



SMOKE SIGNALS

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Holiday Lighting Contest

It's hard to believe that this week is Thanksgiving, which means the Holiday Lighting Contest is just around the corner. For those of you who are new to Indian Village, each year the Board goes around the Village and judges the decorated homes. The top 3 will have winner signs placed in their yards that will remain until the beginning of the year. The top five will also receiving monetary awards. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$50 gift card and the 2nd through 5th place winners will each receive a \$25 gift card.

This year the judging for our annual Holiday Lighting Contest will take place from December 7 through December 10. Please have your holiday lights turned on those nights beginning at dusk so the Board can judge your home. If you do not wish to be judged, do not turn your lights on those nights. The final votes will be tallied at the Board of Governor's December Meeting on December 11. Prize winners will be notified the following weekend.

Last year 2338 Opechee Way won the Grand Prize, so that home is not eligible to be judged this year. The Grand Prize winner from 2011, 3702 Wawonaissa Trail, is eligible to be judged again this year.

Good luck to everyone!!

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

Indian Village has a New Board of Governors!

On October 9 Indian Village Community Association voted on who their Board of Governors would be. Seven residents ran for five openings on the Board. Chuck Chapman, Brent Davis, Sarah Didier, Stan Robinson, and Loretta Watkins received the highest number of votes. They met immediately after the Semiannual Meeting to decide who the officers would be. Brent Davis is your new President, Loretta Watkins is your new Vice President, and Sarah Didier is your new Secretary / Treasurer. We want to make ourselves accessible to each and every resident within Indian Village so, on the back of the Smoke Signals you will find the names and phone numbers of the entire Board. The Board would like to thank the Nominating Committee, chaired by Karen Michael, for the hard work they did on getting nominations and making sure every resident was able to know a little something about each nominee before the voting took place. Job well done!

New Committees

The Indian Village Board of Governors is forming new committees to help with welcoming neighbors, construction compliance, and volunteer recruiting. Pat Doran has accepted the role of Construction Compliance Committee Chair and Karen Michael has accepted the role of Welcoming Committee Chair. Pat can be reached at 747-7159 and Karen at 760-1587. If you are wanting to put up a fence, add a deck, or do other changes to the exterior of your home, please call Pat. If you are new to Indian Village and would like a visit from the Welcoming Committee, please call Karen. We are waiting on a response from the people we have asked to head up the Volunteer Committee before we give you their names.. When we know who that will be, the information will be placed on the website. After we become a 501c(4) non profit, we will be looking for someone to head up a Fundraising Committee.

Changes to www.indianvillagefw.com

The Board approved, at its November 13 Board Meeting, to make several changes/additions to the Indian Village Community Association website.

First will be the addition of Board Meeting / Semiannual Meeting Minutes. Of course, items of a confidential nature will be removed from the Board Meeting Minutes, but we want the residents of Indian Village to see what is discussed during these meetings.

Second will be a pretty major change to the Contacts page. Not only will you see the names of the Board Members and have the ability to contact them, but each Board Member will be writing a bio about themselves which will be available soon. Pictures of each Board Member will also be on their bio pages.

Third will be the addition of each month's Financial Report, minus the bank account balances. This will give our residents who are unable to attend Semiannual Meetings the ability to see what the Board spends money on.

Fourth, and final, we will be adding a page listing our Committees, the Chair, and Members, along with contact information. If you are new to Indian Village, you will be able to go to the Committees page and request a visit from the Welcoming Committee.

The Board hopes you will find these changes beneficial to Indian Village and its residents!

Facebook

Look out Facebook! Indian Village will be getting a new Facebook page soon. Brent Davis will be working on getting it set up. It should be a great way for neighbors to communicate. You can also get alerts on your smart phones from Facebook. Watch for information about the Facebook page on the Indian Village website www.indianvillagefw.com where you will find a link to "like us on Facebook" very soon!

