

## **April 14—Quarterly BRAG Community Meeting**

### **Presentation by Scout Executive—Scott Clabaugh**

The meeting opened with a long list of announcements--

--April 27<sup>th</sup> marks BRAG's 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary!

--Our thanks for Scott Dorsey for the Exact Target email service, which has truly enhanced the look and effectiveness of our emails.

--Leadership Luncheon at 11 AM on April 20<sup>th</sup> at George's Restaurant. David Gordon, senior landscape designer, will be the featured speaker.

--April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, the city will host a meeting to discuss the possibility of selling utility companies.

--April 28<sup>th</sup> Community North Hospital celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is hosting an Open House.

--April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Eastwood Middle School is the next scheduled meeting for Indy Connect.

--May 8<sup>th</sup> marks this season's opening day for the Binford Farmer's Market.

--April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at LC Auditorium the US Air Force Chorus and Singing Sergeants will perform in a free concert.

--April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM Avalon Crossing shops will have a sidewalk sale/Open House.

--April 24<sup>th</sup> is also BRAG's Spring Beautification Day. Meet at the Starbuck's on Binford at 9 AM to help us plant 30 trees.

**Pedestrian Access, by Karen Kryah**-- fundraising efforts are now underway so we can install a 6' asphalt Pedestrian Access Trail along 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Phase One is to have a path from Cricklewood to Lake Knoll on the east side of Binford and from Steinmeier to Graham Road on the west side of Binford. This will cost \$120,000 and will allow 8 neighborhoods to link to the stores and shopping at 71<sup>st</sup> and Binford. Once this phase is underway, INSTEPP will assist BRAG in applying for national grants to extend trails and pathways throughout the BRAG area.

**Treasurer's Report, by Kas Vargo**—For the last 3 years, BRAG's efforts have been primarily funded through LISC with the GINI Neighborhood grant that helped us assess Community Vision and set priorities. We are now on our own to accomplish our goals and Alison McConnell has been hired as BRAG's Community Development Director. BRAG is beginning a more rigorous fundraising and Sponsors Campaign. If we had an annual commitment of \$25.00/household from the BRAG area we would easily be able to accomplish our many goals.

**Prosecutor's Report, by Rob Rehl**—volunteers are needed to set up a Court Watch as citizen presence in court is highly effective in influencing judges to impose more severe penalties. The city has graffiti crews established for clean up efforts. A new burglary enforcement team has been established to reopen cold cases.

**Scouting Presentation by Scott Clabaugh, Scout Executive Director**—Crossroads of America Council serves a huge territory in Indiana from 1-70 to the south to Marion/Muncie in the north, the Ohio border on the east, and the Illinois border on the west. Seven scout camps are encompassed in this area. This venture to build a Scout Education and Program Center is a new approach for scouting—a 5.5 million dollar state of the arts building was constructed in our area to train, support, and develop volunteers from churches and the surrounding community. It was built on 8 acres at 7125 Fall Creek Road North and houses a variety of meeting rooms, a scout shop, and 15 employees. Part of the property will be left undeveloped and Community North is putting in a fitness trail in the wetlands area. The community is welcome to utilize the center's rooms and fitness trail. The Scout Education and Program Center will celebrate its grand opening on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> with an Open House from 12--3 PM.