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Holiday Lighting Contest

Thanksgiving is over and hopefully everyone had a safe and blessed day. The weather has been mild so far which makes it a perfect time to decorate outside for the holidays. We are expecting many fabulous displays to judge this year during our annual holiday lighting contest. I love the holidays, and I especially enjoy driving around Indian Village and seeing all the wonderful holiday displays.

This year, the decorated homes will be judged by your Board of Governors from Sunday, December 11, through Tuesday, December 13. Final calculations and judging results will be made on Wednesday, December 14. Last year's grand prize winner was 3802 Manito Blvd., so that home is not eligible to be judged this year. All the other winners from last year are eligible to be judged again this year. Please be sure to have your lights on at dusk, on all three of the judging nights, so your home can be judged!

The grand prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card and 2nd through 5th place winners will each receive \$25 gift cards.

What a great way to help with your holiday shopping!

Indian Village Community Association Website

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

Good Neighbors Make a Great Neighborhood

Have you ever thought about how you can be a better neighbor and in the long run, help make Indian Village a better place to live? Indian Village gained many new residents in 2011. Have you taken the time to get to know your new neighbors? If you are new to Indian Village, have you made yourself known to your neighbors? I'm sure some of our new residents don't realize that Indian Village must follow the rules of the City of Fort Wayne, i.e., City Code. If you are new to Indian Village, and especially if you are new to living in the Fort Wayne city limits, and you want to make improvements to your property, there is a protocol that needs to be followed. If you are making any changes to your property, you must contact either Pat Doran at 747-7159 or Judy Alcott at 747-7812. Pat and Judy will meet with you to discuss your improvements and make sure they fit within the historical guidelines of Indian Village. Next, city permits must be obtained and, if there will be any digging involved, you need to call the utility companies to be sure you won't be digging into their equipment. Also, did you know vehicles may not be parked on lawns? City Code states you must park in your driveway or on the street if you don't have room in your garage for your vehicle.

The Indian Village Board of Governors receive calls every now and then about residents not following protocol for improvements, along with cars inappropriately parked, however this doesn't happen enough. Indian Village is so large that it's impossible for the Board to know everything going on without your help. Please, if you see work being performed by a resident and you're not sure if they are within the historical guidelines of the neighborhood, or you see a vehicle inappropriately parked, call one of the Board members. You don't even have to give us your name, just the address of the property in question. Let's all work together to make Indian Village the best place ever to live and raise a family!!

Semiannual Meeting in Review

Indian Village held it's Semiannual Meeting on October 12 and we had quite a turnout. Both 5th District Council Candidates, Ben Hall and Geoff Paddock, spoke at the meeting and gave their vision for Fort Wayne and especially the 5th District. As we all know, Geoff Paddock won that election and you will find a column he has written for the Smoke Signals in this edition. Councilman at Large Candidate Gordon Anthony also spoke explaining what being a Councilman at Large means, along with giving his vision for Fort Wayne.

Mayor Tom Henry also attended and spoke, not as a political figure, but as a stand in for Brent Wake who was invited, but unable to attend. Brent Wake is our liaison to the Mayor's Office.

Betsy Keisler, City Code Enforcement Officer, answered questions residents had regarding easements and burning. Betsy encouraged residents to email her when they see code violations so she can check them out in a timely manner. She has a computer in her vehicle and emails get to her quicker than phone calls do. Betsy's email address is Betsy.Keisler@cityoffortwayne.org.

Door prize winners were:

Fall Clean up Kit from Umbers - Linda Ralston

The Stand Gift Card - Melinda Ambrose

Plant (mums) from McNamara's - Eve Kensill

If you've never attended one of these meetings, you should really consider doing so. It's a wonderful time to get to know other residents of Indian Village and find out what's going on in our neighborhood.



Your Neighbors and Their Needs

With winter knocking on our back door, many questions are brought to mind. One of those being, “how well do you know your neighbors and their needs?”. The forecast for this winter is worse than last winter was. If we have a blizzard, ice storm, power outage, or other weather phenomenon that causes people to be home bound, do you know who you would need to check on to see if they need help? Not just the elderly are vulnerable. Think about those who have small children, people who are recuperating from surgery, and the disabled. Now is the time to put a plan of action together and be prepared if we do have the kind of winter the forecasters are calling for. Get to know those who might need help and don't be afraid to call someone on the Board and ask them for help. We are here to serve YOU!! All of our phone numbers are on the back page of the Smoke Signals. If we can't help you directly, we will assist in finding someone who can help you. Here's hoping you don't have to call us, but know that we are here if you do.

2012 Mandatory Maintenance Dues

The 2012 Dues billing will be mailed in early December. If an amount is listed on your statement for prior year(s), payment was not received and late fees were assessed. Late fees of \$5.00 are added with each successive quarterly billing.

