

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## **Holiday Lighting Contest**

It's that time of year when Indian Village Residents love to decorate their homes for the Holidays and the Board of Governors award prizes to the best decorated homes.

This year judging for our annual Holiday Lighting Contest will take place from December 8 through December 11. The Board will be driving around on these nights so be sure to have your holiday lights on if you want to be a part of this contest. Final votes will be tallied at the Board's December Board Meeting on December 12. Prize winners will be notified the following weekend. In the past, we have had so many wonderful displays that it has been difficult to narrow it down to just 5 winners.

Last year 3702 Wawonaissa Trail won the Grand Prize, so unfortunately that home is not eligible to be judged this year.

The Grand Prize winner from 2010, 3802 Manito Blvd., is eligible to be judged again this year.

Gift cards will be awarded to the winners of the contest. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card and 2nd through 5th places will receive \$25 gift cards each. 1st through 3rd places will have winner signs placed in their yards that will remain until the end of the year.

Good luck to everyone!!

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

## **Energizing Indiana**

The following information was related to Indian Village residents at the October 10 Semiannual Membership Meeting by Nathan Sikora.

The State of Indiana Regulatory Commission came together in 2009 and found that Indiana is 10th largest consumer of electricity in the country. This is what prompted the development of Energizing Indiana which rolled out in 2012. Energizing Indiana is working with nonprofit organizations to spread the word about the in home energy audits. Each resident can receive, at no cost, an energy audit and for each of those audits that are completed Indian Village will receive \$25.

During the audit, you will receive 9 CFL light bulbs, 2 high efficiency shower heads, and 3 sink aerators to be installed in your home, at the time of the audit, if you desire. If you don't want the items installed, the auditor will leave them with you to do with as you please. The audit takes about 1 to 1 ½ hours.

The auditor will put all the information he compiles, regarding your home, into an iPad and then, from the results, will make recommendations as to what you should have done to your home to make it more energy efficient. The best part is that after your audit is over you will never hear from them again. You won't get any calls from insulation companies, or other contractors to perform work. The overall scope of the program is to have a 2% energy reduction, in the state of Indiana, by 2019.

**Included inside this Smoke Signals, you will find the form to fill out and submit so you can receive your home energy audit. Remember, for each energy audit performed, Indian Village will receive \$25.**

## **October Semiannual Meeting**

On October 10, Indian Village Community Association held it's Semiannual Membership Meeting in the Indian Village Elementary School Gymnasium. Turnout was good with 44 residents attending. We had 3 guest speakers: Geoff Paddock, who spoke about the city budget and legacy money; Ken Scheibenberger, who spoke on drug houses and what to do if you think you have a drug house close to you; and Nathan Sikora, who spoke about the Energizing Indiana program and what it could do financially for Indian Village.

Door prizes winners were:

Karen Michael - \$10 China Palace Gift Card

Marilyn Gregg - Fall Floral Arrangement

Arlene Miskelly - 10 Pocahontas Pool Passes for 2013

Your Board of Governors would like to thank everyone who attended this important meeting. The two Semiannual Membership Meetings we hold each year are a great time to come out and meet new residents and to let the Board know what is on your mind.

## **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.

## **The Year in Review**

2012 was a year that not many of us will forget very soon. It started off with an unusually mild winter that turned into a cold and wet spring.

In March we held the first of our two Semiannual Membership Meetings at Indian Village Elementary School. The end of March brought colder than usual weather for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, but that didn't stop the children from coming out and having a fantastic time hunting eggs and looking for the one prize egg in each age group.

June started off quiet with the first of our two Association Wide Garage Sales. Then came the 91mph winds which made our neighborhood look like a hurricane had rolled through. It was a time when neighbors came out to help neighbors and it made me proud to be an Indian Village resident. Because of the horrible weather in June, we were unable to safely hold our annual 4th of July Bike Parade and Picnic.

September brought Labor Day and our delayed Bike Parade and Picnic. The FWFD led the Bike Parade from Indian Village Blvd to Psi Ote Park where The Stand served Coney dogs to our residents. We also had chicken, chips, drinks and ice cream for everyone to enjoy. Not two weeks later we held the second of our two Association Wide Garage Sales. The weather was so good that attendance for the sales was higher than it had been in years past.

October brought the second of our two Semiannual Membership Meetings and now here we are almost to December with our Holiday Lighting Contest the next item on the agenda.

The Indian Village Board of Governors would like to wish each and every resident of Indian Village a safe and joyous Holiday Season as we look forward to 2013.

## **Let's all be Proactive against Crime**

The Fort Wayne Police Department urges everyone to be cautious this Holiday Season. Don't make your vehicle a target by leaving your purchases in plain sight. This only invites thieves to take advantage of the situation and break in to your vehicle and steal from you. Let's all be proactive this Holiday Season and make sure we don't invite thieves to do what they do best.

The Indian Village Board of Governors has hired Banks Security to patrol our streets from Thanksgiving through Christmas to help deter thieves from our neighborhood.

### **Crime Watch Corner**

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

#### **September 2012:**

9/28 Disturbance 3600 block of Hiawatha Blvd.

