

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Spring is on our doorstep and that can only mean one thing.

It's time again for the annual Indian Village Community Association Easter Egg Hunt!! The Hunt will take place on the Indian Village Boulevard greenway on Saturday, April 16 at 11am, with a rain date of Saturday, April 23 at 11am. Children and grandchildren of Indian Village residents, who are between the ages of 0 to 12, are invited to participate.

We desperately need volunteers for this event. On Monday, April 11, beginning at 7m, there will be an Egg Stuffing Party at the home of Sarah Steup. Call Sarah at 747-3696 for details if you are available to help. Last year we had a good turnout of "stuffers" and it only took a little over an hour to complete.

On the day of the Hunt, we need volunteers to be on the Boulevard greenway to help clean the area prior to hiding the eggs. Volunteers should gather on the Boulevard at 9:30am to begin cleaning.

Thank you in advance for all your help!! It's impossible to have a successful Easter Egg Hunt without the help of volunteers. Please know that the Indian Village Board of Governors appreciates each and every one of you who can help, no matter how much of your time you have to give.

Indian Village Community Association Website

[Http://www.indianvillagefw.com](http://www.indianvillagefw.com)

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

ARCH will hold it's annual Home and Garden Tour in Indian Village on Saturday, June 25 from 11am to 5pm. We are still in need of more homes and/or gardens to participate in the tour. If you are interested in making your home and/or garden part of this tour, you will need to fill out an application. There is a link to the application on IVCA's website on the Home page. <http://www.indianvillagefw.com>. Angie Quinn, Executive Director of ARCH, spoke at our March Semiannual meeting at which time she said she would like to see a variety of houses on the Tour. She is interested in homes on Indian Hills Drive, Mound Pass, and Enola Court, participating in the Tour, especially those that have not had their original footprint changed by renovations.

We are also in need of volunteers ... lots of volunteers. Volunteers will work in shifts so they will have time to tour the other homes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jan Tidwell at 747-1514. There will be a meeting on June 1st at the public library to discuss volunteer's duties. Homeowners will have a similar meeting.

Including the tour, ARCH will present a free program for the community to learn more about mid-century atomic ranch designed homes. Jim Brown, publisher of Atomic Ranch magazine will present "Mid-century Marvels: An Introduction to Ranches Across the Country". The program is at 7pm, on Friday, June 24, at the Southwest Conservation Club.

Tickets for the Tour can be purchased in advance beginning May 1, for \$10, or the day of the tour for \$12. Contact ARCH for more information and to purchase tickets at 426-5117 or [archfortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:archfortwayne@gmail.com). Of the money taken in from the Tour, 1/2 goes to ARCH for historic preservation and the other 1/2 goes to Indian Village for neighborhood preservation.

## **Community Garage Sale**

The Indian Village Board of Governors has been receiving a lot of calls from residents inquiring as to when the next IVCA Community Garage Sale will be. The date for the sales this year is Saturday, June 11 beginning at 9am. If anyone ever wonders what date an event will take place on, the information is on our website on the Events page at <http://www.indianvillagefw.com/events.htm>.

## **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 December Smoke Signals. Please get your form completed and drop it in Sarah's mail slot at 2214 Wawonaissa Trail. You can also call Sarah at 747-7141 or email her 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.

## **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!!**

## **Burglary Prevention**

### *Making your home a less than ideal target*

Crime Prevention Officer Todd Battershell with the Fort Wayne Police Department offers the following burglary prevention tips:

#### **Lighting**

- Ensure that all the lights are working around the perimeter of your home. Use energy efficient bulbs.
- Light fixtures should use transparent vandal resistant covers, and all light fixtures should be placed high enough to prevent unwanted persons from having access to them.
- Lights should be near the porch, garage, doorways and any other areas where people will stand.
- When the homeowner is not at home, use lights set on digital timers so that the times vary. Other appliances, such as stereos can also be added to digital timers. Adjust these so that it appears that someone is home. For example, the light and TV are on in the living room. A short time later, the lights and the stereo in the bedroom turn on, and moments later the living room electronics turn off.
- Keep your blinds drawn when you are not home. Do not allow criminals to see into your home.

#### **Doors and Windows**

- Doors are usually the first choice of burglars. All exterior doors should be supplemented with a double cylinder deadbolt lock with a 1 inch throw. Replace the locks that do not have a free rotating bevel beauty ring.
- If "Lock Bumping" is a concern, then replace all exterior locks with newer "Anti-Lock Bump" locks.
- Exterior doors should have a solid core (2 3/4 thick is preferred) with hinge pins located on the interior. If the hinge pins are outside (outward swing door), replace the hinge with a security style hinge.

- Teach all residents to check before opening the door. Keep the doors locked.
- Replace the strike plate with a security style strike plate. Use 3 inch screws whenever possible. This allows the screw to dig into the framing of the home, not just the soft wood door frame.
- Sliding doors should be supplemented with locks, which if not supplied with the door, can be purchased at local hardware stores. A simple solution still in use is to apply a rod to the track of the sliding door.
- Buy supplemental locks for windows that cannot be disengaged from the exterior. NEVER screw down windows.

**Remember fire safety codes when installing  
deadbolt locks and window locks.**

**Other considerations**

- Do not leave your name, and the dates when you will be gone on your answering machine.
- Install an alarm if possible, and supplement with signage to indicate that an alarm is present.
- Ask a close friend or neighbor to watch your home when you are away for extended periods.
- Join or start a Neighborhood Watch program.
- Use “Operation I.D.” to catalog the digital components within your home. An explanation, directions, and forms for Operation I.D. can be found on the Fort Wayne Police Department website under the Crime Prevention link.
- Photograph valuables so that they can be identified more easily by the police.

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.

## **Our Youth are Our future**

The Indian Village Board of Governors recognizes that the youth of Indian Village are our future leaders. We even have members of our own Board who grew up in Indian Village and then returned many years later and are serving this community. With that said, we would like to get the youth of Indian Village more involved. It is our desire to find an outstanding youth in our neighborhood who would be a liaison between the youth of Indian Village and the Board of Governors. We want to know the concerns of our youth, along with suggestions they may have to help our neighborhood be all that it can be. If you, or someone you know, is at least 14 years old and would like to serve as an "Honorary Board Member", please call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 for more information.

## **Indian Village Elementary School News**

### **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation**

Indian Village Elementary School will be having Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 6:30pm in the school gymnasium.

If you would like an informational package about our Pre-Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten program(s) mailed to you or would like to sign up to attend our orientation, please call the school office at 467-5200. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

### **The Carnival is Coming!! Come One ... Come All ...**

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend Indian Village Elementary School's Annual Spring Carnival on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 5:30pm to 8pm.

## 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



**Celebrate Sweets**  
by Paula Lipp

Personalize Food Carriers

3312 Ende Court  
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

260-247-1211  
lplipp@msn.com

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

## 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!



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Stan Robinson	478-3511
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## **Other Important Numbers**

Questions for the City	311
Tim Pape, Councilman	456-2695
Brent Wake, SW Specialist	427-2625
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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