

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## **March Semiannual Meeting**

The next Indian Village Community Association Semiannual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7pm at the Indian Village Elementary School on Wenonah Lane.

There will be three special speakers in attendance:

Geoff Paddock, 5th District Representative

Amy-Jo Sites, Deputy Director, Animal Care and Control

John McGauley, Allen County Recorder

This will also be your next opportunity to sign the Protective Covenants and their changes/additions.

In addition, if you haven't already paid your annual maintenance fee, this will be your last chance to do so without penalty. After the meeting, the April billing will be run and those who haven't paid will be charged a \$5 late fee.

There will also be the announcement of a special contest the Board of Governors will be holding for our residents.

We encourage everyone to come out and attend the meeting, especially if you are new to Indian Village. It's a time for you to meet your Board of Governors and get to know other Indian Village residents.

Oh yes, and 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 23 at 11am, with a rain date of March 30. Children & grandchildren of Indian Village residents, between the ages of 0 to 12, are invited to participate.

On Wednesday, March 20, 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 Hunt, we need volunteers to be on the Boulevard to help clean the area prior to hiding the eggs. Volunteers should gather at 9:30am to begin cleaning.

Thank you in advance for all your help!! It's impossible to have a successful Easter Egg Hunt without our volunteers. Please know that the Indian Village Board of Governors appreciate each and every one of you who can help.

## **Holiday Lighting Contest Results**

There were so many wonderful displays to judge this year!

*Congratulations* to the following winners:

Grand Prize winner of \$50 gift card - 2338 Opechee Way

2nd Place winner of \$25 gift card - 2426 Wendigo Lane

3rd Place winner of \$25 gift card - 3916 Meda Pass

4th Place winner of \$25 gift card - 3812 Manito Blvd.

5th Place winner of \$25 gift card - 3906 Enola Court

## **New Column Coming!**

Mental health has been a stigma for years. Nowadays, more people are talking about mental health and how it effects families and friends. One of your Board of Governors is taking on the task of writing articles relating to mental health. The column will be called "What Would You Do If .....". Watch for it in upcoming Smoke Signals.

## **Indian Village Books**

We still have 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. **NO MORE CAN BE PRINTED!** To purchase one of these books, please contact Jan Tidwell 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.

## **Help Needed?**

Winter is in full swing. Even though we haven't had much snow, we've certainly had some very cold weather. Residents don't get out as much as they would like to because the weather at times just won't allow it. This is the time of year when we need to be even more aware of our neighbors who might be in need of assistance. If we were to lose power, like we did last summer, 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 yard waste 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.

## **Energizing Indiana**

This program is generating some much needed income for Indian Village. If you haven't scheduled your audit, it's not too late. There is no cost to residents for the audit and for each audit that is completed, Indian Village receives \$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.

To obtain a form to request an audit contact Sarah Didier at 747-7141. She will deliver, email, or fax the form to you.

## **Monument on Indian Village Blvd and Manito Blvd.**

Have you driven by the monument at night? Did you notice the new lights? The monument looks fantastic with its new night look. Do you wonder how we were able to pay for that? Our 5th District Councilman, Geoff Paddock was able to get some grant money for us to light the monument! That's right, the city of Fort Wayne paid for it! If you haven't seen the monument lit, drive by when you're out and about one evening.

## **Do you Know Your City Codes?**

Are you new to Fort Wayne? Maybe you've been living in Fort Wayne outside of the city limits. The city of Fort Wayne has many codes and ordinances that its residents are expected to follow. If you have internet access you can search the codes at <http://www.amlegal.com/library/in/fortwayne.shtml>.

The Board of Governors has decided to begin including a different city code description in the Smoke Signals beginning with this issue. We will address the codes most commonly broken in Indian Village.

The first topic we want to address is leaves and branches, i.e., yard waste. If you don't dispose of yard waste properly, it will sit at the curb endlessly.

### **§ 50.11 YARD WASTE PROHIBITED FROM BEING PLACED IN SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS.**

After July 1, 1996, no City of Fort Wayne resident shall dispose of vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance or land-clearing to any solid waste landfill.

