

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Publication



September 2011

Semiannual Association Meeting

Indian Village Community Association's next Semiannual Association Meeting will be held at 7pm on October 12, 2011, at Indian Village Elementary School. ALL residents are invited to attend.

This is one meeting you don't want to miss. Fort Wayne Mayor, Tom Henry, will be speaking! District 5 Councilman Candidates, Ben Hall and Geoff Paddock will also be in attendance. There will NOT be a debate, however each candidate will give us their vision for the 5th District and Indian Village in particular. Betsy Keisler, Code Enforcement Officer, will also be speaking. She will also be available to answer any questions you have regarding City Code.

If you're new to Indian Village, or even a resident who has lived here for some time, this is a great time to come on out and meet your Board of Governors, other neighbors, and ask questions you may have about our fabulous neighborhood.

Oh yes, and there will be door prizes too!!

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

The Mayor's Walk Through Indian Village

On Thursday, September 1, Fort Wayne's Mayor, Tom Henry, walked the streets of Indian Village. The walk began on Ojibway, by Indian Village Elementary School, proceeded down Ojibway, onto the south side of Indian Village Blvd. to Manito Blvd., back up the north side of Indian Village Blvd. to Wawonaissa Trail and back over to Ojibway, where the walk returned to the school. The Mayor knocked on every door of every house on the route. He spoke with residents and his staff made detailed notes of resident's concerns. Thank you Mayor Tom Henry for making yourself available to Indian Village!

Halloween is Drawing Near

Halloween this year, is on a Monday. As in the past, Indian Village will be extremely busy with Trick or Treaters visiting our neighborhood. Banks Protection Services will continue their security patrol of Indian Village through Halloween. Please, as you are driving through our neighborhood on Monday, October 31, be mindful that there will be many children walking the streets. Some children will be so excited that they may run into the streets without warning. Drive extra slow and careful on that night to help avoid any mishaps. Let's make this Halloween fun and safe for all the children in, and visiting, our great neighborhood!

Political Signs

Your Indian Village Board of Governors has been receiving a number of calls recently regarding political signs in resident's yards. Since this is an election year for the City, we thought it would be helpful to inform everyone of their rights where political signs are concerned. Senate Bill No. 64's Synopsis reads: "Display of political signs. Prohibits a homeowners association from adopting or enforcing certain restrictive covenants or homeowners association rules concerning the display of political signs." Effective: July 1, 2010.

SENATE BILL No. 64

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SOURCE: IC 32-21-13; (10)SB0064.1.1 --> SECTION 1. IC 32-21-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE July 1, 2010]:

Chapter 13. Display of Political Signs on Property Subject to Restrictive Covenants or Homeowners Association Rules

Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 3-5-2 apply to this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, “rules” refers to any of the following:

- (1) A restrictive covenant.
- (2) A homeowners association rule.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, “sign” refers only to a sign advocating:

- (1) the election or defeat of one (1) or more candidates for:
 - (A) nomination; or
 - (B) election;

To a public office;

- (2) support for or opposition to:

- (A) a political party; or
- (B) a political party’s candidates; or

- (3) the approval or disapproval of a public question.

Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a homeowners association may not adopt or enforce a rule that prohibits a member of the homeowners association from displaying a sign on the member’s property during the period:

- (1) beginning thirty (30) days before; and
- (2) ending five (5) days after;

the date of the election to which the sign relates.

Sec. 5. A homeowners association may adopt and enforce rules relating to a sign described in section 3 of this chapter if the rules do any of the following:

- (1) Restrict the size of a sign if the rule permits a homeowner to display a sign that is at least as large as signs commonly displayed during election campaigns.
- (2) Restrict the number of signs that may be displayed if the rule permits a homeowner to display a reasonable number of signs.
- (3) Restrict the locations where a sign may be displayed. However, a restriction under this subdivision may not prohibit the display of a sign:
 - (A) in a window on the homeowner’s property; or
 - (B) on the ground that is part of the homeowner’s property.

Sec. 6. A homeowners association may remove a sign that violates the rules permitted by this chapter.

Letter from the President

It's time for the Indian Village Community Association Semiannual Meeting to be held at Indian Village Elementary School on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. On our agenda will be Mayor Tom Henry presenting information of interest to us. We will also have both of the District 5 candidates Ben Hall and Geoff Paddock who will introduce themselves to us and give us their "vision" for the 5th District and Indian Village. In addition, we will also have Betsy Keisler of Neighborhood Code Enforcement. Betsy is our neighborhood's Code Enforcement Officer and will be able to answer any question you may have regarding City Code.

For those of you home along the route during the Mayor's Walk through Indian Village, you were able to address any issues of concern with either the Mayor or the department head for your area of "concern". Although a very hot evening, it was a very productive time to speak to the individuals who are in charge to get the answers to your questions.

We had a wonderful 4th of July Picnic and Parade at Psi Ote Park and both of our Association Garage Sales were successful as well. The ARCH Tour was another accomplishment and I want to thank all of those who allowed others to view their homes and gardens for this event. An area of Wawonaissa Trail has had their road improved and we have had some other street areas patched.

