



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

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*September 5th, 2014*

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*John Taylor*

## *Town Council Meeting*

Monday, September 8th, 7:00pm

Click [here](#) for the Meeting Agenda for our regular council meeting on Monday, September 8th, 7pm, in the library of the Hilbert Early Education Building on Park Tudor's campus.



## *Autumn in Meridian Hills*

*Change of Seasons*

With the arrival of autumn comes early evenings, falling leaves and early-morning frost. Although it may be hard to imagine given today's high temperature, it won't be long before these crisp autumn days are upon us.

With that in mind, please drive slowly and share the road with walkers, runners and bicyclists trying to enjoy the last bit of sunny weather. Use caution driving over slick and frosted leaves. Longer evenings also provide more cover for opportunistic burglars. Please lock your cars, garages and doors; don't leave valuables in your cars; leave lights on at night; and call 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons!

## *Speeding in Town*

Follow Posted Speed Limits

There's so much on everyone's agenda these days, and everyone's in a hurry! The Town of Meridian Hills takes speeding on town streets very seriously. Following are some of the steps the town council has taken over the years to address speed control.....



- Reduced speed limits on streets throughout the town - town streets are 25 MPH; 75th and Pennsylvania are 30MPH.
- Installed missing and additional signs so motorists are aware of the speed limit and so police are able to enforce it.
- Installed 25 MPH School Zone signs on 75th Street.
- Purchased new speed radar gun for our Town Police.
- Purchase two new speed radar speed limit signs installed on both 75th and Pennsylvania.
- Stepped up enforcement where speeding is an issue.

Recently, the Town Police monitored speeding for several mornings on Pennsylvania Street. Although the majority of motorists drove within the speed limit, most of those that were stopped and ticketed *were residents of the Town!*

Please drive within the posted speed limits.



## *No Soliciting* Helpful Hints

Is the Town of Meridian Hills a "No Soliciting" Town? Can we pass an ordinance to make it one? Can we put up "No Soliciting" signs like other neighborhoods to make it one? All Good questions! Here are the answers...

Unless the neighborhood is a private development that owns their own streets (ie. Sagamore, Oxbow, Winterwood, etc) , the town roads are public property and anyone can walk, bike or drive on them - including solicitors. "No Soliciting" signs are not enforceable on town streets. However, they are enforceable on private property as it then becomes a trespassing issue. That's why our police recommend placing "No Soliciting" signs on your property.

Although we're at the end of the season, 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 any donations

Some neighborhoods that have public streets may have installed "No Soliciting" signs regardless of enforceability, but if challenged they cannot prohibit soliciting.

Addressing soliciting will continue to be an issue the Town Council studies.

## [meridianhills.org](http://www.meridianhills.org)

### 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](http://www.meridianhills.org) and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

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