



TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS

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Town Council Meeting

Monday, March 9th, 7:00pm

Click [here](#) for the Meeting Agenda for our regular council meeting on Monday, March 9th, 7pm, in the Lower School Library of the Hilbert Early Education Building on Park Tudor's campus.



Indy Snow Force

Viewer on Meridianhills.org

In like a lion and out like a lamb! Now that we're in the month of March, let's hope we don't need it, but a new feature has been added to meridianhills.org. With the Indy Snow Force Viewer, you can see which Indianapolis streets are being plowed in real-time and see what's been plowed in the last 8 hours! This tool can help you plan your morning commute during next seasons snow storms.

Please note, this viewer *only* monitors streets maintained by the City of Indianapolis. For those maintained by the Town, please use your living room window.

Pot Holes

Notify our Town Engineer

The first signs of spring are the budding pot holes that emerge just prior to the crocus. But why are they called "pot holes?"

Folklore has it that famous road builders of the Roman Empire were hampered by potters who dug up chunks of clay from the smooth highways of that time. The clay eventually became pots, and the holes they left behind became our nemesis!

Call it what you will, but if you see one, please report the location to engineer@meridianhills.org. Your prompt notification will help us maintain the high quality of our Town roads, and protect motorists from possible damage to their vehicle.



Historical Marker

Wellington and Sherwood Village

There is a proposal to add two new historical markers similar to the one at 75th & Pennsylvania, but *smaller* and with information *specific* to the Wellington and Sherwood Village

neighborhoods.

These two neighborhoods are an integral part of the Town of Meridian Hills with an abundant history, yet lie on the outlying corners of the Town. These signs would help identify the neighborhoods with the Town of Meridian Hills, as well as recognize their historical significance, and strengthen our sense of community. View the [Wellington](#) proposal and the [Sherwood Village](#) proposal.

SafeTown

Safety Alerts on Meridianhills.org



Another feature added to meridianhills.org is a link to SafeTown. SafeTown lets police, fire and emergency agencies post alerts such as traffic accidents, criminal activity or local weather information. You can sign up to receive real-time alerts and notices of activity in the community.

You can also create a household profile to provide critical information for use by first responders in the event of an emergency, including photos, medical conditions, or access information. Quicker access to this critical information can save seconds, and seconds can save lives.

SafeTown is one of the many Public Safety links posted on the town website, including Amber Alerts, Sex Offender Registries, and a Community Crime View.

However, the best way to improve safety is to call **9-1-1** immediately to report any

suspicious activity!



Decorative Streetlights

Seven New Fixtures on Spring Mill

Over the years, the Town of Meridian Hills has worked with DPW and the City of Indianapolis to replace many of the "Cobra-style" streetlights mounted on telephone poles with "Washington-style" streetlights with fluted columns. These replacements have been on city-maintained roads that are within the town. The town has paid fifty percent of the installation, while the city pays the balance and the monthly utility fee.

Seven fixtures that were approved last year have recently been replaced on Spring Mill, between 73rd and 79th. Although weather has prevented complete installation and only three of the four are currently illuminated, this improvement continues our effort to build a sense of community and identify the Town of Meridian Hills.

If interested in replacing a streetlight on *your* street, please see the last article in this newsletter!

Meridian Hills Historical Society

Searching for History

And so it begins...the Meridian Hills Historical Society; In an effort to collect, discuss and share all things historic to the area that became the Town of Meridian Hills.



Please contact [Terry O'Brien](#) if you have an interest in history and would like to be involved; if you have way too much free time and don't know what to do with it; or if you have a title abstract of your house or historically significant documents relevant to development in the area. The goal of the society is to locate these documents, scan them for preservation, and post them to share with everyone. This is *not* an effort to classify the town as an historic district! Although not part of the town government, the information the society gathers would be linked from the town website.



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Version 3.0

A proposal to update the Town website is being presented that will improve the functionality - especially on mobile devices - as well as update the site to a more current platform with security features.

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, 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 and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

Town Fundraiser

Help Complete Projects *on your street!*

This spring we hope to start a fundraiser to target specific projects around the town. Although the projects are small in scope, they will have a direct impact on the neighborhood. Projects include illuminating the Town Entry signs, landscaping around the Town Entry signs, replacing Cobra streetlights with Washington Streetlights, and installing overhead decorative street name signs at the intersections that have stoplights.

More detail with cost estimates and goals will be forwarded later, as well as setting up a PayPal account on the town website. Although this isn't the official push, please consider donating to the effort as 100% of the funds will go directly to the projects *on your street*, and it's tax deductible!



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