



TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
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Town Council Meeting

Monday, January 12th, 7:00pm

Click [here](#) for the Meeting Agenda for our regular council meeting on Monday, January 12th, 7pm, in the Lower School Library of the Hilbert Early Education Building on Park Tudor's campus.



Brrrrrrr!

The Polar Vortex is Back

Blowing snow, sub-zero temperatures, snow days...it's like 2014 all over again! Please be sure to drive *slowly* and assume that there may be black ice on the roads.

Our snow removal crew did a great job getting the roads cleared and salt down in a timely fashion. Let's hope the accumulation is nothing like last year. Only **70** days until spring!

State of the Town

Annual Summary of Town Projects

The State of the Town of Meridian Hills is *good!*

Over the last ten years, the State of the Town has been shared at the first meeting of the year, with a summary of projects and achievements that have been accomplished over the past twelve months, as well as possible projects the town may consider in the upcoming year.

Click [here](#) to see this year's State of the Town, and click [here](#) to see the ones over the last several years.



Trash Collection Delayed

Rescheduled for Next Week

The City's Department of Public Works cancelled residential trash, heavy trash and curbside recycling collection this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday due to extreme cold.

Residents affected by these cancellations will have double collection next week. Residents with questions about trash cancellations or next week's double collection may call the Mayor's Action Center at **327-4622**.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Now Through January 31st

DPW has restored its live Christmas tree collection program at Indy Parks locations during the month of January, beginning immediately and ending January 31. Christmas trees left at Indy Parks will be chipped or mulched for future use. Please remove all decorations and lights before disposing.



Once again, live Christmas trees may be left at Broad Ripple Park, 1610 Broad Ripple Ave., South lot.

For more information on Christmas tree collection season or solid waste removal, visit www.indy.gov/trash.

Professional Con Man Caught

Richard Adams

Well known to IMPD North District police officers, Richard Adams is a professional con



man. On Christmas Day, he was released from prison early. It didn't take long before he was up to his old antics throughout the suburban northside, including a visit to a home in Meridian Hills on December 30th. He usually knocks on the door and says that he's a neighbor or that his parents live nearby and he has either run out of gas or has gotten his keys locked in his car. He usually asks for a ride somewhere and then once in the car, he changes his story slightly and ultimately asks for some money.

IMPD had a run on January 7th for someone matching this description and pulling this same scam. A uniform officer was within a block of the complainant and made apprehension on Mr. Adams. He had a warrant was arrested on multiple charges.

Although Mr. Adams is back behind bars, he will be out again someday. Or someone else will fill his shoes. If you see anything suspicious, or have anyone approach your residence with a story of need, call **9-1-1** immediately. Your instinct is right most of the time. Unfortunately, in this day and age, you should not open your door to a stranger.

Coyote Sightings

Safety Tips

There have been several coyote sightings in and around the Town of Meridian Hills recently. This is no surprise, given our proximity to the river and parks. For your safety and the safety of your children and pets, please keep the following in mind:



Coyotes are opportunistic mammals and use a variety of habitats, including developed areas like wooded suburbs, parks, and office parks. Their ability to survive and take advantage of food sources found in and around these "man-made" habitats has resulted in an increase in coyote sightings and related conflicts.

A coyote's diet consists predominantly of mice, woodchucks, squirrels, rabbits, turkeys, deer, some fruits, carrion, and when available, garbage. Some coyotes will also prey on small livestock and poultry, and reports of coyotes killing small pets have increased in recent years.

As coyotes have become more common and occasionally prey on small pets, public concerns about coyotes attacking people, especially children, have increased. Although some coyotes may exhibit bold behavior near people, the risk of a coyote attacking a person is extremely low. This risk can increase if coyotes are intentionally fed and then learn to associate people with food.

Daytime activity is not uncommon and does not necessarily indicate rabies.

Follow the tips below to increase the safety of pets and livestock, enhance human safety, and learn how to coexist with coyotes.

Tips on Preventing Conflicts with Coyotes:

- DO NOT allow pets to run free! Unsupervised pets, particularly outdoor cats and small dogs (less than 25 lbs.) can be vulnerable to coyote attacks. Keep cats indoors, particularly at night, and small dogs on a leash or under close supervision at all times.
- NEVER feed coyotes! DO NOT place food out for any mammals. Clean up bird seed below feeders, pet foods, and fallen fruit that attract birds and small mammal that will, in turn, attract coyotes. Secure garbage and compost in animal proof containers.
- Always walk dogs on a leash. If approached by a coyote while walking your dog, keep the dog under control and calmly leave the area. DO NOT run or turn your back. Coyotes are territorial and many reports of bold coyotes visiting yards, howling, or threatening larger dogs can often be attributed to this territorial behavior.
- Attempt to frighten away coyotes by making loud noises (e.g., shouting, air horn) and acting aggressively (e.g., waving your arms, throwing sticks, spraying with a hose).
- Be aware of any coyote behaving abnormally or exhibiting unusually bold behavior (e.g., approaching people for food, attacking leashed pets that are with their owners, stalking children, chasing joggers or bikers, etc.) and report these incidents to authorities immediately.
- Be aware of and report any coyotes exhibiting behavior indicative of rabies, such as staggering, seizures, and extreme lethargy.
- Teach children to recognize coyotes and to go inside the house (do not run) or climb up on a swing or deck and yell if they are approached.
- Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds that coyotes or other animals may use.
- Educate your neighbors. Ask them to follow these same steps.

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Website Updates



The Town website continues to be updated with meeting agendas, approved meeting minutes, zoning standards and important documents. There are links and contact information for local and state officials, the Mayor's Action Center, Mosquito Control, Call Before You Dig, Amber Alerts, Neighborhood CrimeView, Sex Offenders Map, and the Town Partners Program. Contact information for the Town Administration is also posted.

Please visit www.meridianhills.org and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

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