Energizing Indiana

A year ago we began our partnership with Energizing Indiana. Since then, several homes have received their no cost energy audits along with receiving 9 CFL light bulbs, 2 high efficiency shower heads, and 3 sink aerators. The icing on the cake to this program is that for each home receiving an audit, Indian Village Community Association receives \$25!! That might not seem like much, but with 497 homes in the Village, if only 50% of them were audited, Indian Village would receive \$6,200!! There is no cost to homeowners to get the audit but you must use the form provided to Indian Village by Energizing Indiana for us to receive the \$25. If you would like to have your free energy audit, please call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 to obtain the proper form.

Maintenance Fee Billing

The next Maintenance Fee billing will be mid December. Maintenance Fees are due the 1st of January. Residents have until the March Semiannual Meeting to pay their Maintenance Fees before the Late Fees are assessed. The Board feels it has identified most of the rentals in Indian Village. If you are a renter and you receive something mid December from IVCA, please forward it on to your landlord.

Do Unto Others ...

We are getting close to the time when snow falls and our streets become a challenge to navigate. When you are clearing your driveway, or even the street in front of your house, please be mindful of your neighbors and be careful not to pile your snow where it will be an inconvenience to others. The same can be said currently for the leaf situation. Even when walking your dog please remember to take bags with you so you can clean up after your pooch. Also, be careful NOT to park and block sidewalks. Sidewalks are for pedestrians, not cars! Think about others and how your actions could affect them.

The Year in Review

Early in 2013, Indian Village received CEDIT grant money from the City of Fort Wayne in the amount of \$4,075 to pay for our monument lighting project. The monuments look fantastic now at night!

In March we held our Semiannual Meeting where we heard from Ken Scheibenberger on drug houses and Amy-Jo Sites from Animal Care and Control on issues with raccoons and loose dogs and the consequences of such. 5th District City Councilman Geoff Paddock was also there to keep us up to date on what was going on downtown.

The Easter Egg Hunt, for the second year, was really cold! But that didn't stop the kids from coming out and hunting eggs, looking for that one "golden egg" that would lead them to a prize.

We held a logo design contest and challenged our residents to come up with their best design for a logo that Indian Village would use on correspondence, the Smoke Signals, and the website. Two residents were awarded cash prizes for their logos. One is being used on the Smoke Signals and correspondence, and the other is being used for Welcome Packets.

The annual 4th of July Bike Parade and Picnic was fun for everyone. The children loved decorating their bikes and being led by a fire truck and police car up to Psi Ote Park for the picnic. The Stand provided Coney dogs and there was Lee's Famous Recipe chicken too. It was a great time for neighbors to get out and socialize with others.

The October Semiannual Meeting was primarily for voting in a new IVCA Board of Governors. It was the first time, in a very long time that Indian Village held an election like this. The new Board is looking forward to exciting times in 2014!

Letter from the President

To the Residents of Indian Village,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new President of the Indian Village Community Association. First off, Happy Holidays to you and your family! May the joys of this time fill your home with love, warmth, and comfort! I enjoy the holiday season in Indian Village, with all the lights, the snow-filled trees, and the nostalgic appearance of simpler times.

It will soon be the beginning of a new year and hopefully, the turning of a new leaf. I have (with the community's votes), chosen to help lead the new Board of Governors in governing our wonderful Association. The role I play will be a learning process for me, since this is my first go around. However, I am humbled to have the help of others on the Board, and from you, my neighbors.

My background lies fully in the construction industry. I am an electrical contractor by trade, and I own my own business; All City Electric, Inc. I believe my knowledge as both a contractor and a businessman to be a benefit for our community.

Organization is key to operating just about anything productively, and without it, the stitches will begin to unravel. You, as a resident of Indian Village, will be the Association's "direct customer". It is my duty as President, with the help of the Board, to organize a plan and system to satisfy your needs. Those needs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Your safety
- Community development
- Construction compliance/planning
- Family/children involvement
- City of Fort Wayne's impact on the Association, etc.

