

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## **March Semiannual Meeting**

Indian Village Community Association's March Semiannual Meeting will be held at Indian Village Elementary School on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7pm. This meeting will be the last time you will be able to pay your 2011 Membership Dues without a penalty.

The Agenda, along with the 2011 Budget can be found inside this newsletter, along with Minutes from the October 13, 2010 Semiannual Membership Meeting.

Our City Liaison, Ken Nicolet, will have his last day of work on Tuesday, March 8, but he will attend this one last meeting before he runs for City Council. The Board plans on acknowledging the work he has done for us during the Meeting. Ken's replacement is Brent Wake who had to decline our invitation because of a prior commitment.

Attending the meeting from Animal Care and Control will be Community Outreach Specialist, Peggy Bender, Officer Kyle Bachert, and Officer Randy Thornton. They will be speaking and then take questions from the audience.

Indian Village Board of Governors hope to see many residents at this important meeting.

PS, as in October, there will be door prizes!

Indian Village Community Association Website  
**[Http://www.indianvillagefw.com](http://www.indianvillagefw.com)**

## **Indian Village Historic Home and Garden Tour**

Submitted by Angie Quinn, Executive Director, ARCH Inc.

Fort Wayne, January 25, 2011: ARCH, Fort Wayne's organization for historic preservation, announces that its annual **Home and Garden Tour** will be held in the historic **Indian Village Neighborhood, in Fort Wayne, Indiana** on Saturday, **June 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am until 5:00pm (EDT)**. The Indian Village Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and features exceptional homes in the Eclectic Revivals, Minimal Traditional, Contemporary and Ranch designs in a wooded setting near Foster Park. Developed in two phases, from the 1920s -1930s, and 1946-1965, Indian Village combines a City Beautiful-era suburban landscape of wide boulevards, and natural topography, with Mid-century Modern style and sensibility. **The Indian Village Home and Garden Tour** will feature almost a dozen houses and gardens, ranging from charming revival homes to exquisite atomic-age mid-century wonders. Advance tickets are \$10, and will be \$12 the day of the tour.

Along with the tour, ARCH will present a free program for the community to learn more about mid-century design.

"Mid-century Marvels: An Introduction to Ranches Across the Country" will be presented by Jim Brown, the publisher of *Atomic Ranch* magazine, who will present a program using images from the pages of the magazine. Jim Brown and Michelle Gringeri-Brown also published the first definitive book on Mid-century design. *Atomic Ranch: Design Ideas for Stylish Ranch Homes*, (2006 Gibbs Smith). The free program is at 7pm, on June 24, near the Indian Village Historic District, at the Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne.

## **Indian Village Historic Home and Garden Tour (cont'd)**

The Indian Village Historic Home and Garden Tour is part of ARCH's 2011 Community Education Program, sponsored in part by the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and Lincoln Financial Group Foundation. This annual event features historic homes and neighborhoods throughout the city. Contact ARCH for more information and to purchase tickets, which will be available beginning May 1. Call 260-426-5117 or [archfortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:archfortwayne@gmail.com)

## **Annual Holiday Lighting Contest Winners**

Well, this year's Holiday Lighting Contest was definitely not a disappointment. There were many beautifully decorated homes for the Board of Governors to judge. The winners were ...  
Grand Prize - 3802 Manito, 2nd Place - 3916 Meda, 3rd Place - 2534 Ojibway, 4th Place - 3901 Hiawatha, and 5th Place - 2233 Muscoday. The Grand Prize winner received a \$50 gift card and 2nd through 5th place received \$25 gift cards each.

## **2011 Maintenance Dues**

Your last chance to pay your 2011 Maintenance Dues without a late fee will be March 9, 2011 at Indian Village Elementary School during the March Semiannual Membership Meeting. After that meeting, the subsequent billings will reflect late fees of \$5.00 for each quarter of nonpayment.

**Thank you in advance for your prompt payment!!**

## **Help Needed?**

Do you need some assistance around your home such as snow shoveling, minor repairs, light yard work? Maybe you have a neighbor who needs help, but you know they would never ask for assistance. Your Board of Governors would like to extend a helping hand to residents in need. Please contact Sarah Didier at 747-7141 with your request.

