



The Cottage Home newsletter

News from the
Cottage Home Neighborhood



ABOVE: Sarah Evans of Williams Creek Consulting (left) took part in the presentation. Next to her are artists Greg Hull (second from left) and Eric Nordgulen, collaborating on the Pogues Run Trail project. At right is artist Billy Denton Ray, who will complete the *Vibrant Corridor* installation.

Two art projects in the works

BY SHANNON SAMSON

ARTISTS AND planners bringing two exciting art projects to Cottage Home are asking neighbors for input and inspiration.

The first is a mural at the Interstate 65 underpass at St. Clair Street, the latest in a city initiative called *Vibrant Corridors*.

The other, the *Cottage Home Rest Stop*, will feature sculptural art on Dorman Street in the grassy area south of the footbridge over Pogues Run.

Representatives from the Vibrant Corridors sponsors - the Arts Council of Indianapolis and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - introduced the chosen artist, Billy Denton Ray, to residents at the Aug. 3 general membership meeting of the Cottage Home Neighborhood Association at Flat 12 Bierwerks.

Perhaps Ray's most familiar work is the big blue face of his light-box design titled *The Limelighter* which hung on the side of Firefighters' Union Hall in the 700 block of Mass Ave. The artwork was used in promotional material for the 2011 IndyFringe Festival. The piece is now a permanent fixture on the outside of Party Time Rental at 72nd Street and Keystone Avenue.

Ray sought input from neighbors at the meeting, asking if they could sum up vibe of the neighborhood in one word. Suggestions included Block Party, bikes, beer, sunflowers, wildflowers, dogs, chickens, vibrant colors, energy, artists, entrepreneurship, gardens, eclectic, antiques, families and



Youngsters are always a part of neighborhood events. TOP: Parker Rose Hurst, daughter of Heath Hurst and Jessie Bishop. **ABOVE:** Arlo Haecker, son of Kari & Dawn Haecker. **RIGHT:** CoHo President Christy Cashin and her stepdaughter, Erin Cashin.

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children. Chatham Arch residents will also offer ideas.

Due to Indiana Dept. of Transportation restrictions, Ray can only paint the underpass pillars and bulkhead, the piece which connects the columns at the top. He will design and outline the mural. Volunteers will fill in the color, in a paint-by-numbers fashion, as part of the Lilly Global Day of Service on Oct. 1 and Indy Do Day on Oct. 2. The mural will be well under way but perhaps not finished in time for Cottage Home Block Party on Oct. 3.

This year, there will be temporary installations, pop-up

Cottage Home Neighborhood Association

Representing the interests of our neighborhood bounded by East 10th Street, Oriental Street, Michigan Street and Interstate 65/70.

The next meeting of the Cottage Home Neighborhood Association is

6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5

at the Community Space
(on the first Mondays of even-numbered months)

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BLOCK PARTY PREPARATION

□ A **NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP** in preparation for the Cottage Home Block Party is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Volunteers will be provided a light breakfast and should be prepared to do light gardening and trash pickup. Gloves will be provided. The rain date is Sept. 26.

□ Artists who want a **BOOTH** at the Cottage Home Block Party on Saturday, Oct. 3, should contact Jessica at jessteipen@gmail.com. ■

performances and a community picnic on the afternoon before Block Party to celebrate the other new installation coming to CoHo.

The *Cottage Home Rest Stop* installation is made possible by a grant from the Kresge Foundation and Central Indiana Community Foundation. The artwork is the latest in the *Reconnecting to Our Waterways* creative place-making series.

Dorman Street resident Eric Nordgulen, an accomplished sculptor and instructor, will design the installation, along with two Herron School of Art & Design colleagues, Greg Hull and Emily Stergar.

The artists will involve Herron and Arsenal Tech High School students who will learn to formulate concepts for public art and write funding proposals. Their collaboration will happen in the fall semester, with fabrication in the winter and installation set for spring 2016.

Nordgulen and Hull were also at the Aug. 3 meeting at Flat 12 listening to residents' input. In addition to all the positive attributes of Cottage Home, neighbor Becky Hostetter reminded everyone of Pogues Run's darker history - the site of a neighbor suicide, homeless camps and even a ghost.

Planners point out that the final design of the rest stop and underpass mural won't be decided by committee, but by the artists themselves. Last-minute suggestions for either project are welcome by e-mailing cottagehomeneighborhood@gmail.com. ■