

Wabash Valley NARI

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President—Tim Schrock
Vice President—Rodney Troxell
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Board member— Jeff Tyson
Board member— Bonnie Mantle
Board member— Bob Talbott

Lafayette Habitat for Humanity & SHARP

Jeff and Mindy Stockton, of Habitat for Humanity, were gracious enough to spend their anniversary with us and share information regarding the SHARP program.

SHARP stands for Senior Housing Assistance Repair

Program, and is providing senior citizens of Lafayette (has to be within the city limits) with small household repairs at NO COST to the homeowners. SHARP is a joint effort between the Tippecanoe County Council on Aging and Habitat for

Humanity of Lafayette.

Jeff and Mindy's request is for any professional remodeler to volunteer some time to help the program.

Their reason for approaching NARI was two-fold.

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Annual Picnic upcoming

Our annual Wabash Valley NARI picnic is coming on July 17th. A special new time will be held for the picnic only at 7:00 p.m. This year, it will be held at

Dan Walker's house. Thanks to Dan and his wife. The address is: 2426 Farmington Dr. West in Lafayette. Please bring a

dish, salad, or desert. The burgers, hot-dogs, buns and drinks will be provided. Also RSVP to Dan, 426-6072. Thanks.

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Attending this meeting:

| Members: | Guests: |
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| Tony Batta | Josh Brown |
| Ken Dismore | Bob Redinbo |
| Bonnie Mantle | Jeff@BestWay |
| Gale Payne | Jeff Stockton |
| Tim Schrock | Mindy Stockton |
| Bob Talbott | Don Ferguson |
| Rodney Troxell | Joe Sullivan |
| Dan Walker | |
| Mick Owens | |
| Jerry Brown @ BestWay | |

Calendar:

July 17

Annual Picnic @ 7:00 p.m.
Dan Walker has graciously allowed us to use his home for our picnic this year.
RSVP to Dan 426-6072

August 7

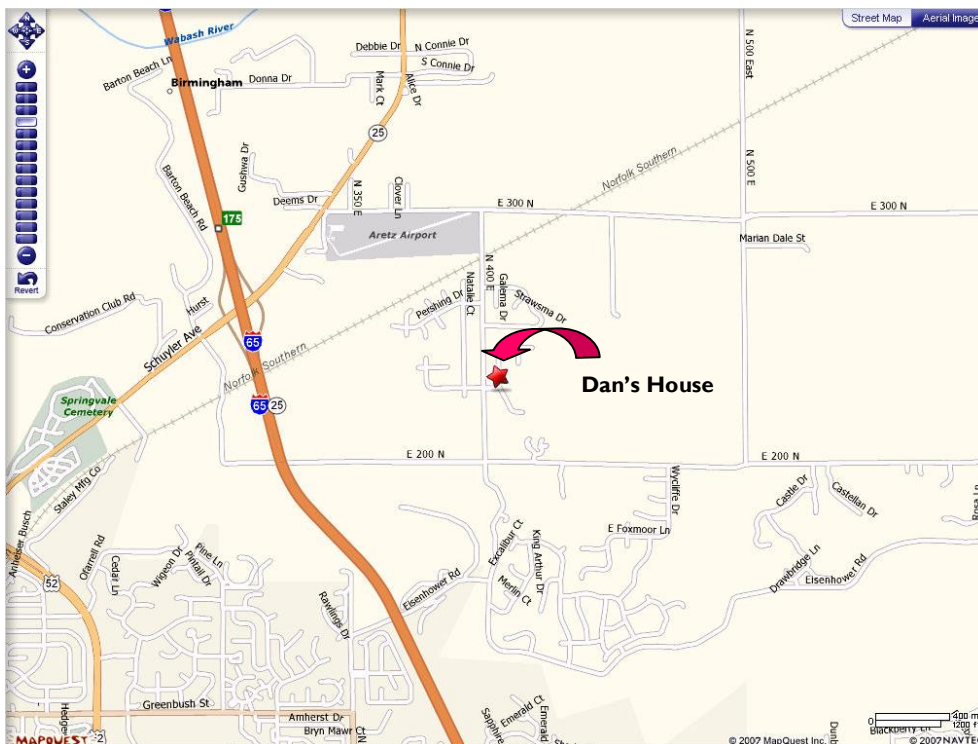
Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

August 21

General meeting @ 6:30

Watch our website for announcements and information regarding these and other events.

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From the Commissioner

Decks

This month's article will focus on General Information that I feel is important enough to put in this issue. First off, I would like to say that most of you have or will at some time, deal with Building Inspectors. This is not something to fear but

embrace. I have stated from the beginning that Building Inspectors play a very important role on how things are to be built. Having said that, I also know that in Tippecanoe County there are three jurisdictions under different political powers (City of Lafayette,

Ron Highland

City of West Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County). This can and is a real problem for anyone wanting to build. With that in mind, the three jurisdictions are meeting on a monthly basis with the hope of becoming more compatible with code

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President's Column

Freedom!