**ALL REQUESTS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL!!**

## **Fort Wayne Enterprise Zone Scholarship Program 2011**

The Fort Wayne Urban Enterprise Association (UEA) offers the Enterprise Zone Scholarship Program as a part of its mission to improve the quality of life for Zone residents. Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne administers the program on behalf of the UEA. In 2011, the UEA will select a scholarship award winner who will receive up to \$1,000 a year for two or four years depending on the length of the degree program in which the student enrolls. Deadline for application is March 4, 2011 at 5pm. You can contact Kirk Moriarty, UEA Director, at 422-2304 for more information.

## **Resident Directory**

We are making an attempt to get our Resident Directory current and accurate . Many residents have neglected to fill out and return their directory information forms that were in the last Smoke Signals. Please get your forms completed and drop it in Sarah's mail slot at 2214 Wawonaissa Trail. You can also call Sarah at 747-7141 or email at [secretary@indianvillagefw.com](mailto:secretary@indianvillagefw.com) Don't assume that Sarah has your correct information. Some residents have called and said "nothing has changed", but when Sarah went to verify that she had the correct information, she did not. The sooner Sarah gets your information, the sooner new directories can be printed and distributed to all residents.

## **Recognition**

I would like to begin a new topic for our Smoke Signals, but I need YOUR help!! Do you know of someone celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any other noteworthy accomplishment, and you would like to shout it from the rooftops? Beginning with the April Smoke Signals, there will be a section devoted to just that. Email your requests for submission to [secretary@indianvillagefw.com](mailto:secretary@indianvillagefw.com) or call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 with details, then look for the name of you or your loved one to appear in April.

## **Good Neighbor Tips**

An Indian Village resident sent me a clipping out of the 2006 Fort Wayne City Guide and I thought it was worth sharing. It's rather lengthy, but some very good advise for all of us to ponder ...

- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for one another
- Watch for suspicious activities in the neighborhood
- Be particularly alert during vacation, hospital stays and other periods when owners are away
- Be courteous and keep noise to a minimum
- Keep your grass cut in summer months; and your sidewalks clear of snow in winter
- Control weeds (dandelions, poison ivy/oak/sumac, etc.)
- Keep sewer drains clear of debris and grass clippings
- Keep trash containers and bags out of sight until pick-up day
- Maintain trees, shrubs and landscaping so as not to obscure vision at intersections or damage vehicles
- Be considerate of others with seasonal displays. Check to see that your holiday lights don't shine or glare in your neighbor's bedroom windows. Remove lights and displays promptly after the holiday period. (Allowing for weather conditions, more than 45 days is considered excessive)
- Keep pets inside fenced areas or on a leash controlled by a responsible person
- Pick up after your pets
- Observe parking regulations. If street parking is permitted, do not block intersections or the driveways of others
- Review city ordinances for specific information about recreational vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, boats and commercial vehicles and abandoned vehicles. Neighborhood associations can impose additional restrictions on these vehicles in their areas.
- Watch for speeders and reckless drivers
- Keep current with neighborhood association dues. They are the fuel that keeps your neighborhood running.

## **Letter from the President**

2011 is upon us with another year of exciting activities to become involved with in Indian Village. We will have the Easter Egg Hunt at the Indian Village Blvd. Greenway, the annual Garage Sale, the ARCH Tour, the 4th of July Picnic and the Christmas Best Decorated Homes Contest. We hope to add more activities this year, if you are willing to become involved.

Our recent winter weather has blanketed the area with snow, but I feel we have dealt well with this challenge of Mother Nature. Remember, within 24 hours of snow arriving, your sidewalks need to be cleared. This is a City ordinance and you could be subject to receiving a ticket. If you are unable to handle the snow removal, please contact the Board and we will attempt to help you out.

For our upcoming Indian Village Community Association Semiannual Meeting, we have invited a representative of the Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control to be a guest speaker. We have also asked that Angie Quinn of ARCH be present to advise us on what we need to do in our countdown to the ARCH Tour on June 25, 2011. We need various Chairmen of committees to insure a successful event and we also need volunteers to work on the committees, as well as, the day of the event. Let's all work together to make this event a showcase for Indian Village. We are proud of where we live at; so let's show off the addition.

Plan to attend the Indian Village Community Association's Semiannual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Indian Village Elementary School. This will be the last time we will have Ken Nicolet, West Side Liaison to the Mayor in attendance and we want to wish him well in his future endeavors. Our new West Side Liaison to the Mayor is Brent Wake, who unfortunately will not be able to attend the meeting.

As many of you may know, Tim Pape is not seeking reelection as the 5th District Representative. It will be interesting to see who will step forward to run for this position and represent Indian Village concerns to the City Council.