Banks Protection Services, Inc. has provided extra security for Indian Village through the summer months and, as we did last year, we will utilize their services in December when everyone is buying gifts for the holiday season and beautifully decorated homes have displays in their yards.

I want to take a moment to thank all members of Indian Village who helped as Block Captains this year and also those who helped the Indian Village Board with events during this past year. I also want to thank the Indian Village Board for all of their service to Indian Village. I am very grateful for their service and support in making Indian Village one of the best associations in Fort Wayne.

Be sure to mark your calendars for October 12 at 7:00 p.m. See you then!

Deborah Dambra, President
Indian Village Community Association

Resident Directory

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.

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.

If we don't get information from every household, the Board has no alternative but to begin knocking on doors. We would like to get this completed with accurate information. Please help us by getting your information to Sarah ASAP.

Block Captain Needed

A big "Thank You" to all our block captains!! They are the reason you have the Smoke Signals in your homes. Indian Village is in need of a block captain for the block bordered by Wenonah Lane, Engle Road, Indian Hills Drive, & Ojibway Trail. If you are interested in becoming a block captain, or even a back up block captain, call Sarah Didier at 747-7141, or email her at secretary@indianvillagefw.com.

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!!

Services

Clothing Repair

Kris Conner 747-5776

Computer Repair

Sarah Didier 246-5382

Residential/Commercial

Homework/Tutoring

Linda Kirby 747-1447

Licensed K-8

House Cleaning

Debbie Gordon 747-9142

Christi Campbell 466-4961

Residential/Commercial

Lawn Services

Chuck Chapman 747-0432

James Conner 747-5776

Adam Sullivan 747-1520

Kyle Sullivan 747-1520

Notary Services

Judy Alcott 747-7812

Pet Sitting

Dorothy Cahill 387-5057

Kelly Spitznagel 437-4283

Youth Childcare

Amanda Didier 747-6931

Lindsay Didier 747-6931

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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
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
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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IVCA Semiannual Meeting
October 12, 2011

- Call Meeting to Order
- Guests
 - ◆ 5th District City Council Candidates
 - Geoff Paddock
 - Ben Hall
 - ◆ Mayor Tom Henry
 - ◆ Betsy Keisler, City Code Enforcement
- Approval of March 9, 2011 Semiannual Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report & Proposed 2012 Budget
- Resident Concerns
- Adjournment

Thank you for Coming!

Indian Village Community Association
Fianacial Report / 2012 Proposed Budget

	PROPOSED 2011	2011 YR TO DATE	PROPOSED 2012
INCOME			
DUES 2011	\$ 14,910.00	\$ 13,015.00	\$ 14,910.00
LATE FEES		\$ 510.00	
PREVIOUS YEARS DUES		\$ 395.00	
NBC		\$ 1,018.00	
INTEREST	\$ 150.00	\$ 33.66	\$ 35.00
ADVERTISING		\$ 80.00	
Memorial Fund			
CARRYOVER	\$ 25,500.00	\$22,810.30	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 40,560.00	\$ 37,861.96	\$ 39,945.00
EXPENSES			
ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
ARCH HOME TOUR	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (183.36)	
AUDIT	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
BILLING EXPENSE	\$ 400.00	\$ 193.30	\$ 400.00
CRIME WATCH (SECURITY)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,016.95	\$ 5,000.00
EASTER EGG HUNT	\$ 300.00	\$ 202.65	\$ 250.00
4TH OF JULY	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,934.35	\$ 2,300.00
CHRISTMAS	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
INSURANCE	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,969.00	\$ 2,500.00
GARAGE SALES	\$ 200.00	\$ 104.25	\$ 150.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES (Cmptr ck)	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.70	\$ 100.00
BLDG RENTAL FEES	\$ 300.00		
ISF + FEES		\$ 67.00	
POSTAGE	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
SEC/TREAS SALARY	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 3,500.00
SMOKE SIGNALS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 288.40	\$ 1,000.00
NBC (COMMON GROUND)	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
WELCOME PACKETS	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 4,500.00
DIRECTORIES	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
TEE PEE/MONUMT REPAIRS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,000.00
STORAGE FEES	\$ 600.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 700.00
LIEN FILING FEES			
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 2,500.00
PROTECTIVE COVENANTS	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
SWAP DONATION	\$ 150.00		
BANK FEES			
Website Setup/Maintenance	\$ 750.00	\$ 223.79	\$ 500.00
MISC	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 292.19	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 40,075.00	\$ 11,345.22	\$ 34,625.00
Ending Balances as of August 31, 2011			
Checking	\$ 1,798.58		
Savings	\$ 24,718.07		
TOTAL	\$ 26,516.74	\$ 26,516.74	\$ 5,320.00

INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Semiannual Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2011

Indian Village Community Association March 9, 2011 Semiannual Meeting was held in the auditorium of Indian Village Elementary School. Board of Governors in attendance were Deb Dambra (President), Sarah Didier (Secretary), Judy Alcott, John Dambra, Pat Doran, Blake Egly, Marcy Malloris, Stan Robinson and Sally Williams. Board of Governors absent from the meeting was Sarah Steup, Treasurer. Also in attendance were 24 Indian Village residents.

