



historic urban neighborhoods
of INDIANAPOLIS

WHO IS HUNI

The Historic Urban Neighborhoods of Indianapolis (known as HUNI) was created by Indiana Landmarks in 1985 as an advocacy group supporting the preservation, revitalization and interests of Indianapolis' urban historic neighborhoods.

Our primary purposes are threefold:

- Promote historic preservation, neighborhood revitalization and other improvements within Indianapolis' urban neighborhoods.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas and experiences among individual and Neighborhood Association members.
- Represent member concerns to government officials and other authorities whose actions affect the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of HUNI's membership.

To be eligible for HUNI membership, neighborhoods must be recognized as being historic either nationally by their listing on the National Register of Historic Places and/or locally by the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC). 11 of our 24 historic neighborhoods presently enjoy IHPC protection (which means that residents cannot make alterations to the *exterior* of their homes without approval from IHPC. More information about IHPC may be found at <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DMD/IHPC/Pages/home.aspx>

Most of the rest of the neighborhoods have or are seeking National Register status (which means that residents can make whatever changes that want to the exterior of their homes as long as federal dollars are not involved. If Federal dollars are involved, changes must meet specific guidelines set forth by the US Secretary of the Interior—the agency who runs the National Register program.) While National Register districts are at risk of someone (homeowners or developers) buying and demolishing/altering significantly the historic neighborhood's housing stock, the neighborhoods listed on the National Register still enjoy the prestige of being considered an historic district and attracting neighbors who appreciate significant architecture.

The HUNI organization has quarterly meetings designed to educate representatives from member neighborhoods on issues which affect historic neighborhoods. The group has advocated for revitalization efforts through support of designation of local historic landmarks, testified against legislation which would have weakened the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission, and has educated community leaders on issues such as crime, property tax relief and sustainability.

HUNI neighborhoods include: Bates-Hendricks, Broad Ripple, Chatham Arch, Cottage Home, Cumberland, Emerson Heights, Fletcher Place, Forest Hills, Fountain Square, Haughville, Holy Cross-Westminster, Herron-Morton Place, Irvington Lockerbie Square, Meridian Park, Meridian Street, New Augusta, Old Northside, Old Speedway, Ransom Place, Riverdale, Springdale, St. Joseph, Windsor Park and Woodruff Place.

Our quarterly meetings for 2011 are scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Saturday, **Feb 19**, 9-11am, **Annual Meeting**, Glossbrenner Mansion (3202 N. Meridian St.)
- Thursday, **May 5**, 5:30-7pm, Indiana Landmarks Headquarters' Building Board Room (340 W. Michigan St.)
- Thursday, **August 25**, 5:30-7pm, Indiana Landmarks Center (12th Street & Central Avenue)
- Thursday, **November 3**, 5:30-7pm, Indiana Landmarks Center (12th Street & Central Avenue)

Annual dues are \$12 per year. Checks to be made payable to *Indiana Landmarks* (with HUNI dues noted in memo line). All historic neighborhoods are invited to send a representative to any of our meetings. Questions should be directed to Chad Lethig, Indianapolis Preservation Coordinator, at Indiana Landmarks, 317.639.6941 or Lorraine Phillips Vavul, HUNI Chair, 317.931.9236.

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