



SMOKE SIGNALS

Indian Village Community Association
September 24, 2013

INDIAN VILLAGE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, October 9, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. Indian Village Elementary School (3835 Wenonah Lane)

Enclosed are the Agenda, March Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes and Year to Date Financial Report. In addition to our guest speaker Councilman Geoff Paddock, and disposition of agenda items, the meeting will conclude with the election of members to our Board of Governors.

The following residents have volunteered to serve on the Board if elected:

Judy Alcott	Brent Davis
Chuck Chapman	Loretta Watkins

The following residents have been nominated and agreed to serve on the Board if elected:

Sarah Didier	Marcy Malloris	Ron Sheron
Dean Kinter	Stan Robinson	Mike Updike
		Patricia Updike

VOTING INFORMATION

Five positions on the Board will be filled with the terms ranging from one to three years. Actual terms are decided by the number of votes received and finalized when the actual individual Board positions are determined by the Board after it's election. **Prior to the start of the Semi-Annual Meeting, beginning at 6:15 p.m., photos and questionnaires completed by the candidates will be available for review by residents.**

As described in our Constitution Article VIII - Nominations and Elections, elections shall be by "ballot". None of our previous elections have been done by actual paper ballot, however, we are breaking precedent this election due to the number of candidates and will be providing paper ballots.

Residents who attend the Semi-Annual Meeting will be able to vote. PLEASE NOTE: Per our Constitution Article IV, Section 4., only ONE VOTE PER PROPERTY ADDRESS is allowed, regardless if there is more than one owner listed for the property. *Indian Village residents who are renting may not vote, nominate or serve on the Board.*

A ballot sheet listing all candidates will be issued as residents sign in for the meeting. The specific address will be written in when the ballot sheet is issued to help assure only one ballot sheet per address is completed. The "voter" will select five (5) candidates on their ballot sheet and return the ballot sheet to a designated person(s) so the votes may be tallied and results announced. This will conclude the Semi-Annual Meeting.

The elected Board Members will then meet to determine their respective positions and terms on the Board which will be announced in the next Smoke Signals.

IVCA

Indian Village Community Association

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TO: INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RESIDENTS

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Association president. During that time, our community was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which was a project started before I came on the Board again. We had a "Mayor's Walk," an "ARCH Tour," gained some City money to put in lights at the front of the addition to illuminate our monument signage, have seen resurfacing of several of our streets in the last two years, new wooden Indian Village signs were created and posted and most recently, repair work to our teepees. We had a contest for new Indian Village logos to be used on future publications of the Association. We even became "enlightened" on money saving with individual energy assessments at our homes. We have stepped up security and mosquito spraying services for Indian Village, too. This was all in addition to our yearly Association garage sales, 4th of July picnics and parades, Easter egg hunts, Holiday decorated home contests, and semi-annual meetings with a variety of speakers on topics of interest to our homeowners.

During those years we also had a terrible ice storm that left us without electricity for an extended period with some tree losses and a "derecho" which again took our electricity away during a very hot period of time, affecting more tree losses, property damage and caused us to move our 4th of July celebration to Labor Day. I am very proud of all of you for being "good neighbors" for helping clear the debris and checking on others during these "trying times."

As for the future, we will have more street resurfacing next year and it was just recently announced, the Mayor has allocated money for sidewalk repairs at no cost to residents for specific broken/raised/hazardous sidewalks with a reduction in costs, if a homeowner wants more than a specific area addressed in front of their properties. More information will be released at a later date on how to get on "the list" for this new sidewalk repair program.

As for the future of Indian Village and the leadership of same, most residents are very proud of our addition and have many fond memories of growing up (and some returning) back home. The Board that you elect on October 9, 2013, at the Semi-Annual Meeting being held at Indian Village Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. will continue to serve the best interests of our residents. Remember, we are serving our neighbors, not ourselves, and being a member of the Indian Village Community Association Board of Governors takes dedication, constant involvement, a level head, a list of goals and, most of all, your time.

I personally want to thank all of the past and present Board members for their work and support. I especially want to thank Judy Alcott, Marcy Malloris and Sally Williams for all of their "extra efforts" in service to Indian Village since February.

Best wishes to your future endeavors with Indian Village Community Association



Deborah Dambra
President IVCA

NEW LOGO

We hope everyone noticed and are happy with our new IVCA logo on the front of the Smoke Signals. This was designed by resident Jordan Marshall and will appear on future Smoke Signals as well as correspondence from Indian Village.

At our Semi-Annual Meeting on October 9, we will also have a sample of the cover artwork that will be used on our in-progress Welcome folders available for a "sneak preview". That art work was designed by resident Nena Brown.