If you have not done so yet, please get your 2011 Mandatory Membership Maintenance Fee of \$30.00 in now. We will also accept payments at the Semiannual Meeting.

Remember, your input is important to us. We want to hear your concerns and we need your support. Let's make 2011 the best year ever for Indian Village and let's start towards that goal on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Village Community Association's Semiannual Meeting. There will be door prize drawings for those in attendance.

Deb Dambra  
President, Indian Village Community Association

## **Did You Know?**

On Tuesday, February 15, around 8:35pm a very LOUD noise came from behind homes on Wawonaissa Trail that back up to the Miami Apartments on Nuttman Ave. The noise was so loud that it was heard clearly by a Board Member who lives on Indian Village Blvd. Immediately after the noise, screams could be heard. One resident reported just arriving home from work when the noise occurred and she thought the screaming was coming from a dog. Whatever this noise was, gun shot, explosion, or possibly a transformer blowing, it scared a lot of people. AEP was contacted the next day to see if a transformer had blown that night. The Customer Service Rep. stated that she had no way to look back and see if a transformer had blown, unless there was still an open report of “no power”. She also said that when a transformer blows, there will be no power somewhere. We have had several reports of gun shots within Indian Village lately that could very well be transformers blowing. Just because a transformer blows near your house doesn't mean you'll lose power, but someone will. If you hear what you think is a gun shot, of course first call 911 to report it. Then wait 15 minutes and call AEP at 1-800-311-4634. They will have reports of power out by then and will be able to tell you if the noise you heard was a transformer or not.

## **Coyotes**

Several residents have reported seeing coyotes running through Indian Village. Officials were contacted and we were told that they are looking for food and water. Coyotes are not usually a threat to humans, but they could be a threat to small animals. Please be careful when letting your pets out at night, especially if you don't have a fenced yard. To learn more about coyotes in Indiana, visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5688.htm>. This website contains information on general characteristics, reproduction, food, and prevention and control. I learned a lot about coyotes when I visited the site.



## **Our Youth are Our future**

I would like to see someone begin a program in Indian Village for our youth. Let's get our young residents involved and helping where they can help in our neighborhood. Our youth are the future of Indian Village. I grew up here and now 38 years after leaving, I moved back to the place I loved as a child and am serving on the Board of Governors. Wouldn't it be wonderful to get our youth involved enough that they want to come back in their adult years and become leaders of Indian Village? I would like to see someone in Indian Village step up to the plate and head up a committee for our youth. It could be a twofold committee that 1. puts the youth to work on projects within Indian Village and 2. reports to the Board of Governors ideas and/or concerns of the youth residing in Indian Village. If you think you would like to head up a Youth Committee, please call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 and I will help you get started.

## **Crime Watch Corner**

Indian Village was very busy with crime the week after Thanksgiving. Numerous cars were broken into and there were thefts and vandalism. The Board of Governors took action and hired Banks Security to patrol our streets for the month of December. Things really quieted down when 3 youths were apprehended one afternoon. They were found jumping a fence of a house on Meda Pass and actually dropped some of the stolen merchandise in the resident's yard. The FWPD Sergeant who responded to the 911 call gave the Board some really good advice. If you see youth walking around Indian Village, during school hours, call the police. They, at the very least, are guilty of being truant from school.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Desk Sergeant at 427-1222 or call 911 if warranted. Secondly, please notify the Board of Governors at [ivcboard@indianvillagefw.com](mailto:ivcboard@indianvillagefw.com) or call Sarah Didier at 747-7141.

## **Indian Village Elementary School News**

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

Indian Village Elementary School is pleased to announce that we will have Pre-Kindergarten for children who will be four before August 1, 2011, are potty trained, and live in the Indian Village attendance area.

Morning classes take place each day from 8:40–11:30am. Afternoon classes are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:30–3:20pm. Transportation is available for eligible children.

Included in the daily curriculum are: skills of observing, measuring, comparing, recognizing colors and shapes, recognizing likeness and difference, sequencing, rote counting, one-to-one corresponding, classifying, patterning, and sorting. Other skills included in reading will be the introduction of letters and sounds, observing letters used in the environment, and name recognition. Other cognitive skills that are addressed: following directions, planning, making choices, recalling and constructing.

To enroll your child, call the school at 467-5200 and plan to attend orientation on April 20, 2011.

