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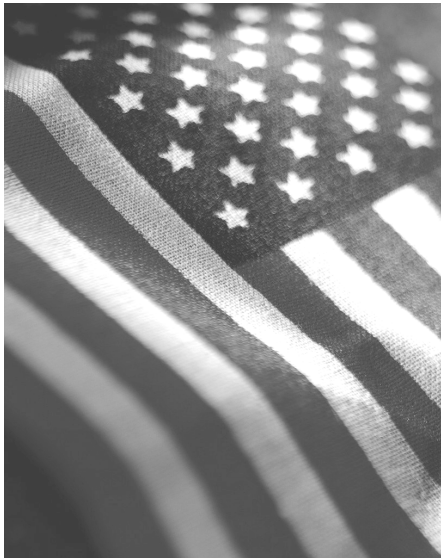
MARCH 21, 2008

STATE OF THE TOWN

Although 2007 was the last year of a four-year term, members of your administration were busy managing your government over the last twelve months. Following are some of the many accomplishments during the last year in office:

- Transferred \$30,000 to the Town's Rainy Day Fund bringing total to \$119,000
- Received an additional \$11,000 from Major Moves
- Recovered \$11,000 from an erroneous tax formula
- Hired Crossroad Engineers as new Town Engineer
- Approved the "80/20 Plan" to help build the Town Beautification Fund

- Developed an Emergency Services Agreement and Tree Risk Policy with Vine & Branch



- Transferred to new Town website
- Had city include language in ordinance to recognize unique Town setbacks
- Applied for and received \$10,098 from FEMA

for emergency snow removal

- Successfully lobbied Division of Forestry to perform \$13,000 worth of tree work in the Town

- Had city install an east/west crosswalk with crossing lights on College at Nottingham Court

- Had city remove two duplicate light poles

- Approved four new Town Entry Signs - work to begin this spring

- Approved stopbars and restriping on along 75th Street and along Penn

- Approved a balanced budget for 2008

- Approved 65th St. Drainage Project and Pennsylvania St. Drainage Project

- Received three radios worth \$12,500 through Marion County Public Safety Commission Agency

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POLICE

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

ADMINISTRATION

Town Council

Jim Rush, President
257-1886

Terry O'Brien
979-5646

Walter Friehofer
253-5556

Clerk Treasurer

John Taylor
459-7708

Town Attorney

Sue A. Beesley

Town Engineer

Jay Vorisek, P.E.

Town Marshal

Michael S. Russo

New Town Council in Office

Congratulations to Jim Rush and Walter Friehofer for joining the Meridian Hills Town Council. They took office January 1, replacing Abbe Hohmann and Kay Ivcevic on the Council, and join Terry O'Brien, John Taylor, and the other professionals in our Town Administration.

Walter owns Friehofer, Inc., a commercial real estate company serving central

Indiana. He and his wife Laura have three young daughters. He brings prior experience as a Town Councilor as well as knowledge of real estate and will chair the Development Standards & Residential Construction Committee.

Jim Rush is the Regional President of United Fidelity Bank in Carmel. He and his wife Patti have three adult children. Jim served on the

Town's Finance Committee, is a past Treasurer for Woodstock Country Club and brings knowledge of finance to the council. Jim will serve as Council President and chair the Finance, Police & Safety, and Streets & Thoroughfares Committees. Please join me in welcoming Walter and Jim to the Meridian Hills Town Council!

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STATE OF THE TOWN

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- Purchased and equipped a new Town Police Car
- Approved regular council meetings every other month
- Secured a landscaping grant from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful for 2008

The council also passed 15 ordinances over the last four years that will directly affect the long-term future of the Town. These many accomplishments, along with the day-to-day management of your town, were possible due to the hard work and dedication of your elected officials, the many contributions of time and energy by volunteer residents, and the continued guidance and knowledge of qualified professionals. Please join me in thanking Kay Ivcevich and Abbe Hohmann for the time and effort they contributed to the Town over the last four years.

