

Town of Meridian Hills

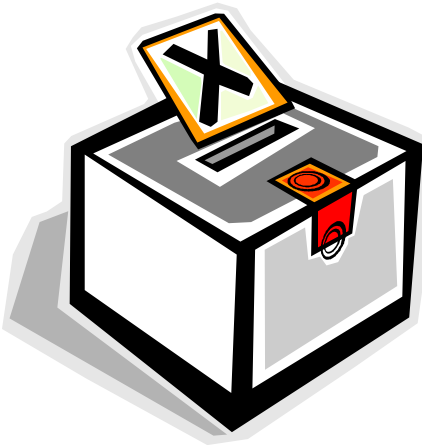
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TOWN ELECTIONS

Have you ever considered holding an elected office in Meridian Hills? On November 6, residents will elect representatives to oversee Town affairs for the next four years. There are four elected positions in Meridian Hills - three Town Councilors and a Clerk Treasurer. Any resident is eligible to submit his or her name as a candidate for these at-large positions. The Town Council meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm for approximately two hours. In addition, each member chairs at least one of the five committees, which meet on a schedule decided by the members. The Clerk Treasurer oversees the

\$300,000 budget which is used primarily for supplemental police protection and street maintenance/repair. He or she is also responsible for filing all government reports and forms. The Town Council members are paid \$1,600 per year. The Clerk Treasurer is paid \$7,800 per year and has a part time assistant. You can find out more by



reviewing meeting agendas and minutes on the Town website. The filing deadline is **July 2** at noon. Forms are available from the Marion County Election Board office. The Meridian Hills election is held as part of the County general election and voting takes place at the same precinct locations. Meridian Hills is a desirable neighborhood with beautiful homes, mature landscaping, convenient location and very low crime rate. Meridian Hills needs leaders who will make thoughtful, informed decisions in order to preserve and enhance our quality of life.

For more information, contact the Marion County Election Board at 327-5100, one of your current Town Councilors, or Phil Genetos at 236-2307.

Town Entry Signs Approved

Keep your eyes open for some very visible improvements in the Town this summer. The council approved funding from our surpluses over the last three years for

four new monument style Town Entry signs. Locations will include 71st & College, 75th & College, 64th & Meridian, and 73rd & Holliday Drive West. The signs will be constructed in July. We appreciate your patience with any inconvenience this work may cause. Special thanks to Dennis Vessels, the volunteer architect who designed the signs, as

well as members of the Town Planning Committee.

On a related note, the council also approved the "80/20 Match Program" in April. Let us know if you'd like to donate funds to help landscape around these signs or get the new decorative street name signs on your street. Call Terry at 979-5646 for additional information.



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POLICE

Emergency 9-1-1
Non-Emergency 327-3811
Answering Mach. 253-5678

ADMINISTRATION

Town Council

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979-5646

Katherine Ivceвич
251-0404

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251-6227

Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor
459-7708

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Sue A. Beesley

Town Engineer

Jay Vorisek, P.E.

Town Marshal

Michael S. Russo

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN EXPANSION

The much-anticipated completion of the Second Presbyterian Church has finally arrived. The Dedication was Sunday, May 6th. The work is beautifully and artistically done, with the same Indiana limestone and tile roof as the main structure. It is difficult to tell the original from the new.

the balance received through member pledges and gifts.

The new space encompasses three floors and an atrium. The new north entrance will serve as a reception area with a library, hospitality

center, sitting area and coffee bar. Mounted LCD televisions will display ongoing activities and provide live video of weekly services. The second floor will serve as home for the youth ministries, with state-of-the-art facilities designed to serve more than 500 middle and high school students.

When asked about the hopes for the future of Second Presbyterian, members and leaders envisioned expanding the potential of the church's ministries, as well as improving access to the main sanctuary. This vision was realized through the very generous donation of a respected member and leader of the church, with



The third floor, the Great Hall, is a large gathering room with beautiful windows and vaulted ceiling. This magnificent space will be used for weddings, concerts, congregational events, lectures, and other special events. A walkway across a sky bridge will connect the new addition to the main sanctuary.

The Riviera Club to Donate \$100 to Town of Meridian Hills for New Members!

Two organizations that have deep roots in the community - The Riviera Club and the Town of Meridian Hills - have forged a Community Partnership Program to foster the continued health and prosperity of our family-oriented organizations.

As part of the Community Partnership Program, the "Rivi" offers a **discounted initiation fee of \$199 for residents of the Town of Meridian Hills that join in 2007!** \$100 of the initiation fee will be given back to the Town of Meridian Hills to support our mission.

The Riviera Club, a recreation and social club and part of the neighborhood since 1933, has invested over \$500,000 since 2005 upgrading the facility with capital improvements. These improvements include a new Fitness Center, Child Care Cottage, refurbished tennis courts, and redecorated ball/dining room and main building.



years, the Rivi's "crown jewel" 1.3 million gallon pool will open Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26th.

Please call 255-5471 or visit the Riviera Club office at 5640 N. Illinois St. for more information. The Riviera Club is looking forward to helping each of our

organizations make our community a very attractive to place to live and/or work.

As has been the tradition for 74

Complimentary Family Day Pass

Present this card at the front desk of Riviera Club and experience the club *FREE* for the day!