### **Volunteers and Donations Needed**

Indian Village would welcome volunteers to help tutor students. If you could volunteer for even 1 hour a month it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteer applications are available in the school office. If you have any questions, please call 467-5200.

Indian Village is also in need of gently used uniform clothing for students in need. Uniform colors are: shirts – red, white, navy and light blue and pants - navy or khaki.

You may drop off clothing to the school office Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## 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 Commercial*

### Pet Sitting

Kelly Spitznagel 437-4283  
Dorothy Cahill 387-5057

### Adult Childcare

Debbie Greene 747-0453  
*Licensed*

### Lawn Services

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*

## Classifieds

If you use one of these businesses, don't forget to mention that you saw their ad in the Smoke Signals.



## Dog Walker

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## Advertising Rates

Business Card ~ \$10  
1/4 Page Ad ~ \$15  
1/2 Page Ad ~ \$25  
Full Page Ad ~ \$50  
Ad Inserts ~ \$15

Call Sarah Didier

at 747-7141 to place your ad in the next Smoke Signals!

**Indian Village Community Association  
Board of Governors**

Deb Dambra, President	747-9746
Sarah Didier, Secretary	747-7141
Sarah Steup, Treasurer	747-3696
Judy Alcott	747-7812
John Dambra	747-9746
Pat Doran	747-7159
Blake Egly	705-6588
Marcy Malloris	747-9639
Stan Robinson	478-3511
Sally Williams	747-1384

**Other Important Numbers**

Questions for the City	311
Tim Pape, Councilman	456-2695
Ken Nicolet, SW Specialist	427-1122
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

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**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.

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<http://www.indianvillagefw.com>

IVCA Semiannual Meeting  
March 9, 2011

- Call Meeting to Order
- Guests
  - ◆ Representatives of Animal Care & Control
    - Community Outreach Specialist, Peggy Bender
    - Officer Kyle Bachert
    - Officer Randy Thornton
  - ◆ Ken Nicolet
  - ◆ Angie Quinn, ARCH
- Approval of October 13, 2010 Semiannual Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- ARCH Tour
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Resident Concerns
- Adjournment

Volunteer for Neighborhood Tour, Welcoming Committee

IVCA 2011 Proposed Budget

	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>YR TO DATE</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
DUES 2010	\$14,910.00	\$13,560.00	\$14,910.00
LATE FEES		\$610.00	
PREVIOUS YEARS DUES		\$382.50	
NBC		\$935.00	
INTEREST	\$300.00	\$165.36	\$150.00
ADVERTISING		\$20.00	
MEMORIAL FUND		\$188.00	
CARRYOVER	\$25,500.00	\$25,548.79	\$25,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$40,710.00	\$41,409.65	\$40,560.00
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
ANNUAL MEETING	\$75.00	\$20.00	\$75.00
AUDIT (2007-08-09)	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
BILLING EXPENSE	\$400.00	\$394.79	\$400.00
CRIME WATCH (SECURITY)	\$4,500.00	\$4,080.00	\$4,500.00
EASTER EGG HUNT	\$300.00	\$240.22	\$300.00
4TH OF JULY	\$2,300.00	\$1,791.89	\$2,300.00
CHRISTMAS	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
INSURANCE	\$2,500.00	\$1,929.00	\$2,500.00
GARAGE SALES	\$150.00	\$160.90	\$200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES (Cmptr ck)	\$100.00	\$75.75	\$100.00
BLDG RENTAL FEES	\$300.00		\$300.00
ISF + FEES		(\$5.00)	
POSTAGE	\$400.00		\$400.00
SEC/TREAS SALARY	\$3,500.00	\$2,180.00	\$3,500.00
SMOKE SIGNALS	\$1,500.00	\$664.17	\$1,500.00
NBC (COMMON GROUND)	\$2,000.00	\$116.73	\$1,000.00
WELCOME PACKETS	\$100.00		\$100.00
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	\$4,500.00	\$3,591.00	\$4,500.00
DIRECTORIES	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
TEE PEE / MONUMENT REPAIRS	\$5,000.00	\$870.00	\$5,000.00
STORAGE FEES	\$500.00	\$464.17	\$600.00
LIEN FILING FEES		\$13.00	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
PROTECTIVE COVENANTS	\$2,000.00	\$220.96	\$2,000.00
SWAP DONATION	\$150.00		\$150.00
BANK FEES			
WEBSITE SETUP/MAINTENANCE	\$1,000.00	\$475.60	\$750.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,000.00	\$596.17	\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,475.00	\$18,429.35	\$38,075.00
<b>Ending Balances as of December 31, 2010</b>			
Checking	\$1,657.43		
Savings	\$32,351.55		
TOTAL	\$34,008.98	\$22,980.30	\$2,485.00

**Indian Village Community Association**  
Semiannual Meeting - October 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Dambra at 7:05pm

A motion to open the meeting was made by Pat Doran, seconded by Marcy Malloris, and passed by unanimous vote.

