

~Letters To The Editor~

Katie,

Just curious -- Are the three spools of cable on Heights destined to become lawn ornaments or is there a more sensible reason for being there for over a month?

Curious and curiouser

Dear Curious & Curiouser ☺

Good question. We asked Julie Mitchell to check into it for us and according to her sources the delay was a result of one homeowner. They have however assured her that the work should be completed in approximately 3 weeks. Hopefully by the time this paper comes out the unsightly spools will be long gone!!

Katie

Dear Katie,

My wife and I read the NPB Heights paper regularly. We are long time residents of the Heights and are grandparents. Our children and grandchildren live in the Heights, as well. There are a lot of very good points made by our fellow neighbors to improve where we live. Two points made by "A Good Neighbor" I would like to make comment. First, the issue of safety cones with young children playing in the streets. We never allowed our children or grandchildren to play in or near the street. These parents that do are irresponsible and lazy. These cones give their children a false sense of security. This is not an invisible "barrier of protection" to protect the children; But the children will dart out, not looking, because they know the cones are there. A Good Neighbor was right, when the park was mentioned. We thought this was the main reason why we went to the expense and effort to build it. Why can't the parents take them there instead of looking for the easy way out. The park is never too crowded and there is a lot more to do there than in the street or drive way and a whole lot safer. After all, the streets are for all of us to get to and from home and not to have to worry about children darting out that would ruin every ones lives that would be involved should there be an accident. Speed is not an issue; we, as most, drive under the speed limit, but are still paranoid with fear. Second issue is the fireworks. Every holiday, not just the 4th, seems to last for days and very late at night, scaring children and pets and annoying to adults during bed time hours. We had debris all over our deck screen, roof, drive way, street, etc. Most of the fireworks are the illegal types. Apparently the Jupiter Police avoid our neighborhood like the plague during these times. Can something be done on both of these issues with the help of the Police Dept.?

Thanks,

A Concerned Neighbor

Thanks for taking the time to add your comments to our Good Neighbor letter. There is no doubt if children are allowed to take certain liberties it becomes increasingly more difficult to prevent such actions in the future. The street is dangerous and as you mentioned the park is never crowded. Certainly the children would much rather be there anyway.

Fireworks are always an issue- people either love them or hate them. Certainly with the ball park in our back yard- there is no shortage of this sort of entertainment. ☺ I have forwarded your comments to our town representative and will let you know as soon as I hear back.

Katie

Dear Katie,

We have a home based business, however it is marine construction and no one in the heights would be a customer for us. Otherwise, we would certainly support the paper. I had cataract surgery last week and haven't been able to walk the front end of Heights Boulevard to pick up trash. Sure gets bad in a couple of days. Keep up the good work.

Thanks, Ethel on Ferrara Street

Ethel,

I completely understand- however should you have a neighbor that would benefit from this exposure- please encourage them to participate. We are locked into a year's commitment and the expense is there whether we have enough participation or not. Hopefully with time homeowners will see what a wonderful opportunity it really is- if not we won't be able to renew for a second year. With any luck it will prove to be a profitable venture and we can use funds generated to help complete the beautification along Heights Blvd.

I wish you a speedy recovery and thank you for all you do in helping to keep the Heights beautiful.

Katie

Dear Katie,

I have just finished reading your column in the latest issue of the Heights paper. I have lived in the heights for nearly 11 years and have loved ALMOST every minute of it. One thing is for sure, I would not consider ever leaving before my children have gone off to college which will be at least another 13 years.

I would like to know if one can nominate their own family for a spot in the family profiles. Although I am a very busy mom of 4, I would love the opportunity to share our family with my neighbors. (and I promise to get the questions answered & returned within days of receiving them. I will certainly TAKE THE TIME.) I think what you are doing with & for this community through your paper a great tool for outreach as well as for information. I love to read it on the weekends with my morning coffee. Keep up the great work and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Angie Ojea
Barbara Street resident

Angie-

Thanks for the kind email, I enjoy having a part in keeping our neighborhood connected. Anyone can be a profile- with some 1500 homes in this neighborhood and new residents moving in monthly I should have a wealth of profiles to choice from. Instead as my editorial indicated many people intend to do it, even really want to do it- bad sadly never get around to doing it! ☺

I really have a great time assembling the information provided and have personally loved hearing the many wonderful stories our neighbors have to share. In any case- I welcome your family's submission. Thanks again for your willingness to share your family with your friends and neighbors.

Katie

Editors Note- I hope you each enjoy reading about Angie and her family. I would like to once again thank her for- thanking the time- and hope it will encourage others to do so as well!

Hi Katie,

My name is Caitlyn and I am a girl scout in troop 239 and I live on Dania Street. I really like your Heights paper and the fact that our little area has its own means of communication. Thanks for all you do.

I was also wondering if I could ask a big favor from my troop. We are working on a community service project that troops all over the country are also doing. It is called **One Warm Coat**. The purpose is to make sure that all kids, everywhere, have at least one warm outer layer to wear when the cold weather hits. We are going to be setting up drop off boxes at a bunch of locations (schools, religious buildings, businesses) and we were wondering if we could post a notice or picture and caption of us with the boxes in the paper to let the Heights people know about the project and where the drop off spots are. They could even drop them at my house if it was easier. Thank you very much and I will pass on your response to my troop.

Caitlyn

Caitlyn-

Absolutely- I would love to help spread the word and I'm sure that other neighborhood papers would enjoy knowing this as well. What I would need is a picture as well as caption or brief description of who is in the picture, purpose (as you described) and locations, dates and contact information for those interested. Get me what ever info you have and have it to me NO later than the 10th of Oct. This is a great cause and I am happy to help spread the word.

Thanks again for your interest and kind words- I am proud to be part of such a wonderful neighborhood.

Katie

Note from the editor- We welcome your questions and comment. Should you have an issue that you would like addressed, just send your Letter to the Editor to NPBHeights@bellsouth.net. We will try and print as many as possible.