



**TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS**  
*Established 1937*

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*July 9th, 2015*

*Councilors*

*Walter Freihofer*  
*Terry O'Brien*  
*Sherm McMurray*

*Clerk Treasurer*

*Jim Rush*

## *Town Council Meeting*

Monday, July 13th, 7:00pm

Click [here](#) for the Meeting Agenda for our regular council meeting on Monday, July 13th, 7pm, in the Lower School Library of the Hilbert Early Education Building on Park Tudor's campus.



## *2015 Road Maintenance*

Resurfacing and Patching

Years ago, the Town compiled a street inventory and created a long-term Roadway Analysis Program. Every year in late spring, our Town Engineers review the condition of the roads. Because of this close attention, the streets in the Town of Meridian Hills are in great shape compared with many neighborhoods in Indianapolis! Granted, we have our share of potholes, cracks and crumbling pavement. The severity of the winter greatly affects the condition of the roads.

Because of our limited budget, the engineers prioritize the repairs and present "Good", "Better", "Best" options. The council weighs the condition of the roads, the volume of traffic on the roads, the cost of repairs, and other projects being considered in the town.

Additionally, we work with the Mayor's Action Center to report any necessary roadwork on the streets within town that are owned and maintained by the City of Indianapolis. These streets include Meridian, Spring Mill, College, and 71st/Meridian Hills Blvd/73rd. If you see any potholes or areas on these streets that need repair, please be sure that you also report them to the Mayor's Action Center at **327-4622** or [click here](#).

The more reports they receive on a specific project, the more attention it receives from DPW...*the squeaky wheel gets the grease!*

Lastly, because of our limited budget, we also lobby the City of Indianapolis to help with some of our larger projects. This is how Pennsylvania was paved from Arden to Williams Creek Blvd last year. *(On a side note, we applied for one-time Federal Funds that were available years ago to resurface 75th Street from Pennsylvania to College!)*

Arden Drive is currently scheduled to be resurfaced by DPW, from Meridian Street to Broadway Street, and the projects that the council approves will be completed late summer/early fall.

## *New Councilor*

Replacement Swearing in

Dr. Sherman McMurray, a resident from the Wellington neighborhood, was elected in a Special Meeting to fill the balance of Kristina Frey's term as Councilor. Dr. McMurray is an anesthesiologist with Indiana University Health. He will be sworn in at the Council Meeting on Monday night.



Thank you to Sherm McMurray for getting involved in the Town of Meridian Hills!



## *Sherwood Village Little Library*

Under Consideration

They're popping up in neighborhoods all over the country. Little wooden structures, about the size of a bird-feeder, that can house a dozen or more books. Leave a book, take a book...no due dates, no fees! Plainfield, Greenwood, Carmel and Indianapolis has them. In fact, there's a new one in the Arden Neighborhood.

The Little Library's are maintained and stocked by the neighbors that use them. Many people have books they want to share with a friend or a neighbor. It's another step toward building a sense of community.

## *Taking Inventory*

Municipal Property

Although the Town of Meridian Hills doesn't own a building, it still has quite a lot of property! In addition to the Town Police Vehicle and equipment, the town owns and maintains approximately 11 miles of local roads. With that comes countless street lights, town entry signs, street name signs, and traffic signs, all of which are unique to the Town of Meridian Hills. All new signs have a higher standard of reflectivity, and are mounted on more decorative posts than standard municipal signs.



In an effort to manage that property, the Town is taking inventory and including all the technical specifications for these Town Standards.

Please do your part to help keep the town signs visible and clear of branches. Report any vandalism to the [engineer@meridianhills.org](mailto:engineer@meridianhills.org). And if you have a sign in the right-of-way adjacent to your property, please be sure it's standing straight and tall!



## *Theeeeeey're Back!*

Solicitors Return with Warmer Weather

*Because they are a constant nuisance throughout the summer, the following article is repeated from the last newsletter....*

Like the swallows of San Juan Capistrano, solicitors seem to return every year once the weather warms up. Following are instructions from our Town Police on how to address soliciting....

- *Don't open your door*
- *If you do, be sure to have a chain or locked screen door between you*
- *Tell the solicitor - through the door - that you're not interested and to leave your property*
- *If you feel threatened or they don't leave, call **9-1-1** immediately*
- *Regardless of enforceability, I tell them "soliciting is not allowed in this neighborhood and we've been instructed to notify the police of any solicitors."*
- *Call the police non-emergency number at **327-3811**. If we have an officer on duty, he will get the call, stop the solicitor to verify they have an Indianapolis solicitors license and check their ID.*
- *Send an email or call your neighbors to caution them.*
- ***Don't purchase anything or give them donations.***

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Version 3.0

Because the Town website is currently being rebuilt, there are some updates that are not currently posted. It is easier and less expensive to update the site at the same time as the redesign. Any documents not showing can be requested from the Clerk Treasurer. Despite the recent updates, the site continues to function and is a great source for residents. The site includes 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, SafeTown, Indy Snow Force, 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](http://www.meridianhills.org) and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

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