The next four years usher in a new administration with Jim Rush and Walter Freihofer joining me on the council, and John Taylor remaining as Clerk Treas-

urer. We have a great opportunity to build on the foundation the previous council established. During the next year the Town Council may discuss some of the following issues:

- Engineer Review Policy
- Restructuring Committees
- Establishing a Town Partner Program
- Encroachment Licenses
- Lobbying City to issue driveway permits for the Town
- Fundraising effort to allow for faster beautification including entry signs, street name signs, decorative streetlights & landscaping
- Continuing to explore grant opportunities and alternative funding
- Updating the Town Municipal Code

- The future of Holliday and Marrott Parks
- Continuing to study ways to reduce speeding and improve public safety and drainage

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The new administration will continue to manage your government with

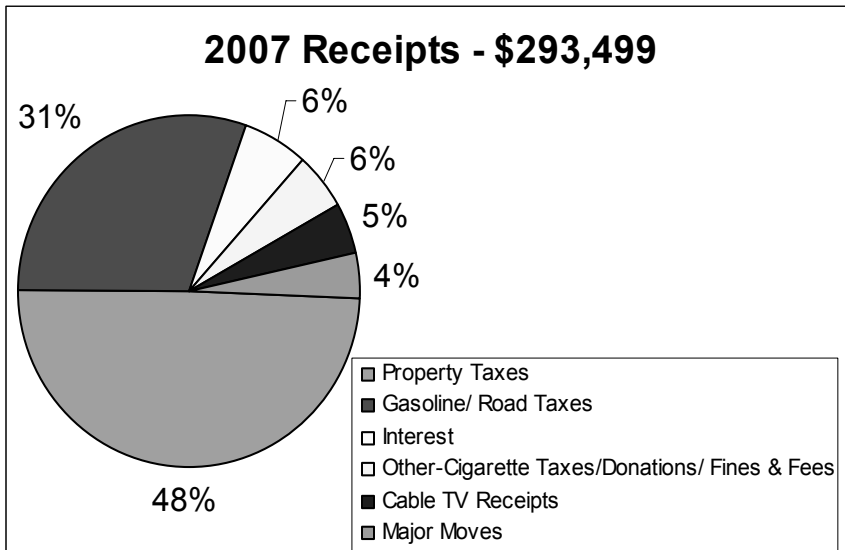
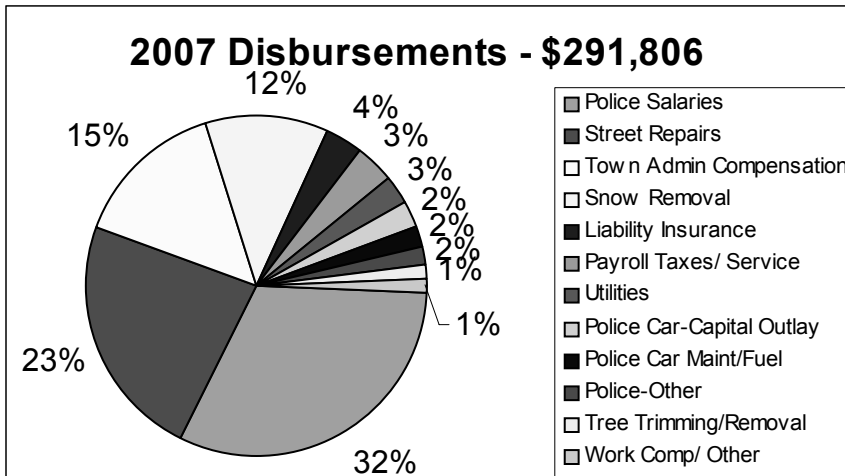
fiscal responsibility, fairness, improved communication, and opportunities to participate. On behalf of your new Town Council, thank you for your continued confidence and the opportunity to serve you.