I look forward to serving you as your new President! I am available to be reached at my office at 260-387-7205 and via email at president@indianvillagefw.com. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have!

Sincerely,
Brent Davis, President
Indian Village Community Association

and From the Board

Your Indian Village Board of Governors would like to wish each and every resident a safe, happy, and healthy Holiday Season and we look forward to serving the residents of Indian Village in 2014!



Help Needed?

Do you, or someone you know, need help this winter with raking leaves or shoveling snow? If you do need help, please call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 and she will find someone to help you.

Keep an Eye Out for ...

There have been quite a few incidents on the FWPD logs that refer to suspicious people, either on foot or in parked cars, within Indian Village recently. If we put all those incidents in the Crime Watch Corner, the logs would be twice as long as they are now. Recently the Board received a report from a resident who saw a gentleman with a child in a parked truck. When confronted, he told the resident that he was "analyzing vehicle data", whatever that means. He sat there for awhile and then was spotted on another street in Indian Village. What is strange is why would someone collecting data of any kind, be in a vehicle with a child. It just seemed too suspicious. In instances like this, don't be afraid to contact the Desk Sergeant at 427-1222. It could be that these people we report are actually staking out a house to burglarize later. On another note, if you park your car on the street, make sure your tags are current, or your car can be towed and impounded!

Security

Historically, the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas has been a time of heightened crime in Indian Village. There seem to be more break-ins of cars and thefts from cars. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR!! We just can't say that enough. Banks Security will be patrolling our streets from Thanksgiving to Christmas to hopefully deter some crime, but we each need to be proactive and do our part to not help the criminals. Keep your cars locked and report any incidents to the Board. You can also email the Board at ivcboard@indianvillagefw.com.

Crime Watch Corner

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

September 2013:

9/01	Disturbance	4000 block of Wawonaissa Trl.
9/03	Threats	3700 block of Nokomis Road
9/07	Threats	2300 block of Opechee Way
9/11	Theft from Vehicle	4100 block of Manito Blvd.
9/12	Battery	4000 block of Indian Hills Dr.
9/18	Juvenile Investigation	3800 block of Wenonah Lane
9/20	Battery	4100 block of Wenonah Lane

October 2013:

10/09	Theft	2300 block of Indian Village Blvd
10/16	Theft	4100 block of Wenonah Lane
10/23	Juvenile Investigation	3900 block of Wawonaissa Trl.
10/27	Vandalism	3900 block of Wawonaissa Trl.
10/29	Neighborhood Disturb.	3900 block of Wenonah Lane

November 2013:

11/15	Warrant Served	4000 block of Enola Court
11/17	Shots Fired	2300 block of Indian Village Blvd
11/17	Disturb./Party Armed	4000 block of Wawonaissa Trl.
11/17	Disturbance	4000 block of Wawonaissa Trl.
11/18	Burglary	2800 block of Engle Road
11/21	Burglary	2800 block of Engle Road
11/22	Burglary in Progress	3700 block of Meda Pass
11/22	Attempted Burglary	3700 block of Wenonah Lane

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 contact one of the Board Members by phone. The Board and their phone numbers are on the back of the Smoke Signals.

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 740-4564

Residential/Commercial

Lawn Services

Chuck Chapman 747-0432

James Conner 417-4044

Adam Sullivan 747-1520

Kyle Sullivan 747-1520

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Do you own a business and want to place an ad in the Smoke Signals? To advertise your business in the Smoke Signals, call Sarah Didier at 747-7141 or email her at secretary@indianvillagefw.com.

**Indian Village Community Association
Board of Governors**

Brent Davis, President	418-6935
Loretta Watkins, Vice President	437-3874
Sarah Didier, Secretary/Treasurer	747-7141
Chuck Chapman	747-0432
Stan Robinson	478-3511

You can email the Board of Governors using the email address
ivcaboard@indianvillagefw.com



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 Pat Doran at 747-7159

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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