

SMOKE SIGNALS

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February 2012

March Semiannual Meeting

Indian Village Community Association's March Semiannual Meeting will be held at Indian Village Elementary School on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7pm. This meeting will be the last time you will be able to pay your 2012 Membership Dues without a penalty.

City Councilman, Geoff Paddock, and Officer Steve Reed, Fort Wayne Police Department have both accepted our invitation to speak at this meeting. Councilman Paddock spoke at our October Semiannual Meeting, prior to being elected. He talked about his vision for our district and Fort Wayne as a whole. Now that he's been elected, you'll want to attend the meeting to get to know him as our 5th District Representative at City Council Meetings.

Kylee Shirey, Co-Director, Lemonade Day Fort Wayne, will also be speaking about the upcoming Lemonade Day and how you can get your children involved.

Families with children from grades K-12 should really consider attending this meeting to learn about this exciting opportunity to help their children become involved in building and running their own business.

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

As in the past, there will be Door Prizes too!!

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Indian Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Indian Village Boulevard green way on Saturday, March 31 at 11am, with a rain date of Saturday, April 7 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, March 26, beginning at 7pm, there will be an "Egg Stuffing Party" at the home of Sarah Didier. Call Sarah at 747-7141 for details if you are available to help. On the day of the Easter Egg Hunt, we need volunteers to be on the Boulevard green way to help clean the area prior to hiding the eggs. Volunteers should gather on the Boulevard at 9:30am to begin the cleaning process.

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 appreciate each and every one of you who can help, no matter how much of your time you have to give.

Holiday Lighting Contest Results

The unseasonable warm weather we had during the decorating season, helped residents create some really beautiful displays throughout our neighborhood.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Grand Prize ... 3702 Wawonaissa Trail
- 2nd Place ... 3924 Enola Court
- 3rd Place ... 2426 Wendigo Lane
- 4th Place ... 4021 Mound Pass
- 5th Place ... 2120 Owaissa Way

The Grand Prize winner received a \$50 gift card and the other 4 winners received \$25 gift cards each.



Indian Village is proud to support Lemonade Day Fort Wayne 2012 – a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business through a lemonade stand. Children will engage in a month-long learning experience with a parent or mentor to discover the step-by-step process of starting a business, then will actually implement their business plan on Lemonade Day on **Saturday, May 12, 2012**. Through this program, children will have the opportunity to become entrepreneurs and to keep the profits they earn. To learn more and to register for your own **FREE** Lemonade Day participant materials, please visit www.fortwayne.lemonadeday.org.

Indian Village Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation & Early Registration

Indian Village Elementary School's Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Orientation/Early Registration will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the Indian Village School gymnasium.

Children that will be 4 on or before August 1, 2012, are potty-trained and live on a Title I street are eligible for half day Pre-Kindergarten. **Space is limited!**

Children 5 years old before August 1, 2012, are eligible for Kindergarten. Parents will have a chance to meet the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers and tour their classrooms.

We look forward to meeting each and every one of you at orientation. If you have any questions or would like a tour of the school before orientation, please feel free to contact the school office at 260-467-5200.

2012 Membership Dues

If you have not paid your 2012 Membership Dues, please do so by Wednesday, March 14 to avoid late fees. The last chance you will have to pay your dues without the late fee will be at the Semiannual Association Meeting on March 14. Please make your \$30 checks out to Indian Village Community Association. IVCA Treasurer, Sarah Steup will be available at the Semiannual Meeting to collect your checks.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their dues. The dues are what makes Indian Village able to provide the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Picnic, security during the summer months, mosquito spraying, and the Smoke Signals you are reading right now!

Bank on Fort Wayne

Did you know that there is a program available to residents of Fort Wayne that is designed to bring people, who are not currently “bankable”, into the banking mainstream? *Bank on Fort Wayne* can help you take control of your financial future!

To get started in the program, contact one of Bank of Fort Wayne’s educational partners to coordinate your **FREE** financial education session. Those partners are 1st Source Bank 420-2427, City of Fort Wayne Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services 427-1127, Community Action of Northeast Indiana 423-3546, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc. 432-8200, Fifth Third Bank 490-2238, Fort Wayne Urban League 745-3100, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana 426-3347, Pathfinder Community Connections 456-2385, and Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service 481-6826.

More information about Bank on Fort Wayne can be found on their website www.BankOnFortWayne.org.

Indian Village Books

Leftover from the Indian Village ARCH Home and Garden Tour are reproductions of the original book that was created to promote Indian Village. They were sold at the ARCH Tour for \$15. The books that are left, are being sold for \$10. Proceeds from the books will be spent on replacing street trees that have been cut down. The books are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please keep in mind once these books are gone, they are gone for good. **NO MORE CAN BE PRINTED!** To purchase one of these books, please contact Jan Tidwell at 747-1514.