Authorized by the Town of Meridian Hills
Expires July 31, 2007

5640 N. Illinois - 255-5471 - www.rivi.org

TOWN HAPPENINGS

This time of year the Town is busy analyzing the condition of our roads and approving a maintenance plan. This kind of work is easy to see, but what you don't see is how busy

your council has been working

over the last few months behind the scenes. They've made some great accomplishments including the following:

- Having a City of Indianapolis ordinance recognize the Meridian Hills unique setbacks
- Securing \$10,098 in FEMA money to assist with our snow plow expenses during the heavy snow in February
- Securing an estimated \$13,000 worth of tree work by the City of Indianapolis

- Securing assistance from the City of Indianapolis for trash removal at 75th & College, along Meridian Hills Boulevard, and along the west side of Meridian south of 71st Street

“The Town secured an estimated \$25,000 worth of services from other agencies at no cost”

- Working with the City of Indianapolis to review the speed limit on College Avenue north of 71st, and installing a crosswalk at Nottingham & College

The Town secured approximately \$25,000 worth of services from other agencies at no cost to the Town by understanding our responsibilities, establishing good working relationships with other agencies, and being persistent. Please be sure to thank your Town Administration for all their efforts on your behalf!

IHC 150th Anniversary

On November 2, 1856, fourteen Jewish men in Indianapolis signed the constitution and by-laws to create the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, the first Jewish congregation in the growing City of Indianapolis. IHC, which now has 1150 member families and is the largest congregation in Indiana, has played an important role in the spiritual home of the Jewish community in central Indiana. A much deserved mazel tov on reaching this celebrated 150th Anniversary milestone!

- Senator Bayh Congressional Record

- BIOGRAPHY -

Jay Vorisek, P.E.

The Town recently secured the services of CrossRoad Engineers, an engineering and surveying firm that specializes in Municipal Transportation Engineering and Site Development. Maintaining 11 miles of roads within the town is one of our primary responsibilities.

Jay Vorisek, P.E., an owner and Vice President of CrossRoads, will serve as the Town Engineer. He currently serves private and public sector clients with their transportation engineering needs. His responsibilities include overseeing the preparation of all transportation design plans and specifications. He is instrumental in maintaining communication with clients and other key stakeholders during the course of a project.

Jay is a registered professional engineer in the State of Indiana. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Since 1996 Jay has been involved with the engineering specialty of modern roundabout design. He is recognized as a leader in Indiana in this specialty and has given presentations at several industry conferences and seminars.

Mr. Vorisek is a very qualified engineer specializing in transportation. The Council is looking forward to working with him to help maintain our streets and thoroughfares as our new Town Engineer.



Vine & Branch has helped the Town of Meridian Hills maintain safe roadways for several years with our expert tree inspection, analysis, and proper pruning.

Now we want to ensure the safety of the trees on your property as well.

Warm weather means outdoor playtime and family gatherings.

Call us today to request a **FREE** visual tree assessment



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Calendar of Events

Council Meetings - 7:00pm

June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10

June

- 10 "Corpus Christi Mass,"
St. Luke Catholic Church, 7pm,
FREE, 259-4373
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 14 "Barton Rogers Big Band,"
Holliday Park Summer Concert
Series, 7pm, FREE, 327-7180
- 16 - 17 "Mini-Chautauqua" featuring lec-
turers Richard Lancaster, Earl
Hoppert, and David Clark," 4pm,
FREE, First Congregational
Church, 257-5397
- 17 FATHER'S DAY
- 28 "Cathy Morris,"
Holliday Park Summer Concert
Series, 7pm, FREE, 327-7180

July

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 10 "Indianapolis Symphony Orches-
tra," Holliday Park Summer Con-
cert Series, 7pm, FREE, 327-7180
- 14 "Summer Sale Bazaar,"
Second Presbyterian Church,
8am - 2pm, FREE, 253-6461
- 23 "Life Line Screening," health
screenings for detecting arterial
abnormalities that could lead to
strokes, pre-registration required at
800-324-1851, 9am, Discounted Fee,
First Congregational Church,
257-5397
- 26 "Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra,"
Holliday Park Summer Concert
Series, 7pm, FREE, 327-7180
- 25 - 29 "Vacation Bible School,"
Second Presbyterian Church,
9am - 12 noon, \$18, 253-6461

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

The environment has been in the head-
lines quite a bit recently. Although
some issues have become politicized,
one thing we can all agree on is our
responsibility to preserve and protect
our environment. No one wants to see
litter on the side of the road
or breathe dirty air. What
can we do as residents of
Meridian Hills? **Reduce!**
Reuse! **Recycle!** Many
Meridian Hills residents
participate in curbside re-
cycling offered by Repub-
lican Waste Service (926-
5491). Pickup is once a
week on your normal trash
day and costs just \$5.50 per month.
Many residents also recycle clothing,
furniture and other household items by
donating to St. Vincent DePaul (687-
0169), Goodwill (253-0190), or Am-
Vets (353-8140). Most organizations
pick up larger items from your home.
Other tips to reduce use of resources



include the following:

- Use compact fluorescent bulbs
- Drive less; drive more fuel efficient cars; and check your tire pressure regularly
- Buy EnergyStar-rated appliances
- Install dual-paned windows
- Use a mulching lawnmower
- For shopping, use a canvas bag or reuse a plastic or paper bag
- Adjust thermostat by 2 degrees
- Turn lights off when not in use
- Plant a tree

Not only will you help save the planet, but you'll be saving money too!

- Perry Jordan

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please contact Terry O'Brien at 979-5646 or Helen Carroll at 722-4350.*

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