.org](mailto:kwood@indygov.org).

## GACC Board Members

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| President:      | Lori Olivier   | 845-5956 |
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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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<http://www.greaterallisonville.org>

## Something to BRAG About...

The March 23 outpouring of community support for Whole Foods at the southeast corner of Binford and East 71<sup>st</sup> Street was definitely a winner! Close to 300 residents and business folks gathered on that blustery cold afternoon and registered their desire for Whole Foods to consider this site as their first Indy location.

They filled out petitions and stood behind a 10' banner that said "We Want Whole Foods!" The press and media certainly took note, with all major channels there to record this outstanding example of civic participation and involvement.

On Friday, 248 signed petitions were sent to Whole Foods in Chicago via FedEx. The box also included a tape of the extensive coverage by WISH-TV of this event, including interviews with Driftwood Hill's residents who came en masse to show their support for the Binford/E71 st location.

If you missed attending the photo opportunity last Thursday, it's not too late to register your support! Here's how to do it:

- 1) Send an email to the section of the [www.wholefoodsmarket.com](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com) website where you can indicate your choice for a new store location. Click on "company" and then again on "real estate" where you can write in your suggestions for a new store location at Binford/E71.
- 2) Send in your own petitions as to why you and your friends, neighbors, and colleagues want Whole Foods. Contact me for the form. Send them to: Patrick Bradley, Midwest Regional Office, 3241 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago IL 60657-1110; phone: 773.755.1500; 773.755.2452 fax
- 3) The banner will be available on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** at Binford/E71 when we'll be removing unsightly fence on the northeast corner. Come to our next planting party on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am** where you can sign the banner on the southeast corner. Then it will be sent to Chicago to document even more support for this outstanding retail location.

Thanks again for your support of BRAG's efforts to make the Binford corridor the best place to live/work/play! Jane M. Lommel, President

BRAG (Binford Redevelopment & Growth) Group  
Website: [www.binford71.org](http://www.binford71.org) Check out this website to see all the photos from this unique event

Phone: 317.841.0755

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**Building a sense of community by**  
**Retaining existing businesses**  
**Attracting new businesses and residents**  
**Growing toward a brighter future**



The Mayor's Office is looking to recognize volunteers for their community service, and has posted the **2006 Mayor's Community Service Awards** nomination form on the web:

[http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Mayor/Neighborhoods/Community\\_Service/home.htm](http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Mayor/Neighborhoods/Community_Service/home.htm)

The deadline to submit the form is June 15, 2006. You can submit your nomination electronically or print out and mail in.

The Mayor's Community Service Awards were created to recognize Indianapolis citizens for their volunteer contributions and commitments to community service. The voluntary service should be unpaid and not an employment responsibility.

Eligibility and Criteria for the MCS Award:

- The MCS nominee should be committed to improving the City of Indianapolis and Marion County through voluntary personal service
- The MCS nominee will be judged on initiative and good work accomplished through volunteer service.
- Nominations should be made for direct service, board service or administrative volunteering.
- An individual, agency, corporation, or organization may nominate individuals.
- Decisions made by the judges are final.
- Nominees must be residents of Indianapolis/Marion County.

For more information:  
Contact Rachel Buckmaster  
Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison  
Tel: 327-5380 or  
Email: [rbuckmas@indygov.org](mailto:rbuckmas@indygov.org)

## Bits n' Pieces:

An upcoming educational opportunity...

**Speaker:** Dr. Donald Shoup, aauthor of "The High Cost of Free Parking"

**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2006

**Indianapolis:** 9:00am – 11:30am, Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B & C

**Cost:** Free, but space may be limited.

**Registration:** Please email your Name, Title, Organization, Address, E-mail, and Phone to [Lbrown@idem.in.gov](mailto:Lbrown@idem.in.gov)

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+++**Operating a business out of your home** is a popular trend but the GACC Board has received several phone calls with concerns about this practice. Unsightly signs and traffic are not a positive addition to a neighborhood. The only recourse seems to be to continue to telephone the **Mayor's Action Center at 327-4622.**

The city needs to hire more zoning inspectors and code enforcement professionals. +++

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The GACC continues to be concerned regarding the **Capri Restaurant's** intentions regarding their property. It appears that people are now accessing the restaurant from River Road and driving through the trees. GACC has requested the Indianapolis Department of Forestry to investigate the tree cutting as some of the trees removed may have been in the city right of way. We certainly welcome Capri and thoroughly enjoy dining there, but do not want a commercial site on River Road, nor access from River Road.

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Any one interested in helping GACC produce a **membership brochure?** Does a high school student need a civic project? We welcome anyone with expertise and interest. Contact Lori Olivier, 845-5956 or [lsolivier0414@hotmail.com](mailto:lsolivier0414@hotmail.com).

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\*\*\*Thanks to **Mark Peterson** for his continued vigilance regarding Early Alert! \*\*\*