Once again we thank both Jordan and Nena for their artistic contributions!

FALLING LEAVES AND BURNING RESTRICTIONS

As we can't help but notice, falling leaves are "upon us"! Please watch for the City leaf collection schedule which should be available very soon. It should also give information on what to do with your leaves prior to the collection dates. Typically, paper leaf bags can be used and either placed near the curb or you can call 311 and they will send someone to pick up the leaf bags. If you rake your leaves to the curb, the City prefers that you use the park strip and avoid putting them in the street as they prevent water from flowing to the storm drains or clog the drains.

Some residents feel burning leaves and yard debris in their backyard is acceptable. It is not. There are two Fort Wayne Fire Codes (§94.70 Open Burning and §94.71 Burning Prohibited) which clearly outline what is prohibited. **These two Codes that particularly pertain to Indian Village are "HAZARDOUS CONDITION. A situation where the Fire Department Officer in charge determines that the fire may be capable of spreading or damaging other property or that the smoke emissions may be offensive to occupants of surrounding property." and "SMOKE NUISANCE. Smoke emissions may be deemed a nuisance when a complaint is received that the smoke emissions are offensive to the complaining party."**

You may "know" your fire is under control, but seeing it is often unsettling to nearby residents, especially in the dry conditions in Fall, and many residents are severely bothered, health wise, by the smoke. Please be considerate of your neighbors, and avoid a potential \$fine\$, by observing the Fire Codes. Thank you!

CRIME CONCERNS

In addition to our comments in the "Crime Watch Corner", we wanted to alert our residents to crime concerns in communities relatively close to Indian Village. One is an area in Waynedale and the other is the Southwood Park area bordered by Old Mill Road, Rudisill Calhoun and Pettit. Both areas have been experiencing home invasions (some armed) even when it is obvious the residents are in their home. Entrance is easily achieved because of windows being left open and the screen cut or removed providing entry to the home. Smaller, easily transported items are taken (cash, jewelry, etc.) so strange cars are not necessarily parked in front of or near the targeted homes.

An incident occurred in Indian Village recently where a vehicle was parked in front of one of our homes although the crime was taking place on Sand Point Road. ***Because of the diligence and observance of one of our long time residents, the police were notified of a suspicious vehicle and location which resulted in at least one arrest and identification of the two accomplices. (A huge thank you to this resident!)***

This is a disturbingly perfect example of why we repeatedly ask residents to call the Desk Sergeant if they notice **ANY** suspicious or unusual activity.

We encourage you to install security or sensor lights around your home, close and lock windows and doors, trim back heavy shrubbery or foliage near doors and windows to eliminate hiding places and be aware of unknown or suspicious people or vehicles in the neighborhood and ***DON'T HESITATE TO CALL 427-1222.***

Neighbor to Neighbor

Indian Village Community Association - September 24, 2013

IVCA Board of Governors

Deb Dambra, President	747-9746
Judy Alcott, Vice President, Secretary/Interim Treasurer	747-7812
Marcy Maloris	747-9639
Sally Williams	747-1384

Other Important Numbers

One Call to City Hall	311
Geoff Paddock, Councilman	425-5745
Palermo Galindo, Community Liaison	427-6214
Desk Sergeant (F.W. Police)	427-1222

**Planning a Fence, Driveway, Shed,
Deck, Garage, or Extra Rooms?
FOR REQUIRED PRE-APPROVAL
and CITY PERMIT INFORMATION**

Contact Judy Alcott @ 747-7812
For IVCA CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE

SERVICES

Clothing Repair

Kris Conner 747-5776

Computer Repair

Sarah Didier Residential 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

BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED FOR: Wenonah, Nuttman, Meda, Wendigo

Please contact Judy at 747-7812 if you can
deliver to this block.

DOG WALKERS

*First, a huge thank you to our
responsible dog owners! And another
reminder to all dog owners PLEASE be
considerate of your neighbors by having
your dogs leashed, restrain them from
"watering" plants and landscaping, and
especially for cleaning up after them!*

ADVERTISING RATES

If you have an in-home or other business or
service you would like to advertise, we will
be happy to include your advertisement in
the Smoke Signals. Our advertising rates
are as follows:

Business Card - \$10

¼ Page Ad - \$15

½ Page Ad - \$25

Full Page Ad - \$50

Ad Inserts - \$15

To advertise your business in the Smoke
Signals, contact Judy Alcott at 747-7812.

CRIME WATCH CORNER

Banks Protection Services will continue to
provide security patrols through Halloween
and again through December. Although we
have the nightly patrols, we ask that if you
see ANY suspicious activity, as always,
please contact the Desk Sergeant at 427-
1222.