Crime Prevention Seminars

In an effort to increase our department's community policing crime prevention outreach, the Fort Wayne Police Department will be offering monthly seminars at the Public Safety Academy. These sessions, which will be open to area businesses and residents, will provide members of our community with valuable information which will help reduce their chances of becoming crime victims.

The seminars will include Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ("CPTED") information, as well as preventative measures which can be taken to avoid becoming a victim of robbery, financial fraud, motor vehicle theft, burglary, and scam artists. The interrelationship between crime prevention, community oriented policing and problem-solving policing will also be a component of the seminar.

These seminars will be *free to the public*, and will be held the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00pm until 8:00pm at the Public Safety Academy, with the first session to begin March 21, 2012.

For more information, visit the Crime Prevention link via the department's web page or contact the Crime Prevention Bureau at 427-1207.

Crime Prevention

Did you know that you can sign up to receive FREE email alerts when sex offenders move near your address? Simply go to www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php, click on the red triangle near the top, and enter the information. Fast and easy! Please encourage all of your family and friends to sign up for the email alerts. It's **FREE!** Once registered, you will receive an automated email anytime an offender moves within one mile of the physical address they want to watch. You can enter as many Indiana addresses as you want; like your own, as well as parents, children, brothers, or sisters, etc. They do not have to be in Allen County.

Less than 3% of Allen County households are receiving these alerts. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!**

Crime Watch Corner

The following incidents were pulled from the FWPD logs in December 2011:

12/04 - Burglary in the 2100 block of Wawonaissa Trail

12/07 - Theft in the 4100 block of Mound Pass

12/10 - Burglary in the 2200 block of Opechee Way

12/19 - Burglary in the 4000 block of Mound Pass

12/27 - Theft from a 3 separate vehicles. Two in the 2100 block of Owaissa Way, and one in the 2300 block of Indian Village Blvd.

January was quiet with no thefts or burglaries reported.

Please help keep Indian Village a safe place to live by reporting any suspicious activity to the Desk Sergeant at 427-1222 or call 911 if you have an emergency. 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

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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To advertise your business in the Smoke Signals, call Sarah Didier at 747-7141.



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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
Marcy Malloris	747-9639
Stan Robinson	478-3511
Sally Williams	747-1384

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**Other Important Numbers**

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| Questions for the City        | 311      |
| Geoff Paddock, Councilman     | 456-2695 |
| Brent Wake, SW Specialist     | 427-2625 |
| Brian Miller, Liaison Officer | 427-1222 |

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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

IVCA CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE

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

Tax Sites

Allen County

CANI - Community Action of NE IN

227 E. Washington Blvd.
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesdays 6 – 8 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Closed 2/20/12

St. Mary's Catholic Church

1101 S. Lafayette St.
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesdays 12 noon - 3 p.m.
Closed 2/22/12

Fort Wayne Enterprise Center

1830 Wayne Trace
By appointment only, 1- 3 p.m.
February 16 and March 15
Call (260) 424-3505

DeKalb County

RSVP

107 W 5th Street
Auburn, IN 46706
(260) 925-0917
by appointment only

Noble County

Ligonier Police Department

301 S Cavin Street
Ligonier, IN
(260) 925-0917
by appointment only



FREE TAX HELP 2012

January 28 – April 14, 2012

- Income under \$50,000
- Direct deposit or check by mail
- Federal and Indiana income tax
- Electronic filing

What to Bring?

- Picture ID
- Social Security cards or ITIN numbers for everyone in family.
- W2's, Unemployment and 1099 forms
- For Renter - name and address of the landlord
- For Homeowner - property tax information
- Child care expenses - name, address and Social Security number of the provider
- Bank account information
- Copy of your 2010 taxes (if possible)



**Call 211 for more
information**



IVCA Semiannual Meeting
March 14, 2012

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Guest Speakers
 - ◆ Geoff Paddock, 5th District Representative
 - ◆ Officer Steve Reed, Fort Wayne Police Department
 - ◆ Kylee Shirey, Co-Director, Lemonade Day Fort Wayne
- Old/New Business
 - ◆ Covenants Update
 - ◆ Easter Egg Hunt
 - ◆ Maintenance Fee Increase
- Resident Concerns
- Adjournment

INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Semiannual Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

Indian Village Community Association October 12, 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), Sarah Steup (Treasurer), Judy Alcott, Pat Doran, Marcy Malloris, and Sally Williams. Board of Governors absent from the meeting were Blake Egly and Stan Robinson. Also in attendance were 37 Indian Village residents.

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

Special Guests:

Because of Tim Pape not running for reelection as our district councilman, we have invited the 5th district candidates to tell us a little more about themselves and then take about 5 minutes of questions.