The total outstanding amount needs to be paid to bring your account up to date.

Be sure to detach and return the completed form with your check. Payments received in December will be processed and deposited the first week of January to facilitate financial reporting. The final chance to pay 2012 Dues **without** a \$5 late fee will be at the March 2012 Semiannual Meeting.

Thank you in advance for your prompt payment!!

Security in the Village

As you know, Indian Village has had Banks Protection Security patrolling our streets every night during the summer months. The last night they patrolled was Halloween night. Last year we had quite the “boom” of car break ins and many items stolen from cars the week following Thanksgiving. Because of that we have decided to also have Banks patrol our streets from Thanksgiving through Christmas this year.

Let’s all be proactive in protection of our valuables this holiday season. As is noted in the “Crime Watch Corner” in October there were three thefts reported to the Fort Wayne Police Department in Indian Village, along with a burglary in November. Keep your cars locked at all times and don’t keep anything valuable in your car even if it is locked.

If you see anything suspicious, call the police! Please notify someone on the Board if you, or someone you know, is a victim of crime in our neighborhood.

Village Bowl

As many of you may have already noticed, the old Village Bowl in Quimby Village is for sale. What you may not know is who is attempting to purchase it and what their usage plans are for the building. An out of state company is planning on turning it into a “high end” pawn shop. This was revealed at a recent SWAP meeting. Now, this is not a done deal, but the Board wanted to make residents aware of this pending purchase. What could this mean for our neighborhood? Increased crime and thefts of items easily pawned, i.e., tools, jewelry, computers, and more. Zoning changes will need to be made before all this happens. As of this date, meetings for zoning changes have not been scheduled. As more information becomes available, we will have it posted on the website at www.indianvillagefw.com and in future Smoke Signals.

A Time To Give Thanks

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is a time to reflect and be grateful for all that has occurred in 2011 in our personal lives, careers and as members of the Indian Village Community Association. The winter of 2010-2011 was not as bad as previous years. A year without an ice storm and an extended period of no electricity was a great start for 2011.

This was also a year of transition with our City representatives. Ken Nicolet was replaced with Brent Wake as our Community Liaison with the Mayor's Office. Then, just recently, Geoff Paddock replaced Tim Pape as our 5th District Representative. (Enclosed see Mr. Paddock's newsletter article.)

All of our association events were successful and well attended including: the Semiannual Meetings, Easter Egg Hunt, Association Garage Sales, 4th of July Parade and Picnic. We also are having the Best Holiday Decorated Home Contest yet this year. (Further information on this event is included in this newsletter.) We also experienced an ARCH Tour and received positive media coverage for this event. We also had a Mayor's Walk through our addition where Mayor Tom Henry and the City of Fort Wayne department leaders spoke to our homeowners regarding their various concerns.

I am extremely grateful for the excellent Board of Governors of Indian Village Community Association who, month after month, give freely of their time and talents to make Indian Village Community Association one of the best associations in Fort Wayne. Without their support, I would be unable to serve you effectively as your President.

As 2012 approaches, please consider becoming involved with the Indian Village Community Association for the various events which we hold each year. We can always use helpers. Also, remember to be a “good neighbor” especially with the threat of a bad winter on the horizon. If you can help shovel a neighbors walk who may be unable to do so for themselves, you are truly a “good neighbor.” In the event of truly bad weather, please contact a Board member if you have a 4 wheel drive vehicle, a plow or a snow mobile. We need to be proactive in the face of adversity to help others in the association. Many people who grew up in Indian Village, return here and they do so for a reason. Let’s keep Indian Village as the friendly neighborhood it has grown to be over the years.

This is also the “time of the year” for an increase in break-ins and burglaries. You are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. If you see anything out of the ordinary, please contact the appropriate City departments whether it’s the police department (911) or the City of Fort Wayne (311), take the initiative and call. Remember: do not leave valuables in your cars in plain view or leave your car doors and front doors of your home unlocked. We will have Banks Security doing their rounds in our neighborhood during the month of December.

Happy Thanksgiving, have a Happy Holiday season, and best wishes for a prosperous New Year!

Deborah Dambra, President
Indian Village Community Association

GUEST COLUMN BY Geoff Paddock

November 2011

As a candidate for Fort Wayne City Council, I actively sought voters' opinions while attending community events and while walking door to door in a number of precincts. During the campaign, I visited with hundreds of citizens and knocked on nearly 3,500 doors in the Fifth District. I made an attempt to meet as many citizens as I could before the November 8 election, and I was happy they elected me to serve as their Councilman.

The majority of voters told me they liked the direction our city is being led. Our municipal services have remained strong without interruption and without employee layoffs. Taxes have remained flat and a cash surplus has been accumulated to help as a cushion in tough economic times. Despite what is going on in Washington, our city budget is balanced. The city's debt, much of it accumulated because of state and federal mandates and annexation initiated by previous mayors, is scheduled to be paid down by over 40% over the next four years. Our financial condition is the envy of many cities across the country.

