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It's Garage Sale Time!

Indian Village Association Garage Sales will be held
Saturday, June 9, from 9am to 4pm.

Time to clean out those closets, garages and basements, get together all the stuff you no longer use or need, and turn those items into cash! If you are new to the neighborhood, and have not been around for this event, this is one of the busiest days for Indian Village. Last year the turnout for the sales was amazing. Indian Village was full of shoppers looking for that one great bargain.

The past two years we have made maps of all the sales available to shoppers. We have had a lot of positive response regarding the maps, so we will be doing them again.

If you want your sale on the map, contact Sarah Didier. You can reach Sarah by phone at 747-7141, or by email at secretary@indianvillagefw.com. Sarah will need to know the date/dates of your sale, the times you will be open (if it differs from the advertised sale time), and any items you want to showcase. Those items are what helps to draw people to your sale. The deadline for getting your sale on the map is June 5.

The sales will also be advertised in the Fort Wayne Newspapers and Craigslist.com. The official sale is on Saturday, but we will advertise that some sales will also be open on Friday.

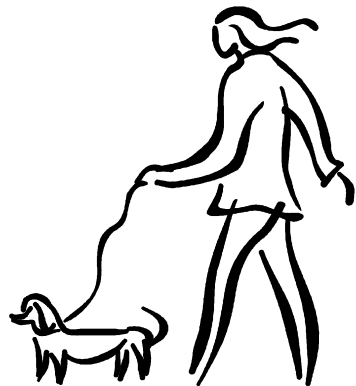
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Is the Neighborhood Going to the Dogs?

I ask that question because the Board has had several reports of dogs off leash and/or running loose in Indian Village. I need to remind everyone that it is a law to have your dog on a leash. You can be cited by Animal Care and Control if your dog is off leash. Also, the only way for you to have complete control of your dog is for them to be on a leash. We had a report recently of a dog running loose in Psi Ote Park with no obvious owner around.

Now I know accidents can happen and dogs can get out of their home or yard. My own greyhound took a walk around the neighborhood one morning because someone opened my backyard gate and didn't close it. Since then, all my gates have locks on them. If your dog gets loose and you need help finding them, call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 so an alert can be posted on our website. If you find a loose dog, please remember that not all dogs are friendly, and approach with caution. Many dogs are now micro-chipped with their owners information and most vets will read that chip at no charge to you.

Please be mindful to pick up after your animals when you are walking them. At the very least, carry a plastic grocery bag with you to pick up your animal's mess. There are some really cute options out there for keeping bags close at hand. I have a zebra that holds a roll of bags and then Velcro's to my dogs leash. That way, no matter where I am with my dog, I'm prepared to clean up after him. These items are cheap and found at most pet stores.



Good Neighbor Tip

With the nicer weather, it is a great time to begin entertaining outdoors. However, some of your neighbors might not appreciate the loud noise coming from outdoor entertaining. Having friends or family over for a cookout, can easily turn into a late night party. You could have a neighbor who works weekends and needs their sleep to be productive at work. Be mindful of this when your good time goes a little later than it should. Loud music can also be an annoyance to your neighbors. Ask yourself, before entertaining late at night, “if I needed to sleep, so I could work in the morning, would this noise bother me?”. If your answer is “yes”, then please be a good neighbor and keep the noise level to a minimum.

Mosquito Spraying

Beginning Thursday, May 24, and then commencing every other Thursday through the summer, we will be spraying for mosquitoes in the Village. The truck will make 2 passes on every street. Please keep your vehicles off the streets on those nights so the truck can get through easily. Spraying will begin at dusk or shortly after.

Mosquito Spraying Dates

May 24	July 5	August 2
June 7	July 19	August 16
June 21		August 30

Summer Security

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, and commencing every night through Halloween, Banks Security will be patrolling our streets during the overnight hours. The summer months are always more prone to crime, and because of this, the Board feels this is a necessary service to provide to our residents. If you are the victim of crime, please call a Board Member and report it, so that information can be passed on to the security company.

Doorbells Ringing in the Night

There have been several reported incidents of doorbells ringing in the late hours of the night. When looking out a window to see who is there, no one appears to be around. This has happened to more than one resident recently. We don't know who the person(s) are who are doing this. It could be kids, it could be someone with an ulterior motive. Please, if your doorbell is rung in the middle of the night and you don't know the people at your door, report it to the Indian Village Board of Governors and/or call the police. When our security patrols start back up, they will be looking for people roaming the streets late at night, and hopefully incidents like this will diminish.

Let's Keep Indian Village Safe

With the warmer weather, there is always an increase in crime. If you read the police logs, the difference between now and January is substantial. There are little things, you as homeowners, can do to keep you and your family safe.

The easiest thing to do is to lock all doors and keep your cars locked at all times. Thieves go around looking for cars that are unlocked so they can take whatever may be in them. Ladies, don't leave your purses in your cars!

Talk to your children about safety. Teach them to not play in the streets and to be careful when riding bikes and scooters on the sidewalk. Not everyone backing out of their driveway is looking for children on the sidewalk, but instead they focus on whether there is traffic in the street. Teach your children to not talk to people they don't know. Teach them also to be careful when they are playing and someone is walking by with their dog. They should learn to always ask if it's OK to pet a dog before doing so.

It doesn't take much to keep Indian Village safe .. just a little bit of work from each of our residents!

Parking Woes

The Board has received several complaints recently regarding people parking their cars in the street, but not in front of their own house. We know if you are having friends and family over for a gathering, it's nearly impossible to have everyone park in front of your house or up your driveway, but the complaints we are getting are not from issues such as that. It seems there are some residents who are routinely parking their own vehicles in the street in front of their neighbor's homes, or behind their neighbor's driveway, which makes it difficult for people to back out of their own driveway. Please, if at all possible, park your vehicles in your driveway, or in front of your own home.