(A) Leaves are prohibited from the landfill. In the fall, leaves cannot be placed out with the garbage for collection, loose or in biodegradable lawn bags. Leaves will be collected by the city Street Department loose or in biodegradable paper lawn bags during the fall collection season.

(B) Beginning January 1, 2000, vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance may be set out for garbage collection. Grass clippings and other vegetative matter must be containerized in biodegradable paper lawn bags or refuse storage containers. Tree branches must be cut to three feet in length and placed in refuse storage containers or bundled with string or twine. Bundles cannot exceed 60 pounds in weight. Individual limbs cannot exceed three inches in diameter.

## **Crime Watch Corner**

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

### **November 2012:**

- 11-16 Theft 3900 block of Wenonah Lane
- 11-26 Hit and Run Corner Indian Village & Manito Blvd

### **December 2012**

- 12-05 Theft from Vehicle 2200 block Indian Village Blvd
- 12-05 Theft from Vehicle 2100 block of Owaissa Way
- 12-24 Vandalism 2200 block of Opechee Way
- 12-25 Vandalism 2100 block of Owaissa Way

### **January 2013**

- 01-02 Vandalism, Shots Fired 4000 block of Wawonaissa
- 01-03 Theft 4100 block of Indian Hills Dr
- 01-04 Vandalism, Shots Fired 2200 block of Wawonaissa
- 01-09 Burglary 2200 block of Owaissa Way
- 01-14 Shots Fired 2300 block of Indian Village Blvd
- 01-25 Burglary 2200 block of Wawonaissa Trail
- 01-27 Fight 4000 block of Wawonaissa Trail
- 01-31 Stolen Vehicle 2200 block of Indian Village Blvd

### **February 2013**

- 02-16 Burglary 4000 block of Wawonaissa Trail
- 02-18 Theft 3900 block of Enola Court

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.

## **Indian Village Needs a Logo**

Your Board of Governors have decided to hold a contest. Details of the contest will be announced during our March Semiannual Meeting, so be sure to attend! That's all we're saying for now .... lips sealed!

## 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

## Classifieds



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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

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
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



**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



**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.



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

IVCA Semiannual Meeting  
Agenda  
March 13, 2013

- Call Meeting to Order
- Guest Speakers
  - ♦ Geoff Paddock, 5th District Representative
  - ♦ Amy-Jo Sites, Deputy Director, Animal Care and Control
  - ♦ John McGauley, Allen County Recorder
- October 10, 2012 Semiannual Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Monument Lighting
- Energizing Indiana
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Contest
- Resident Concerns
- Adjournment

Be sure to sign the sign-in sheet and  
the Protective Covenants and changes/additions

***The Indian Village Board of Governors Thank You for Coming!***

INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Semiannual Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2012

Indian Village Community Association October 10, 2012 Semiannual Meeting was held in the auditorium of Indian Village Elementary School. Board of Governors in attendance were Deb Dambra (President), Judy Alcott (Vice-president), Sarah Didier (Secretary/Treasurer), Pat Doran, Marcy Malloris, Stan Robinson, Sarah Steup, and Sally Williams. Also in attendance were 44 Indian Village residents.

The meeting was called to order by Deb Dambra at 7:04pm.

**Guest Speakers:**

• **Geoff Paddock, 5th District Representative**

Being on the City Council has been learning experience including where the city budget is concerned. City Council is helping with the efforts of Judge Scheibenberger to get drug houses shut down. They are also working with Councilman Yale on the tax abatement issue. The City wants to make sure that new business comply with the law and hire employees at fair wages. A couple of our Indian Village streets have been paved. Council members are going around to neighborhood associations to see where problems are and then report back to the city and see where we can funding can be obtained to correct the problems. The Indian Village monuments will be lit soon with city money.

2 challenging issues:

- ◆ 2013 budget: The Mayor has recommended a \$6million shortfall budget and has recommended that property taxes make up that difference. City Council is trying to find other ways to fill that gap. There is the possibility of taking some of the interest money from the Legacy funds to plug that hole without raising taxes.
- ◆ Legacy funds: \$45million over the next 5 years, in chunks of money, will come to the city and be added to approximate \$35million that is in principle right now. Some of the items that the money may be eventually used for is downtown development, river front development, etc.

