



TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS

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Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 12th, 7:00pm.

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



Town Police

Dealing with Solicitors.

With warmer weather comes an often maligned summer pest...*solicitors!* Although some of them may be well-intentioned, many are not. They may be casing the neighborhood for open garages, tool sheds, unlocked cars, etc.

Police suggest putting "No Soliciting" signs at the end of your driveway and by your doors. However, some solicitors may ignore the signs! Remember, you don't *have* to answer the door. If you do, please keep a door-chain or locked screen door between you and the solicitor. Any contributions or purchases will encourage solicitors, so they recommend *not* doing business with them....even just to make them go away.

Often a solicitor will mention "NEIGHBOR'S NAME down the street helped me out and said you would be willing to help too," which is a tactic to make you feel more comfortable with them, but is seldom true. Some solicitors will express hurt, anger or discrimination if you don't help them, which is an often *successful* tactic to guilt you into changing your mind.

If you ask a solicitor to leave and they refuse, become threatening or make you feel uncomfortable, call **9-1-1** immediately. In any other circumstance, please call Police

uncomfortable, call 9-1-1 immediately. In any other circumstance, please call Police Non-Emergency at **327-3811**. If the Town Police is available, they will be notified and come check on the solicitor to make sure they are properly licensed and do not have any warrants. Please also notify your neighbors so they can be aware of the solicitors.

Many people ask if we can pass an ordinance to make soliciting illegal within the Town, but the First Amendment gives anyone the right to be on public streets. We can put up "No Soliciting" signs within the Town, but they are not really enforceable on public streets. The best way to address solicitors is as listed above. In the meantime, if you see any solicitors selling Thin Mints, please send them my way!

As always, continue to be vigilant and don't hesitate to call **9-1-1** to report suspicious activity or an emergency!

Traffic Construction

And so it Begins...

DPW has closed College north of 75th Street for the next few months to rebuild the bridge near the School for the Blind. The official north detour is west on 71st, and north on Meridian. There are "Road Closed - Local Traffic Only" signs at 75th/College, 71st/Pennsylvania, and 75th/Meridian, with the intention of keeping motorists on the official detour route and reducing cut-through traffic. Our Town Police intend on monitoring our town roads closely to make sure traffic laws are being obeyed. There will be a learning curve, some confusion, and much aggravation, but won't the bridge be nice when it's done?



Additionally, the long-awaited restoration of Pennsylvania will begin on or around June 2nd (we've asked them to wait until after the high school graduation weekends). DPW is milling and resurfacing Pennsylvania between Arden Drive and Williams Creek Blvd. They are also restoring grass in the rights-of-way that are currently paved to improve drainage along the street. If you have asphalt in the right-of-way, it will be removed.

The roads within the Towns are currently being analyzed to update the Long-Term Roadway Plan and determine what road work will be done this summer.



Rights-of-Way Encroachment License.

In an effort to allow residents to continue to landscape and make improvements in the Town rights-of-way, while maintaining the integrity of drainage and public safety, the Town has written an ordinance requiring an



Encroachment License.

Residents who wish to make improvements in the right-of-way would submit plans to the Town Engineer for review and compliance. Improvements would include driveways, parking areas, masonry mailboxes, etc. The Encroachment Licenses will then be recorded with Marion County.

Please read the [Encroachment License](#), and contact the [Town Engineer](#) at engineer@meridianhills.org if you wish to apply.

Traffic Signs

Eliminate Your Liability.

Did you know that a motorist can hold you liable if an accident occurs because a traffic sign in the right-of-way adjacent to your house is covered by bushes?

Please eliminate this liability and help the Town maintain the safety of our roads by trimming any bushes or trees that may be obscuring the line-of-vision to a stop sign, warning sign, or speed limit sign. While you're at it, please be sure fire hydrants are easy accessible as well!

The Town of Meridian Hills doesn't have a Department of Public Works, so your assistance is greatly appreciated! If you're not able to do the work yourself, please see our [Town Partners Program](#) to see if there is a vendor you would like to work with.



Speed Radar Sign

Drive slowly on residential streets.

The new Speed Radar Signs with the solar panels have been installed at 75th Street, just east of Spring Mill; and on Pennsylvania, just north of 75th.

Please continue to drive within the posted speed limits, especially around our schools and churches. The Town Police will continue to monitor speeding and issue citations as necessary.

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Communication Update.



Please visit meridianhills.org for the Municipal Code, Setback & Zoning Standards, Drainage Information, Financial Summaries, Police Summaries, Instructions for Submitting a Vacation Notification to Police, and past Meeting Agendas, Minutes and States of the Town. There are also 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.



Below are listed the new email addresses for the Town Administration:

- clerktreasurer@meridianhills.org
- engineer@meridianhills.org
- police@meridianhills.org
- chiefdeputy@meridianhills.org
- walter@meridianhills.org
- terry@meridianhills.org
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