Also it is very helpful if you report any
incidents to the Board of Governors even if
you don't file a police report. The Board is
then able to alert the Fort Wayne Police of
specific problems we are having so they can
target and resolve unwanted activity in the
Village.

**INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2013**

AGENDA

- **Call Meeting to Order**
- **Guest Speaker**
Geoff Paddock, Fifth District City Councilman
- **March 13, 2013 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes**
- **Financial Report – Year to Date**
- **Resident Concerns**
- **Door Prize Drawing**
- **Board of Governors Election**
- **Adjournment**

**INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
YEAR TO DATE (PROJECTED) FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

INCOME	September 2013	YTD 2013	Budget 2013
2013 Dues		\$12,870.00	\$14,910.00
Late Fees		\$770.00	
Previous Years Dues		\$660.00	
2014 Dues		\$60.00	
NBC (Neighborhood Beautification)		\$953.00	
Interest	\$0.50	\$8.09	\$35.00
Advertising		\$15.00	
Energizing Indiana		\$525.00	
Grant Money		\$4,075.00	
Memorial Fund			
Returns - Easter Egg Hunt		\$8.02	
Returns/Sale of Unused 4th of July Items		\$132.11	
Miscellaneous Income			
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.50	\$20,076.22	\$14,945.00
EXPENSES			
4TH OF JULY		\$2,159.88	\$2,300.00
ANNUAL MEETING		\$43.34	\$75.00
AUDIT		\$250.00	\$250.00
BANK FEES		\$33.00	
BILLING EXPENSE		\$75.05	\$400.00
BLDG RENTAL FEES			
CHRISTMAS			\$200.00
CRIME WATCH (SECURITY)	\$1,550.00	\$4,075.00	\$5,000.00
DIRECTORIES			\$1,200.00
EASTER EGG HUNT		\$261.40	\$250.00
GARAGE SALES	\$146.00	\$182.00	\$250.00
INSURANCE		\$1,941.00	\$2,500.00
ISF + FEES			
LIEN FILING FEES			\$500.00
MONUMENT LIGHTING	\$25.30	\$159.12	
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	\$1,197.00	\$3,192.00	\$4,500.00
NBC (COMMON GROUND)			\$1,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$135.10	\$100.00
POSTAGE		\$268.94	\$400.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES			\$5,000.00
PROTECTIVE COVENANTS			\$2,000.00
SECRETARY/TREASURER SALARY	\$340.00	\$1,530.00	\$3,500.00
SMOKE SIGNALS	\$68.00	\$466.78	\$1,000.00
STORAGE FEES	\$67.00	\$501.00	\$800.00
SWAP DONATION			\$200.00
TEE PEE/MONUMENT REPAIRS	\$1,850.00	\$8,025.00	\$5,000.00
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE		\$166.73	\$500.00
WELCOME PACKETS			\$100.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$320.33	\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,243.30	\$23,785.67	\$38,025.00
Projected Cash on Hand as of September 30, 2013		\$16,373.75	

INDIAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Semiannual Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2013

Indian Village Community Association March 13, 2013 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), Stan Robinson, Sarah Steup, and Sally Williams. Absent from the meeting was Pat Doran and Marcy Malloris.

The meeting was called to order by President, Deb Dambra at 7:03pm.

Guest Speakers:

Geoff Paddock, 5th District Representative – Geoff brought a map of the districts and explained how they were divided. He talked about some of his accomplishments (i.e., lighting of the monuments), and said sidewalk repair and tree stump removal would be upcoming. Please feel free to contact Geoff at his office and if he isn't in he'll call back. There will be a news conference at the Clyde Theater tomorrow at 11am. Geoff doesn't even know all the details yet about the announcement that will be made then. The Clyde Theater is going to be a recipient of a façade grant, is all that he does know. Rick Kinney, owner of the Clyde Theater, is getting sources together to renovate the building. This is a good sign for this area and will have a positive ripple affect. On Monday the Mayor announced a preliminary plan for the 2014 Budget. Last year City Council was able to cut \$2M from the 2013 budget that was originally submitted. The planning process for 2013 started in August, so the fact that this year the process is starting in March gives Council more time to close the gap in the Budget.

This was Geoff's first year in office and some of the things he is working on are:

- Cosponsor effort to get long term abatements
- Getting more funding to rehabilitate abandoned homes, particularly those that have been vacated due to drug bust
- Ordinance to preserve our brick streets and alleys
- Trying to bring passenger rail service back to Fort Wayne

Amy-Jo Sites, Deputy Director, Animal Care and Control – Amy-Jo is responsible for the entire enforcement and administration divisions of Animal Care and Control.