- ◆ 5th District City Council Candidates
 - Geoff Paddock - Mr. Paddock has lived in Fort Wayne his entire life. He has been associated with Headwaters Park for 19 years. He served a 4 year term on the FWCS Board. He has also volunteered with Wildwood Park Association, Fort Wayne Urban League, and Junior Achievement, just to name a few. Mr. Paddock has a vision to bring passenger rail service back to Fort Wayne. He feels one of the most important things we need to do on a city level is to keep our city budgets flat, provide a good service, and keep Fort Wayne strong.
 - Ben Hall - Mr. Hall has been with the Gas House for 9 years. He has lived in Southwood Park nearly 33 years. He has been married for 11 years and has 8 children. He feels Fort Wayne needs to have more open honest discussion, at a city level, as to what drives economic development. New jobs and new business is really what makes our city great. He realizes that residents are concerned about their neighborhoods, i.e., vacant homes, rental homes, and neglected properties.
- ◆ Betsy Keisler, City Code Enforcement - Betsy has been to many meetings where less than 10 people show up, so she was excited to be at our meeting with so many people in attendance. She brought handouts of the City Code regarding burning. She also talked about right of ways and easements. The right of way is part the city owns, i.e., city sidewalk and the property beyond it. The easement is a "right to use". You own your easement but you have given someone else the right to use that property. Utility easements are the most common. Most easements are 14' which means 7' on either side of the back of your property. If the utility company needs to come in and do a repair, they can take down anything you have on that easement (fence, shed, etc.) that is keeping them from gaining access to their equipment. Most utility companies will give you a proper notice and give you time to get those things down. Because you own the easement, there have been questions about dumping on easements. Betsy has given permission for her email address to be published in the next Smoke Signals and asks that residents email her with any issues they may have at Betsy.Keisler@cityoffortwayne.org.
- ◆ Mayor Tom Henry - Mayor Henry came by to tell us what is going on in the City. First of all what's our job situation in Fort Wayne? The economic condition is improving. A number of factories have moved into town since last January and a number of others have grown. We are giving out more small business loans than we ever have. Facade grants have been on the rise to help businesses spruce up their storefronts. Our unemployment is about 8 ½ % but jobs are being created and more jobs are coming. Secondly, how is downtown Fort Wayne doing? Parkview Field with Harrison Square was a 4 stage project involving Parkview Field, the parking garage, Marriott Hotel, and then the final phase was to be Harrison Square. The project developer lost his financing. Finally a company came forth that would be able to complete the project and ground breaking will begin in a month or so. Almost the entire first floor is leased out. Instead of condos at the top, there will be 40 apartments, 20 of which have already

been asked for. The old Anthony Wayne Bank building is being developed into the Anthony Wayne Condo. On the first floor will be retail stores with a pharmacy, a grocery, and possibly a Redi-Med.

A motion to approve the March 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes was made by the floor, seconded by the floor, and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Sally Williams, seconded by the floor, and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the Proposed 2012 Budget was made by Sarah Didier, seconded by the floor, and passed by unanimous vote.

Resident Concerns

- Deb Dambra brought index cards so residents can write down their concerns.
- A question was asked about composting and that person has been directed to talk with Betsy Keisler.
- Concern about speed limit of 30 mph in Indian Village. City council approved for neighborhoods to be able to change speed limits if they desired to. Address this in next Smoke Signals with details about making a neighborhood 25 mph speed limit.
- Are we allowed to have a block party? Yes, but there are City Codes that need to be followed. A permit has to be filed with the City, and it would be best to call 311 and ask them how to hold a block party.
- How can we chastise those for not following the rules when we don't do anything to greet newcomers?

Other Items from the President

- Deb Dambra received an email from Tim Pape this week and there is additional money for repair of sidewalks. Please get your name and address to Deb. The one requirement is that the sidewalks are just starting to be uneven. They will be repaired using a procedure where they lift the sidewalk up and level the ground so the sidewalk can be replaced in a more even state. There is no cost to the homeowners for this.
- We have a gentleman here by the name of Gordon Anthony who wishes to speak. Mr. Anthony is running for City Council at Large. He has a real infinity for Indian Village because he married a woman who lived at the corner of Owaissa and Nuttman. The City Council is comprised of six district seats and three at large seats. The nice thing is that you also have 3 at large reps, besides your district councilman, who are also there to help with your concerns. Mr. Gordon is a retired Fort Wayne Firefighter. Has worked out of every fire station in the City. His entire adult life he has been involved in public safety and wants to continue with that. He was Union President for Firefighters Union and has done much work with the American Legion and Veterans.

Raffle Drawing Winners

Fall Clean up Kit from Umbers - Linda Ralston

The Stand Gift Card - Melinda Ambrose

Plant (mums) from McNamara's - Eve Kensill

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by the floor, seconded by the floor, and passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Didier

IVCA Secretary