#### **October 2012:**

10/06 Threats 3700 block of Nokomis Road

10/10 Attempted Burglary 3900 block of Wenonah Lane

10/11 Attempted Burglary 3900 block of Wenonah Lane

10/13 Vandalism Nuttman and Wenonah Lane

10/15 Burglary 2200 block of Opechee Way

10/27 Burglary 2100 block of Owaissa Way

10/27 Burglary 2200 block of Indian Village Blvd

#### **November 2012:**

11/01 Attempted Burglary 2200 block of Opechee Way

11/02 Burglary 4100 block of Meda Pass

11/15 Theft 2300 block of Opechee Way

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](mailto: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 Services**

Chuck Chapman 747-0432

James Conner 417-4044

Adam Sullivan 747-1520

Kyle Sullivan 747-1520

### **Notary Services**

Judy Alcott 747-7812

### **Pet Sitting**

Dorothy Cahill 387-5057

Kelly Spitznagel 437-4283

## **Help Needed?**

Winter is on our heels and will be here before you know it. It's the time of year when residents don't get out as much because the weather at times just won't allow it. It's also the time of year when we need to be even more aware of our neighbors who might be in need of assistance. The leaves have already fallen and the snow will be here soon. Hopefully we won't lose power such as we did in June when the 91mph winds hit our area. If that were to happen, would you know who needed to be checked on and maybe even given assistance in getting to a warmer location? Get to know your neighbors and who might need help this winter. If you, or anyone you know, needs help with leaf removal, snow removal, or anything else, please contact a Board Member. Our names and phone numbers are on the back page of this Smoke Signals. You can also email us at [ivcboard@indianvillagefw.com](mailto:ivcboard@indianvillagefw.com). Let us know who needs help and we will find someone to help them.

## Classifieds

### OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 29, 2012

12-4pm

3213 Covington Road (across from Rainbow Furniture)

260-437-3099

We will show dozens of unique laser etched gifts we will custom make for you! Hand painted 3D lake maps, home and business gifts, wine boxes, and much, much more.

Neighbors, Bob and Martha Wasson, Owners

### Console Piano For Sale

1-owner, excellent condition, top quality sound!

Call for appointment to see it at 2302 Hiawatha Blvd.

747-7741

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### Advertising Rates

Business Card ~ \$10

1/4 Page Ad ~ \$15

1/2 Page Ad ~ \$25

Full Page Ad ~ \$50

Ad Inserts ~ \$15

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## **Indian Village Community Association**

### **Board of Governors**

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Judy Alcott, Vice President	747-7812
Sarah Didier, Secretary/Treasurer	747-7141
Pat Doran	747-7159
Marcy Malloris	747-9639
Stan Robinson	478-3511
Sarah Steup	747-3696
Sally Williams	747-1384

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### **Other Important Numbers**

One Call to City Hall	311
Geoff Paddock, Councilman	425-5745
Palermo Galindo, Community Liaison	427-6214
Fort Wayne Police Desk Sergeant	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 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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Dear Indian Village Residents,

As we near the end of 2012, I would like to reflect on the past year in Indian Village. We had some more street work completed on Wenonah Lane by Indian Village Elementary School. We also had street resurfacing on the streets around our "Tee Pee Park" area (Indian Village Blvd.). Thanks to Geoff Paddock, our 5th District Councilman, we were awarded sufficient monies for a project to light our main entrance monument on Manito Blvd. We started our work on getting signatures to change and update our covenants.

Our annual activities: Two Semiannual Association Meetings, two addition wide garage sales, Easter egg hunt, 4th of July picnic and parade (which was a Labor Day event this year) and now we are about to have our annual Holiday lighting contest.

When the June 29, 2012, storm hit, we were without electricity for an extended period of time during a triple digit heat wave. I am very grateful for those of you who pitched in and helped clear the roads of branches and debris from the 91 mph wind gusts which we experienced during this very trying time. These were the days when the "good neighbors" were clearly defined by their actions in our neighborhood. It wasn't that long ago when we experienced the ice storm which also left us without electricity for an extended period of time and took down many tree limbs, too. But we survived both storms and are here to tell the tales.

As we begin a new year, it's that time of the year to receive your annual association dues billings. There are residents in Indian Village who question the "value" of \$30 annual association dues. In addition to the annual events we hold in our association, we are also responsible for additional security which we hire for extra protection during the summer months and also the holiday period of the year, when burglaries seem to escalate. We pay for bug spraying in our addition. We have associated expenses for newsletters and any other printed items which are published. We have an annual audit by a C.P.A., we have insurance expenses, storage expenses and we require the services of an attorney from time to time. We also have expenses when liens are filed on properties who are delinquent in their annual association dues payments. We also require maintenance on our monuments, as well as, the landscaping for common areas. We provide an association website with information both on our association activities, as well as, covenants and by-laws, history of Indian Village and tie ins to the City of Fort Wayne website.

The Board of Indian Village Community Association takes our responsibility very seriously in providing services to our residents which protect them, maintain the upkeep of our addition and insure a "quality of life" for all who live here.

As the winter months approach, please keep an eye out for our oldest residents and their possible snow shoveling needs. Please report any suspicious persons or activities you may witness to 911.

Have a Happy Holiday season and best wishes for a Happy New Year, too!

Deborah Dambra, President  
Indian Village Community Association