15 Ordinances Passed in Last Four Years

- MH 01-04 Establishing a Rate for Mileage Reimbursement
- MH 02-04 Expense Reimbursement for Educational Conferences
- MH 03-04 Claims of Board Allowance
- MH 04-04 Prohibiting Use of Certain Public Records for Commercial Purposes
- MH 06-04 Streetlight Bulb Standard
- MH 07-04 Traffic Sign Standard
- MH 08-04 Change Regular Meeting Time
- MH 09-04 At-Large Election of Town Council Members
- MH 01-06 Speed Limit Reduction
- MH 02-06 Establishing a Town Beautification Fund
- MH 03-06 Town Entry Sign Standard
- MH 04-06 Street Name Sign Standard
- MH 05-06 Decorative Streetlight Standard
- MH 06-06 Enforcement of Provisions in Meridian Hills Town Code
- MH 01-07 Council Meeting Every Other Month

2007 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



WEBSITE

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Our website is a great resource for info including:

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Committees
- Municipal Code
- Setback Standards
- Town Survey Results
- Drainage Information
- Interactive Maps
- Budget Summaries
- Police Summaries
- Related Links

If you'd like to receive agendas for regular council meetings and occasional emergency notices, please send your email address, home address and name to tobrien@obrienauto.com.

Vine & Branch's experts are trained to perform thorough Visual Tree Assessments to identify weak/damaged areas.

Eight areas are examined during a Visual Tree Assessment. So far we have shared 4 steps with you toward becoming more aware of the health of trees on your property. Here are the next two steps in this series:

5. Inspect the scaffold branches (the big limbs which make up the crown of the tree).
6. Inspect the smaller branches (attached to the scaffold branches)

Take note of any dead or broken limbs, wood pecker hole, or ice and wind damage.

Visit www.vineandbranch.net and click "Helpful Owner Tips" to read "Premises Liability and Your Trees" and learn more. When in doubt call us to assist you!

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Calendar of Events

Council Meetings - 7:00pm

May 12, July 14, September 8,
November 10

April

- 3 & 17 "Living Green in Today's World,"
4-part series, Holliday Park, \$12
for series, 7-8pm, 327-7180
- 5 "Take Flight," Holliday Park,
1-2pm, 327-7180, FREE
- 5-6 "Marriage Enrichment -
Getting the Love You Want,"
Second Presbyterian Church,
252-5518
- 11 & 25 "Rock Garden Workshop,"
Holliday Park, 9am-11am,
327-7180, FREE
- 12 "Extravaganza," St. Luke Catholic
Church event at the Ritz Charles,
5:30pm, 259-4373
- 23 "The Cow Who Wouldn't Come
Down," featuring Dr. Kim Olson,
\$8, Second Presbyterian Church,
253-6461
- 24 "Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka," Park
Tudor, 7:30pm, Ayres Auditorium,
415-2705
- 25 "Family Friday Night - Campfires,"
Holliday Park, 327-7180, FREE
- 28 "Block Forum: Peter Sagal, host of
NPR's "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell
Me,"" 7:30pm, Indianapolis
Hebrew Congregation, 255-6647

May

- 8 "Lifeline Screening," First Congre-
gational United Church of Christ,
9am, call 800-324-1851 to pre-
register or 257-5397 for more info

June

- 9-13 "Vacation Church School Beach
Party," First Congregational United
Church of Christ, 6:15pm - 8:00pm,
call Michelle Dyar at 257-5397

NEW TOWN POLICE CAR

On October 23rd, the Town of Meridian Hills purchased a new 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor for \$22,200.35 from Bloomington Ford via the State of Indiana's Quality Purchase Agreement. Oddly enough, this was over \$1,500 less than the original cost of the 2002 model that we replaced!

We entered into a municipal lease with Ford Motor Credit for 3 years, with quarterly payments of \$2,032.87. To properly equip the new vehicle, police equipment including a light bar, siren, and computer console were purchased from Waymire Group, Inc for \$4,134.34. The necessary graph-

ics and installation cost an additional \$343.67.



This new vehicle replaces the six year old 2002 model that was purchased March 5, 2002 for \$23,752.25

cash via the same state program. This vehicle was sold at auction with the proceeds returned to the town.

Special thanks to Rick Batza and Mike Russo for coordinating the purchase and equipping of this important asset for the Town of Meridian Hills!

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