Voters were not so generous when speaking of City Council. They noted there is much unnecessary bickering among members. Many ordinances are being introduced without careful research and due diligence. The subject matter of some proposed ordinances is not even germane to the powers and responsibilities of City Council. Valuable time is being diverted away from the most important duty of this body—creating the right atmosphere for job creation and economic growth.

As your councilman, I will work every day to promote economic development in Fort Wayne. Government cannot create jobs, but government can provide some important tools. A strong downtown, good neighborhoods, solid infrastructure,

efficient city services, and low taxes are the priorities I will emphasize. I also pledge to thoroughly research an issue and seek input, before introducing a city ordinance.

For nearly two decades, I have put my heart and soul into this community. As director of Headwaters Park, I have worked to provide flood mitigation, an attractive downtown destination, and add jobs to our community. Each year over 500,000 people come to over 40 events and our outdoor ice skating rink, spending money downtown. During my four year term on the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board, I worked to improve public education and preserve neighborhood schools. Keeping our school buildings in good condition also enhances our neighborhoods and adds to both business and residential property values.

For many years, I have worked as a vocal and persistent advocate for the return of passenger rail service to Fort Wayne. This issue continues to gain momentum. Hundreds of jobs could be created, property values would increase, and millions of dollars would be added in economic activity in Northeast Indiana. This is an idea that is gaining support, and more elected officials are needed who will work for passenger rail development.

As your councilman, I will support more public-private partnerships like Headwaters Park. There are many opportunities for the private sector to work with local government to reclaim abandoned or unproductive land and create jobs. The Fifth District is unique, as it contains the downtown area, and I intend to visit businesses and seek opinions of business leaders. Neighborhood associations, like Indian Village, and not for profit groups have excellent ideas about improving parks, residential areas, brownfields, and busy corridors that lead into our city. A collaboration of these neighborhoods with business and government is needed to

GUEST COLUMN BY Geoff Paddock (cont'd)

make many improvements in our city. I will make this a priority. The city should also work with neighborhoods to encourage the purchase and renovation of old and abandoned houses. This is particularly important in the Fifth District, which proudly displays some of the most beautiful historic homes in the city.

A portion of the Indiana and Michigan settlement dollars should be leveraged with other dollars for economic development projects that will yield new jobs. However, a large portion of that fund should be invested and preserved for use by future generations of city residents. Investing this money and yielding a high but secure rate of return, will be a prudent use and good stewardship of much of the settlement dollars.

Fort Wayne's best days are ahead. We are marching through economic minefields that have caused serious financial damage to other cities. Together, we will pave the way for a bright future, and I pledge my best efforts to help lead the way and be accessible to you every day. Thank you for your support on November 8. I am ready to get to work.

Geoff Paddock is Councilman-elect for the Fifth District.
(425-5745 W; 432-5700 H)

Crime Watch Corner

The following incidents were pulled from the FWPD logs: 10/1 theft in the 4100 block of Hiawatha, 10/17 theft in the 2300 block of Opechee, 10/25 theft in the 2700 block of Ojibway and 11/11 burglary in the 3900 block of Indian Hills Drive.

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 or call Sarah Didier at 747-7141.

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

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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 or Judy Alcott at 747-7812

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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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**Fraternal Order of Police Prepare for
2011-2012 Kops 4 Kids & Forgotten Families
FOP No Longer Utilizing Telephone Solicitations**

The Fraternal Order of Police Indiana Wayne Lodge #14 is preparing for the 2011-2012 Kops 4 Kidz and Forgotten Families programs in Allen County. These programs are dedicated to assisting the needy children and families in our community through the holiday season and into the New Year.

In the past, phone solicitors have been used as a way to gain revenue to fund these programs. Due to recent problems with local solicitors, the FOP has decided not to utilize phone soliciting services.

If you receive a call soliciting funds in the name of the Fraternal Order of Police Indiana Wayne Lodge #14 it is to be viewed as a scam. Please note that the Indiana State and National Fraternal order of Police solicit our area. If you have questions about those solicitations, please direct them to our local lodge at (260) 434-9114.

The FOP is requesting that donations be made directly to the lodge by submitting a check or money order (made out to FOP Wayne Lodge #14-Kops 4 Kidz) and mailed to:

2125 Olladale Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

We cannot continue the high level of community service that we have been able to give without the continued support of local businesses and citizens.

Our hope is that many in the community will respond and consider a donation to this cause so that we can continue to assist the many needy families in the Fort Wayne/Allen County area.

Please consider a monetary gift to the FOP today and thank you for your continued support of law enforcement in your area.

Thank you!

Sgt. Mitchell J. McKinney
President
Fraternal Order of Police
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