

Letter from the Editor

To the Residents of Indian Village,

Because Indian Village currently does not have an active President, and I usually include in the final Smoke Signals for the year a column called "The Year in Review", I thought I would take the opportunity to include those items in a personal letter from myself.

2014 started off with a bang with House Bill 1107. Indian Village was the reason that bill became law on July 1, 2014. Representative Dan Leonard sponsored the bill for us in the Senate. We originally hoped to see the bill state that any neighborhood with 5 or more sections, with separate Covenants or Restrictions for each section, be able to combine themselves into one neighborhood with one set of Protective Covenants or Restrictions. The Senate liked the bill so much that they wanted the bill rewritten to include neighborhoods with 2 or more sections to have that same ability. The bill went back to the House for approval and the Governor signed it, making it law on July 1.

In April, we were blessed with absolutely beautiful weather for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a fantastic turnout with many IVCA families bringing their children out to hunt eggs.

We had two neighborhood wide Garage Sales this year. One in June and one in September. Again we had a great turnout for both sales.

In July, we held our annual Bike Parade and 4th of July Picnic for residents. The children loved decorating their bikes for the parade. FWPD cars with sirens blaring led the parade to Psi Ote Park where residents feasted on Coney dogs from The Stand and chicken from Lee's.

Then came the infamous October Semiannual Meeting. This is where my heart aches for Indian Village and its residents. I witnessed residents acting like children during that very short meeting. Because of that meeting, Brent Davis decided to step down as President and Vice President, Loretta Watkins, has been acting as President ever since.

Why am I going through all these events, along with dredging up unpleasant things, you may ask. It is because I worry about the future of Indian Village as a neighborhood. It is possible that if we don't have the necessary Protective Covenant signatures by January 1, 2015, that Indian Village will not be a neighborhood as we know it now. It will be broken and divided with much uncertainty. It breaks my heart to see that happen. I love Indian Village like a fat kid loves cake! The last thing I want to see happen is for Indian Village to not be able to offer to ALL residents the events and security that we all have been privileged to experience. I fear changes that none of the residents here really want to see. The solution is, there needs to be a coming together of ALL residents into one cohesive group working for nothing more than the betterment of Indian Village and people who call this neighborhood "home". If there are residents in Indian Village who don't agree with me, maybe you need to ask yourselves "why am I living here?".

I pray that my fears will not come to fruition and that Indian Village will become stronger and more unified than it ever has been. I ask each and every one of you to take to heart what I have written here and do what is best for Indian Village and its residents.

Sincerely,
Sarah Didier
IVCA Secretary/Treasurer