

SMOKE SIGNALS

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May 2010

Indian Village Community Association Spring Garage Sales

Saturday, June 12, 9am to 4pm

Hopefully everyone has been busy with spring cleaning and all your items are now gathered together and you're busy pricing. I bet one or two of you even found some things you forgot you had, and no longer need. What a great surprise!! We will have signs out for Saturday sales, but you're welcome to hold sales at anytime during that week. Advertising will take place in the Fort Wayne Newspapers, on craigslist.org, and on our website.

Indian Village is HUGE and it's hard for shoppers to know if they've found every sale or not. We would like to make a map of the locations of all the sales. But, we can't do that unless we know about your sale. We need to know your address, days your sale will run, and if you have any big items you want showcased. Either email that information to secretary@indianvillagefw.com or call Sarah Didier at 747-7141. If you get voice mail, leave a detailed message along with a callback number in case Sarah has questions. We need to know who will be participating ASAP. Deadline for getting your garage sale on the map is Saturday, June 5. If we don't get at least 15 homes for the list, we are going to assume it's not a good idea and forget about the map.

Indian Village Community Association Website
<http://www.indianvillagefw.com>

4th of July Bike Parade and Picnic

We need volunteers for the upcoming 4th of July bike parade and picnic at Psi Ote Park. This is a fun time for the kids who decorate their bikes for the parade. If you are able to give some of your time, please call Sarah Didier at 747-7141.

ARCH Home Tour

We are still looking for homes and gardens to be available for our possible Home and Garden Tour the summer of 2011. If you would like to have your home or garden on the tour, please contact a board member for details.

Recycling Poachers

Did you know it's illegal to take items from recycle bins left at the curb for recycling? It's theft!! The items in those bins are considered city property. It's not worth getting arrested over, so don't do it!!

Recipe of the Month

DIRT CAKE

Small pkg. Oreo Cookies, crushed
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. Cool Whip, thawed
1 large package chocolate instant pudding
2 cups milk

Prepare instant pudding (using 2 cups milk), chill in refrigerator. Fold the Cool Whip into the cream cheese. Layer pudding, cream cheese mixture, crushed cookies & repeat. Crushed cookies will be on top giving the appearance of dirt!

Variations: Use vanilla cream cookies and vanilla, or white chocolate, pudding for Sand Cake.

Have a recipe you'd like to share?

Email your recipe to secretary@indianvillagefw.com.

Crime Watch Corner

Lieutenant McQueen, from the FWPD, was at IVCA's last Board Meeting. He told us, the best way to deter crime is, to talk to people you see walking down the street. Criminals don't like to be engaged in conversation, because they will be remembered. It's a very simple thing to do to help keep our neighborhood safe.

Incidents since the last newsletter: 1) On Monday, April 19, 2 bikes were taken by teenagers from a garage on Ojibway. The garage door was open while the homeowner was in the house making it easy for the bikes to be taken. **DO NOT LEAVE UNATTENDED DOORS TO YOUR HOME, OR GARAGE, UNLOCKED OR OPEN!!** 2) On Friday, May 7, there was a theft in the 2200 block of Wawonaissa; 3) On Sunday, May 9, there was a chimney fire in the 3600 block of Meda.

Please be extra careful and watch for any suspicious activity in your area. Lock house doors and secure your car. If you are a victim of crime, contact the Police directly ... 911 for Emergency Situations or the Desk Sergeant at 427-1222. Don't forget to notify the Board of Governors of your incident, so we have an accurate account of what happens in our neighborhood!!

Mosquito Spraying

Spraying for mosquitos will begin Thursday, June 3rd and will commence every two weeks during the summer. Remove cars from street parking on these Thursday nights so the truck can give us maximum coverage. Spraying begins at dusk and the truck will make a pass on each side of every street. In case of rain, the truck will be through the next dry evening.

Spraying Dates

June 3

June 17

July 1

July 15

July 29

August 12

August 26

Children and Pets

Parents, please remind your children when they are riding bikes, skateboards, or scooters, to be careful on the uneven sidewalks. Ask your children to not play in other people's yards unless they have been invited to do so.

If you have a dog, please remember there are leash laws. If your dog is outside, and not in a fenced yard, he/she needs to be on a leash. Be sure you have current tags on ALL of your pets in case they get loose. A lost pet can not be reunited with it's family if it doesn't have a tag with a current phone number on it. Also, be a responsible pet owner by cleaning up after your dogs when you walk them.

Solicitors

It seems with the nicer weather we've had an influx of solicitors going around the neighborhood. **SOLICITATION IS NOT ALLOWED IN INDIAN VILLAGE!!!** If you don't know the person knocking on your door, do NOT answer it! If you do answer and you find yourself face to face with a solicitor, ask them to leave. If they don't leave, call the Desk Sergeant at 427-1222. Be sure to make note of clothing they have on along with any vehicle you see with them.