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Dambra at 7:00pm.

Special Guests:

- ◆ Representatives of Animal Care & Control
 - **Officer Randy Thornton** - City Code allows no more than 5 dogs and 2 cats or no more than 7 cats per household. There is a leash and tethering law - 1) If your dog is off your property it must be on leash, 2) you can not tie a dog outside after 11pm and 3) the tie must be 6' long with water and food available. If your dog gets loose, chases and growls at someone, you are in violation of City Code. If your dog bites, it will be considered a dangerous animal. Dogs barking continually for more than 15 minutes, or 20 minutes collectively, within an hour are in violation of City Code. Animal Control comes out to sit and listen for barking dog violations. If they don't hear the dog(s) barking, there is no violation. If you are walking your pet on leash and they go potty, you are required by City Code to clean up the mess immediately. If your pet goes in your yard, you are also required to clean it up ASAP or it can be considered a health hazard.
 - **Officer Kyle Bachert** - Coyotes are considered nuisance wildlife and Animal Control doesn't deal with nuisance wildlife. If you have baby bunnies in your yard and think the mother has abandoned them, don't touch them as mother bunnies only come around once a day. The same goes with baby birds. Animal Control officers are on patrol from 6am to 1am. If you experience any barking dogs between 1am and 6am, call the police. Fines for barking dogs can be from \$100 to \$2,500. The same ordinance applies to indoor dogs who are barking. City Code says if you're being attacked, you or your dog, it's OK to do whatever it takes to get that dog away from you. Indiana is pretty lenient on what to do in baiting and trapping. Live traps are OK, poison is considered a felony, and leg traps are illegal. If you use a live trap to catch nuisance wildlife you must relocate the animal to another part of Allen County. If you know of a rat infestation, call Neighborhood Code Enforcement along with Vector Control, since Animal Control doesn't handle rat issues.
- ◆ **Ken Nicolet** - Ken was told when he first came to the City to "watch out for Indian Village, they are mean, they are complainers" but Ken found that not to be the case. He found that when he returned calls quickly, people were very nice to him. Brent Wake is Ken's replacement and comes from Senator Bayh's office. The move to the new government building should be complete by June. 2010 was a record breaking year for downtown with a new bridge, the lighting up of Wells Street, and many new restaurants.
- ◆ **Angie Quinn, ARCH** - as of this date we have 5 or 6 houses that are interested with 3 forms that have been filled out. A lecture was held in January and they talked about Indian Village. Angie would like to see a variety of houses on our Tour. 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. There will be a meeting on June 1st at the public library to discuss volunteer's duties. Homeowners will have a similar meeting. On June 24 at 7pm at SW Conservation Club, Angie has arranged to have the Editor of Atomic Ranch Magazine to speak about 1950's style ranches.

A motion to approve the October 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes was made by John Dambra, seconded by Sally Williams, and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Pat Doran, seconded by John Dambra, and passed by unanimous vote.

Questions from the floor asked what NBC and SWAP stood for. NBC = Neighborhood Beautification Committee and SWAP = Southwest Area Partnership.

Easter Egg Hunt - Indian Village will hold it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, with rain date of April 23. All children and grandchildren of Indian Village residents are welcome to participate.

Resident Concerns

- the Board received a call from a resident who was concerned about trash containers sitting in front of garages.
- Police shared at one of the other meetings Deb Dambra attended, that the hottest item that is being stolen is catalytic converters off cars.
- The Indian Village monuments are flaking and we will be getting bids for repair work to be done.
- One resident has concerns about kids throwing bottles on Wawonaissa and Ojibway.
- A question was asked about parking in front of other's homes. Ken Nicolet said the street is for public use. You can petition to have no parking in front of your house but then even you can't park in front of your own home. It is a violation to park facing the wrong way in the street.

Other Items from the President

- Tim Pape is not running for reelection as our councilman. At a recent SWAP meeting they were told on April 27, at 7pm, at Eiser Hall of the old Taylor University, the candidates will be there for a "meet and greet".
- Before the meeting tonight, the music teacher said on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30pm, the 2nd and 3rd graders will be performing Annie Jr.
- Legacy Fort Wayne wants to know how residents would like to see the money used from the City Light Lease Settlement funds. There will be community meetings held for discussion from residents on Wednesday, March 9 at Indiana Institute of Technology and the Public Safety Academy of Northeast Indiana; Thursday, March 10 at Canterbury High School; Monday, March 14 at Downtown Allen County Public Library; Tuesday, March 15 at Snider High School; and Wednesday March 16 at Northrop High School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Raffle Drawing Winners

Jan Tidwell - Spyro's Gift Card
Beth Wells - The Stand Gift Card
Joe Perjak - The Stand Gift Card
Pat Oberley - Broadview Florist Gift Card

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Doran, seconded from the floor, and passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Didier
IVCA Secretary