

TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS

May 8th, 2015

Established 1937

P.O. Box 40437 Indianapolis, IN 46240 meridianhills.org Councilors
Walter Freihofer
Terry O'Brien
Kristina Frey
Clerk Treasurer
Jim Rush

Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 11th, 7:00pm

Click <u>here</u> for the Meeting Agenda for our regular council meeting on Monday, May 11th, 7pm, in the Lower School Library of the Hilbert Early Education Building on Park Tudor's campus.



Thank You for Service

Three Town Administration Resigning

After serving as Clerk Treasurer since 2005, John Taylor has submitted his resignation to the Town Council. Bernie Bruno, Assistant Clerk Treasurer since 2005, has also submitted his resignation. John and Bernie did so in an effort to allow a smooth transition period and opportunity for training for a new clerk

treasure to be elected in November. Special thanks to John & Bernie for eleven years of *dedicated* service to the Town of Meridian Hills!

Additionally, Town Councilor Kristina Frey has submitted her resignation. Kristina is seeking her law degree and is taking an internship this summer that prevents her from holding an elected office. Thank you to Kristina for four years of *dedicated* service!

The timing of the resignations is coincidental, and all are leaving on *excellent* terms with the Town of Meridian Hills on both a personal and professional level. Please join us at Monday's meeting to recognize John, Bernie, and Kristina for their dedicated service to the Town!

New Clerk Tresurer

Replacement Sworn In

Jim Rush, past president of the Meridian Hills Town Council, was elected in a Special Meeting to fill the balance of John Taylor's term as Clerk Treasurer.



Jim brings a wealth of knowledge from his four years leading the council, past service as Treasurer of Woodstock Country Club, and his professional and extensive banking career. The town has also enlisted the firm of London Witte to provide accounting services and work with the town to file appropriate reports required by the state. Jim Higgins will represent the firm at council meetings.

Thank you to Jim Rush for his continued involvement in the Town of Meridian Hills. The town is a better place because of his ongoing service!



Landscaping Town Entry Signs

Donated by Landscaper Wayne Fishburn

Professional landscaper **Wayne Fishburn**, well known to residents within the Town of Meridian Hills, has volunteered to donate landscaping around our Town Entry signs.

The two signs at 64th & Meridian and on Meridian Hills Blvd are already landscaped and maintained by the generous effort of nearby neighbors. The remaining five signs will receive bed work around the base, and the installation of hostas, lilies, and/or ornamental grasses, to help frame the signs. Plant material will be based on available sunlight and growing conditions of each location.

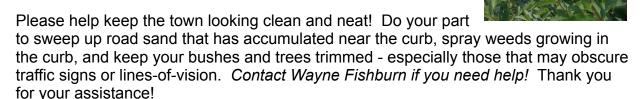
Although the landscaping and plant materials were specifically chosen to be "maintenance-free", any effort to help maintain the area be nearby neighbors is greatly appreciated!

Please be sure to thank **Wayne Fishburn** for his generous donation, and contact him at **758-6763** or click <u>here</u> to visit Fishburn Landscaping website for FREE estimates. As a Town Partner, he will offer residents a "Town of Meridian Hills Discount" for new projects! He is an Angie's List Super Service Award-winner, and can provide several referrals and testimonials from the Town of Meridian Hills residents.

Traffic Hazards

Eliminate Hazards in Right-of-Way

The Right-of-Way can be a tricky wicket! Although owned by the City or the Town, by law it is the responsibility of the adjacent homeowner to maintain. Accumulation of trash or weeds can be unsightly, but dead trees and overgrown bushes that obscure traffic signs or lines-of-vision are a *liability*. Homeowners can be sued if these maintenance issues lead to a traffic or personal injury accident!





Theeeeeey're Back!

Solicitors Return with Warmer Weather

Like the swallows of San Juan Capistrano, solicitors seem to return every year once the weather warms up. 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 donations.

Meridian Hills Historical Society

Searching for History

Please contact <u>Terry O'Brien</u> if you have an interest in history and would like to be involved in the Meridian Hills Historical Society. The goal of the society is to locate

local historically significant documents, scan them for preservation, and post them to share with everyone. Although not part of the town government, the information the society gathers would be linked from the town website.





Town Fundraiser

Help Complete Projects on your street!

It's coming! An effort to raise funds to do Town-Approved projects that are not currently in the budget....

- Decorative Washington-style Streetlights
- * Illuminating Town Entry Signs
- * Replacing Existing Overhead Street Name signs with the Decorative Meridian Hills Overhead Street Signs at Intersections with 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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Version 3.0

The Town website is currently being rebuilt. It 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 <u>www.meridianhills.org</u> and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

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