With the July 4th holiday recently, I've been pondering the freedoms we have here in America.

One of those great freedoms is the ability to influence legislation to benefit all involved.

Our mission statement #6 shares something along that line. It is "To promote such legislation and regulations, which can help stimulate remodeling and to promote corrective action for those laws, rules, or regulations, which tend to discourage, stifle, or impede remodeling."

It is important that this one comes after #5 which discusses improving the housing inventory.

often are we represented at local board meetings where such issues are discussed?

It would be great to see that the NARI cause of better housing is heard in the local community. Standing for the homeowners of Tippecanoe county will be beneficial for everyone involved.

This involvement in ordinances and legislation can also tie into #7 on our list which states "To stimulate the need and desirability for remodeling and maintenance of residential and commercial

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Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

John Wooden

As a smaller chapter, it is difficult to make much of a difference nationally, but as a member of a national organization, we can make a difference.

A great difference can be made locally too. How

on how many you want to do per month. It can be as few as 2-3 hours per month if you wish.

This program aligns with NARI's goal of keeping the housing inventory in the local community maintained, and is doing a great job of helping those who sincerely need the help.

Consider this opportunity, and we will discuss it fur-

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First, because of our relationship with Habitat in the past. They know that we are professional and will do a good job for the seniors.

The other reason is that if a group of us agree to volunteer time, that will spread the duties out so that not one person is doing all of the work.

Jeff and Mindy stressed that the repairs are up to you



Joke of the Day—

A man walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. He replied, "I got shingles."

She said, "Fill out this form and supply your name, address, medical insurance number. When you're done, please take a seat."

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked him what he had. He said, "I got shingles." So she took down his height, weight, and complete medical history, then said, "Change into this gown and wait in the examining room."

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked him what he had. He said, "I got shingles."

So she gave him a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told him to wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles."

The doctor gave him a full-cavity examination, and then said, "I just checked you out thoroughly, and I can't find shingles anywhere." The man replied, "They're outside in the truck. Where do you want them?"



Directory Distribution

A couple of months ago, we printed 1000 member directories to distribute to our community. We also sold sponsorships with the expectations that we would distribute them. [We need to distribute aggressively.](#)

It would not be unreasonable to be out of directories by the end of the year. **Ron Thomas** is looking into the Chamber, **Bob Talbott** and **Dick Treager** are talking to Realtors. **Ken Dismore** said that he

will talk to a bank/loan officer. **You** too can help us in getting out the word. Talk with Gale to get directories and hand them out!



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issues. This in turn, should help you, the builder, be able to build in all three jurisdictions. This is a giant step for progress. I would tell you if you have any ideas on what and how we could improve our methods please contact

any one of the three jurisdictions. We will try and address your comments and/or suggestions at our next meeting. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at (765) 423-9225 anytime. Inspec-

tors are usually in the office in the morning from 8:00am -9:00am and stop back in during lunch from about 12:00pm-1:00pm. Sincerely, Ronald L. Highland

Special Note:

Have you seen our website? Many, from what I hear, have not. You can help get the word out about NARI, and NARI can help you get business. Refer your clients to the contractor survey on the Members page. We can get referrals and use that for your benefit and our benefit.

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structures.” Of course, these items could be seen as self-serving. And maybe it is. Is it a bad thing to want NARI to be seen as (1) an ambassador for homeowners; (2) a source of information; and (3) a resource of qualified, professional companies serving the remodeling industry? Hey, we're offering free-

dom to Tippecanoe county homeowners: freedom from headaches; freedom from remodeling nightmares; freedom to enjoy their home!

Let's help them to freedom. -Tim

NewsLetter Notice

Due to recent increases in postage stamp rates, the costs of printing, and the availability of technology, the Wabash Valley NARI board is reviewing other means of delivering the newsletter to you. One possibility is to send by email, the other is to have you retrieve it online. Please be ready to discuss this at the next meeting.

Habitat Invitation

Habitat for Humanity invites all who helped on the angel house to the house blessing. There will be a POTLUCK dinner at 4 pm, July 22 to be held at the house at 815 Melody Lane. ALL NARI members are invited to join the celebration, and give the Walker family a chance to say THANKS.

SEND FEEDBACK!

Would you like to see additional information in the newsletter? Should we pull educational articles from various sources and include it here?

VENDORS!

Do you want some space to tell the members about your services or products? Call me @ 765-482-6371 or email wvnari@wabashvalleynari.org

Voting Results

The results are in from the 2007 elections. As promised last month, there were no hanging chads, and no lengthy, expensive lawsuits. As we always make every effort for a continuity of leadership, we did hold some leaders at an undisclosed location during the voting process (just kidding).

Officers for the 07-08 year:
 President—Tim Schrock
 Vice President—Rodney Troxell
 Secretary—Bonnie Mantle
 Treasurer—Gale Payne
 Board (filling Bonnie's term):
 Ken Dismore

Board (full 3-year term): Mick Owens
 Jeff Tyson is still on the Board filling out his term.
 This slate of officers will be installed at the picnic.