Indian Village Books

We still have over 50 books leftover from the Indian Village ARCH Home and Garden Tour. They are reproductions of the original book that was created to promote Indian Village. They were sold at the ARCH Tour for \$15, but are now available for \$10. 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 at 747-1514.

Proceeds from the books will be spent on replacing street trees that have been cut down. If you have had a tree cut down that was on city property (the grass strip between the sidewalk and the street) and would like a replacement tree, please contact Judy Alcott at 747-7812.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Child Care and Preschool

Looking for child care or preschool? Mt. Calvary Lutheran Child Care and Preschool has openings for infants through age 5. We also offer before and after school care with a FWCS bus stop. We are presently enrolling for our School-age summer program for children Kindergarten through grade 5.

Mt. Calvary is conveniently located near Bluffton Rd and Airport Express. Call 747-4121 ext. 17 for more information.

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.

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.

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

Crime Watch Corner

The following incidents were pulled from the FWPD logs ...

February 2012:

2/25 Burglary 4000 block of Wenonah Lane

2/28 Fight 3800 block of Wenonah Lane

March 2012:

3/5 Burglary in Progress 4000 block of Mound Pass

3/11 Vandalized Vehicle 4000 block of Indian Hills Dr.

April 2012:

Nothing major in the logs

May 2012:

5/4 Shots Fired Engle Rd & Manito Blvd.

5/8 Theft 3900 block of Wawonaissa Trl.

5/12 Vandalized Vehicle 4000 block of Indian Hills Dr.

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 747-7141
Residential/Commercial

Homework/Tutoring

Linda Kirby 747-1447
Licensed K-8

House Cleaning

Debbie Gordon 747-9142
Christi Campbell 466-4961
Residential/Commercial

Lawn Care/Power Washing

Zach & Tyler Stephens 747-0052

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
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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



Other Important Numbers

One Call to City Hall	311
Geoff Paddock, Councilman	456-2695
Mary Huth, SW Specialist	427-1121
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 Judy Alcott at 747-7812

IVCA CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE



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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Dear Indian Village Residents,

This upcoming year of events has already started with our Semiannual Meeting in March and our Easter Egg Hunt in April. We have our annual Garage Sale in June and our annual 4th of July Picnic in the near future. At our 4th of July Picnic, we will have available covenant change forms for homeowners to sign and hope many of you will attend this social event as well as sign the covenant change form. We will have notary publics available to notarize said forms. We will also have forms available for you to complete in order to be listed in our upcoming, updated Indian Village Community Association directory.

As mentioned in Geoff Paddock's letter to me, we are going to have improvements to our front addition sign which will include the sign being lighted at night and a section of Indian Village Boulevard is going to have resurfacing scheduled for this summer. We are grateful for his support and look forward to having more "improvements" in our addition. Mayor Tom Henry recently announced that some "excess funds" will be used to improve streets and sidewalks. If you feel either your streets or sidewalks need to be improved, please contact one of the Indian Village Board members to let them know where you believe said money should be utilized in our addition. A couple of years ago, the Street Department came through our addition and color coded our addition streets on the "urgency" of needed repairs on each street. A year or two can make a change, due to weather conditions, on the deterioration of sidewalks and streets and it is important to keep on top of the needs we have in order to request some of the money to be applied to areas of need in our association.

We want your input for our future newsletters, perhaps nominating a "Neighbor of the Month," who has gone out of their way to help you and deserves recognition. Do we have any special birthdays, anniversaries or other items of interest to our neighborhood which should be included in our newsletter? Please let our Board members know.

The Indian Village Association Board is here to serve you, to represent you at our various meetings each month. Please let us know what is on your mind. Help us serve you and your needs.

Have a great summer and I hope to see most of you at our 4th of July picnic.

Deborah Dambra, President
Indian Village Community Association
Vice-Chair, SWAP

The following letter was written to IVCA President, Deb Dambra, by Fifth District City Councilman, Geoff Paddock ...

May 7, 2012

Ms. Deborah Dambra
President, Indian Village Neighborhood Association
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

Dear Deb:

It was nice meeting with you in March and touring the Indian Village neighborhood with you by automobile and on foot. It was also a pleasure for me to visit with many of your neighbors at your association meeting on March 14. Indian Village is another one of our beautiful historic neighborhoods, that I am proud to say makes up a large part of the Fifth Councilmanic District in Fort Wayne. I am happy to be your Councilman, and I want to be sure we do all we can to preserve and protect our neighborhoods.

As we discussed, I am pleased to contribute approximately \$3,000 from local income tax funds for the lighting and illumination project for the front entrance of the neighborhood. These funds are scarce, but I am hopeful we might be able to see more in the future for neighborhood infrastructure projects. I am also pursuing some repair work for Wenonah Drive that you pointed out to me during our tour of the neighborhood. I also hope to see funding for drainage work along Wenonah Drive and along other streets in the neighborhood. I have been told that portions of Indian Village Boulevard are planned for resurfacing in the near future. I am also pleased that we were able to work on a couple of zoning issues that benefited Indian Village as well.

I enjoy very much being the City Councilman for the Fifth District. This Council is working together on matters that will improve the city this year. There seems to be great cooperation between the Council and Mayor Henry as well. I pledge to work with my colleagues and the mayor to help provide efficient city services. We are also in a good position to add jobs to the community, as our economy begins to show signs of recovery.

If you have specific concerns about city government, please contact me. I look forward to visiting with you at your fall meeting, and I hope to report on some progress being made on important issues to you then. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Geoff Paddock
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