- **Raccoons:** There is some level of nuisance and they are protected by the DNR. They can only respond to sick or injured raccoons. If you have a raccoon in your home, ACC can help. ACC has humane live traps with a \$50 deposit minus \$1/day to trap live raccoons within your home. If you are bothered by raccoons outside your home, ACC cannot remove it, but there are ways to deter raccoons; 1.) don't leave food outside, 2.) look around your home and see what you have out there that might be drawing them to your home, and 3.) don't leave food or water from pets outside as it draws the raccoons. If you decide to trap and relocate a raccoon yourself, you **MUST** have permission from the property owner to relocate a raccoon to their property. It is illegal for ACC to relocate a caught raccoon outside of your zip code.
- **Public nuisance:** There are 6 different categories and if found guilty you can receive a warning up to \$2,500 fine. 15 minutes consecutive or 20 minutes within an hour, of barking is considered a nuisance. Public safety is the #1, top priority, response which means barking dog calls go to the bottom of the list.
- **Dogs running at large:** If you see a dog off property don't assume it will find it's way home. Also, don't assume it's safe. Call ACC and give general directions along with the owner address, if you know it. They will go and talk to the owner of the loose animal.
- **Potentially Dangerous Ordinance:** This ordinance **ONLY** applies to dogs. Dogs who run loose and bite are classified potentially dangerous. Every animal that bites needs to go under a 10 day quarantine period to be sure there are no rabies infections. Last year there were 88 level 1 bites (1 to 3 punctures) and 26 level 2 bites (4 or more punctures). Level 3 bites are for humans being bit. Results of court can be:
 - Level 1, spay/neuter
 - Level 2 spay/neuter and confinement restriction
 - Level 3 spay/neuter, confinement restriction, and muzzling when off property. Majority of owners who have been classified Level 3 make the humane decision to euthenize the dog.

John McGauley, Allen County Recorder – Mr. McGauley spoke about Covenants, By-laws, City Code and what the difference is. There is a property fraud alert service, available to residents, and if you can sign up for it, you will be alerted if anything comes through the Recorder's Office with your name on it. There is an online resource called Neighborhood Resource Center. Every service offered by the Recorder's Office has a fee EXCEPT for the Neighborhood Resource Center. Most people associate the Recorder's office with buying and selling property. Neighborhood Covenants actually reside in the Recorder's office. There are 9 sets of documents in the Recorder's office pertaining to Indian Village. Sheds, pools, hot tubs are all governed by neighborhood covenants and many times trump city code. By-laws don't have anything to do with the neighborhood enforcement but they do convey how the neighborhood is run. By-laws are not a restriction on deeds so it's not a requirement for them to be recorded with the Recorder's office. Covenants are not binding if they are not recorded. By-laws can be changed and amended by a majority vote of the Board. The Neighborhood Resource Center has actually won awards, with 1,700 unique users a month coming to the website Allencountyrecorder.us/neighborhoods.

A motion to approve the October 10, 2012 Semiannual Meeting Minutes was made by the floor, seconded by the floor, and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the February 2013 Financial Report was made by Alberta McConnell, seconded by Joe Perjac, and passed by unanimous vote.

Monument Lighting – Indian Village received money from the city CREDIT funds in the amount of \$4075 to fund our monument lighting project.

Energizing Indiana – We have received \$250 thus far with 11 more homes to be audited.

Turn the Town Pink – Sally Williams will be heading this venture. It is a product of the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer. Sally needs about 8 or 9 people to help distribute the bows that are purchased. The week of April 18th, letters will be distributed with more information regarding the event.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday March 23th is the date with a rain date of March 30th. There will be a "stuffing party" Wednesday, March 20th, at 7pm, at Sarah Didier's house. We also need help with cleaning, setup and tear down of the hunting areas. The hunt is open to children and grandchildren of residents ages 0-12.

Contest – Indian Village is holding a IVCA Logo contest. All entries must be submitted to the board by April 30, 2013. A monetary value, which will be determined by the quality of the art work, will be the prize. The winner will be announced in the May Smoke Signals.

Resident Concerns –

1. Owaissa Way tree that fell on the garage. The tree has been removed but nothing has been started to repair the garage. Geoff paddock said he will be checking into this for us.
2. If you have a street light out please call 311. There have been a considerable number of lights out since the June 2012 storm.
3. People walking dogs, please clean up after your pet!
4. If you can avoid parking on the street, that might help with the car break-ins we've been having.

Raffle drawings:

- Picture Frame Shelf – Karen Perry
- Hurricane Candle Holder – Kathy Aquino
- Pocahontas 2013 Pool Pass – Pat Oberley
- Pocahontas 2013 Pool Pass – Karen Michael

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 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Didier
IVCA Secretary