Services

Youth Childcare

Amanda Didier 747-6931
Lindsay Didier 747-6931
Mackenzie Kneller 747-3169

Clothing Repair

Kris Conner 747-5776

House Cleaning

Debbie Gordon 747-9142
Christi Campbell 466-4961
Residential or Business

Pet Sitting

Kelly Spitznagel 437-4283

Adult Childcare

Debbie Greene 747-0453
Licensed

Lawn Services

Amanda Didier 747-6931
James Conner 747-5776
Chuck Chapman 747-0432

Homework/Tutoring

Linda Kirby 747-1447
Licensed K-8

Computer Repair

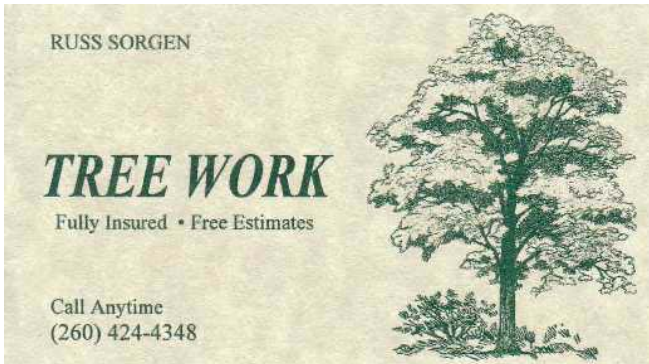
Sarah Didier 246-5382
Residential or Commercial

Arborist

An arborist will be coming into the Village to help us with our trees. Do you 1) know of trees that need to be removed, 2) have an area that needs a new tree, 3) know of trees that need to be trimmed? If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, please either call Judy Alcott at 747-7812 OR email the board via our website www.indianvillagefw.com with the address where the trees are that need attention.

Classifieds

Remember, if you use any of these businesses, mention that you saw their ad in the Smoke Signals!



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or listing your service, in the Smoke Signals?
Call Sarah Didier at 747-7141

Letter from the President

First of all, I want to thank the record number of Indian Village residents who attended the action packed Semiannual Meeting on March 10, 2010 at Indian Village Elementary School. For those of you not in attendance, you missed Tim Pape, 5th District City Councilman who listened to our concerns; Ken Nicolet, the Mayor's Advocate, who presented information to benefit the Village; Gina Kostoff of Public Works, who instructed us on how to get road and sidewalk repairs; Angie Quinn of ARCH who will work with us to showcase Indian Village for the 2011 ARCH Tour; Gayla McMurray of the Pocahontas Swim Club explained changes to pool memberships and Paul Eigman of Earth First gave a presentation on their waste collection business. The door prize winners were: the Miskelly family who won a 2011 Indian Village Association dues payment and the Pearson family who won a Hall's gift certificate.

A part of the meeting that was very important to me and the other Board members were the responses on the 3x5 index cards, which were distributed at the meeting, where the residents put what was most important to them and/or what they want the Board to do for them. In reviewing the responses, they fall under four categories: 1) Security/ Crime, 2) Restrictions (dogs, kids, properties, traffic, rental properties), 3) Improvements (to sidewalks, streets, trees, and upkeep of homes), and 4) Increased social activity in Indian Village.

It is important that you know that we are working on your requests. Since the March meeting, I have personally received communications from Mr. Pape stating that Wenonah will be repaved this year. I have received the listing of the current street grading ratings for all streets in our neighborhood from Ms. Kostoff. Chad Tinkle, Parks & Recreation Dept., arborist, has been in our neighborhood to review trees that need to be taken down and replaced. We have increased communications with the Police Department and Neighborhood Code Enforcement office to alert them to prospective problems we are experiencing. We have entered into a contract with a security agency to patrol Indian Village from Memorial Day through Halloween. We are also working on making revisions to our protective covenants.

What you have told us through your input:

- Dogs, they must be leashed per City Code, they should not be left out overnight barking and you must pick up their droppings
- We don't want people driving over the speed limit on our streets and we don't want solicitors. We don't want crime and we don't want rental properties. We don't want children playing in the street, loitering around homes, going behind schools to smoke and drink, stealing Christmas decorations, or damaging property.
- We want a beautiful addition with well kept homes owned by people who take pride in their home's appearance. We want to interact socially with our neighbors in a positive way. Perhaps we can have an Indian Village reunion during the ARCH Tour and start having block parties to get acquainted with our neighbors.

We have plenty of ideas, but we need your help to come together as a community to make Indian Village an even better place to live and play. We need your support on social/event committees, to have your home and/or garden featured in the 2011 ARCH Tour, and we need you to be the eyes and ears on what is happening on your side of the street. We need you to be proactive on any suspicious activities by calling 911.

The Indian Village Board is only as strong as the residents that we serve. Who will take the initiative to stand up and be counted and who will also be there to serve? Let 2010 be the year you become active in Indian Village and we will see our vision for an improved Indian Village Community Association occur.

The Indian Village Board wants to meet with you and have you get to know who we are, as well as, discuss any additional concerns you may have between our Semiannual Meetings. We are proposing having a Meet the Board event at Psi Ote Park on a Sunday afternoon this summer. Would you like to pursue this opportunity with us? Please email the board at ivcboard@indianvillagefw.com with your thoughts.

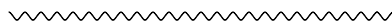
Deborah Dambra, President
Indian Village Community Association

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Other Important Numbers

Questions for the City	311
Tim Pape, Councilman	456-2695
Ken Nicolet, SW Specialist	427-1222
Brian Miller, Liaison Officer	427-1222



Sprucing Up? Adding On?

For **PRE-APPROVAL** of adding a
Garage, Deck, Fence, Shed or an Extra Room
Call Pat Doran at 747-7159

IVCA CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE



Indian Village Yahoo Group

Don't forget to sign up for our Yahoo Group.
A link to the group can be found on the Contacts page
of our website. You will have to sign up for a
Yahoo account if you don't already have one.

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