Guests:

**Angie Quinn** gave an update on our pending ARCH Home and Garden Tour in June 2011. She brought official sign up sheets for homeowners interested in having their homes as part of the tour, a copy of the poster ARCH puts out to advertise the tour, and a list of committee assignments that will need to be filled within the next few months. We need people willing to open their homes on the tour, people to help find sponsorships to pay for ½ of event (Indian Village pays ½, ARCH pays other ½), volunteers to help man homes on the tour, parking helpers, rest room needs, and marketing needs. Questions have been brought up about security to Deb Dambra and Ms. Quinn addressed those questions. Ms. Quinn has been with ARCH since 1996 and in all those years there has only been one incident of a small item missing. ARCH has liability coverage for the entire event. The tour will also include Indian Hills, not just the historical part of Indian Village.

**Ken Nicolet**, West Liaison, told us he will be retiring on May 20, 2011. He talked about the recent RNNC in Dayton and informed us that Fort Wayne will host the event in 2012. The Grand Opening of Ardmore Road will be October 14 at 5pm with live news, and everyone is invited to attend. Lisal Morelli is the new Public Communications Officer. She was in the Army Reserves for 9 years and spent 1 year in Iraq. Fall is Coming and Neighborhood Link would like to know if you have neighbors who need help with raking leaves. 710-7611 is the number to call to refer properties needing help. The Largest dog show in the Midwest is November 3-7 at the Memorial Coliseum. Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin on 10/20 and there will be 2 pickups per area again this year.

**Tim Pape**, 5th District Councilman, expressed how dissatisfied he was with the condition of Indian Village streets when he was at our March meeting. Since then, Wenonah has been repaved from Engle Rd. through the Ojibway intersection. Mr. Pape will get with Bob Kennedy (Public Works Director) and has promised to do another street next year.

**Grant Shipley** spoke on recent findings with our Protective Covenants and what he is going to be doing to help us with them. Mr. Shipley graciously does not charge us for his time.

A motion to approve the March 10, 2010 Semiannual Meeting Minutes, with a correction to the spelling of Brian Miller's name, was made by John Dambra and passed with unanimous vote.

**Financial Report** was presented for the membership review. A resident asked why do we not make the dues higher? A motion to accept the financial statement as presented was made by John Dambra, seconded by Linda Hamrick, and passed by unanimous vote.

### **Board of Governors Nominations**

Incoming: Sarah Steup as Treasurer

A motion to accept Sarah Steup as Treasurer was made by Pat Doran, and passed by unanimous vote.

**RNNC (Regional Neighborhood Network Conference)** in Dayton was attended by Deb Dambra and Sarah Didier. It was a very educational time for both of us. We both attended different seminars so we would have more information to bring back to Indian Village. Sarah will begin a series of articles in the Smoke Signals showcasing the different topics of the seminars they attended.

**Block Captains Needed** - Sarah Didier is hoping to gain some “back-up” Block Captains to help when current Block Captains are unable to deliver the Smoke Signals.

**Protective Covenants Update** - Grant Shipley, attorney and President of Wildwood Park explained some findings that have arisen regarding our Protective Covenants. He will need to do a bit more looking into them before he can advise what our next step should be. Indian Village Section A was platted in 1927 by City and Suburban Building Company. 6 years later, the depression hit. In the 50’s, Jack Worthman came in and finished the platting and building in Indian Village.

Cards were passed out for residents to make comments on what they would like to see in our Protective Covenants.

**Resident Concerns** - It might be a good idea if the September Garage Sales were held a weekend other than the weekend after Labor Day. Garbage pickup is delayed because of Labor Day and it’s difficult for the pickup to be made with so many cars on the streets.

A motion that you don’t have to receive the \$5 incentive, if you choose not to, was made by Pat Doran.

A motion to throw out the previous motion was made by the floor.

Winners of door prizes:

Carol Rose - Halls Restaurant Gift Card

Chuck Chapman - Debrand Chocolate Gift Card

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Dambra and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Didier

IVCA Secretary