Also, if you have problems with a city agency, neighborhood code violation, etc., let Geoff know and he will put the wheels in motion to address and fix those issues.

• **Ken Scheibenberger, Drug House Ordinance Coordinator, FWPD**

Drug and meth houses have become a very big issue in Fort Wayne. There is an ordinance in this city that you cannot rent your home to anyone with drug labs or prostitution, and many of these homes designated as drug homes are rentals. Landlords are then notified and if they don't evict the tenant, they will be held liable. There is also a substantial problem in Fort Wayne with synthetic drugs being sold out of little mom and pop stores in neighborhoods and gas stations. Prior to June that rental ordinance only applied to residences but now commercial property is included. People who are manufacturing the drugs, know enough to change the chemical formula and then it becomes "not against the law". Gas stations sell it from behind the counter and often you even need a "password" to be able to purchase the product.

The drug house ordinance is a pretty simple thing. If you own a house and are caught with drugs, there is nothing that can be done to make you leave. If you are renting however, you can be forced to move out. 427-1262 is the drug hotline or via online go to [www.fwpd.org](http://www.fwpd.org) and in the upper corner there is a house link that says "report a drug house". Once the tips are received they go into a data base and then surveillance is done on the houses to see if there is any illegal activity going on. If we are successful in getting into the house and buying drugs, then we can get a warrant. Once a landlord is notified of drugs in their rental, Ken Scheibenberger will go down to the court house with them and help them get their renters evicted. Most of the tips are fairly good, but there is a shortage of officers in the FWPD (currently down 20 officers) and many officers don't want any part of working with drug enforcement. Vice and narcotics number 427-1203 or the drug hotline number 427-1262, are the two numbers you can call to report suspected drug houses.

Landlords don't care who they rent to and because of that the majority of the drug houses are rentals.

RE: Meth ... This is a very dangerous drug. People take lithium from batteries, ammonia, pseudofedadrine, ether, sometimes bleach, and mix them together to make meth. They now have a new method for making it called the "one pot method". If you see laying in your neighborhood a pop bottle with a little hose coming out of it, don't touch it, call the police and have them handle it. The smell from a meth house is quite strong and is similar to that of cat urine.

- **Nathan Sikora, Energizing Indiana**

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. They are working with nonprofit organizations to spread the word about the in home energy audits. Each resident can receive a no cost 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 from your home into an iPad and then 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.

A motion to approve the March 14, 2012 Semiannual Meeting Minutes was made by from the floor, seconded by the floor, and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the 2013 Budget was made by from the floor, seconded by from the floor, and passed by unanimous vote.

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

**Resident Concerns:**

**Maintenance Fees:** A resident asked about the two Covenant items regarding the Maintenance Fees. The Board explained that the two items were being separately voted on and that one could pass without the other. We will have another Protective Covenants signing during the Spring Semiannual Meeting and then begin going door to door until the needed signatures are obtained.

Discussion ensued on the raising of the Maintenance Fees. Sarah Didier took the floor to explain why the fees needed to be raised. Sarah explained that as the Budget stands currently, it is not in balance and the only way to get it in balance is to have more income which results in the raising of the Maintenance Fees.

**Directories:** A resident questioned why the directories were necessary. Other residents stated that it was a good way to get to know your neighbor's names. Sarah Didier has been asked several times by Banks Security to provide their officers with a current directory. During their patrols there have been times they have seen garage doors open in the middle of the night and they would like to be able to contact the homeowner to make them aware of the situation.

**Protective Covenants:** A resident asked what the \$2,000 in the budget under Protective Covenants was for. It is for the additional secretarial duties performed on the Covenants, along with the costs of filing the Covenants with the City of Fort Wayne.

**Suggestion from the floor:** A resident suggested that prior to voting on the budget next year, that someone present the budget, line item by line item, so there is a chance to discuss/change those numbers before approval of the budget.

**Raffle drawings:**

- Karen Michael - China Palace
- Marilyn Gregg - Floral Arrangement
- Arlene Miskelly - Pocahontas 2013 Pool Pass

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by from the floor, seconded by from the floor and passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Didier  
IVCA Secretary