

## TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS

STATE OF THE TOWN

JANUARY 11, 2016

The State of the Town of Meridian Hills continues to be good! Following are some accomplishments achieved by the Town throughout this past year:

- Transferred \$30k to Rainy Day Fund
- Passed an Ordinance Amending Pre-Payment of Claims & Warrants
- Passed Ordinances Approving the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund
- Appointed a new Councilman to replace the resigning Councilwoman
- Appointed a new Clerk Treasurer to replace the resigning Clerk Treasurer
- Approved London Witte Group to replace the resigning Assistant Clerk Treasurer
- Recognized resigning Town Administration
- Landscaped the Town Entry Signs at no Cost to the Town
- Passed a Required Ordinance to Re-establish the Town Rainy Day Fund
- Passed a Required Ordinance to Re-establish the Town Beautification Fund
- Passed a Required Ordinance to Re-establish the Town 80/20 Plan
- Approved Installation of 2 Historic Markers in Sherwood Village & Wellington
- Approved Installation of 25 Overhead Street Name Blades, installed by DPW at no cost to the Town
- Worked with DPW & Citizens Energy Group to restore Several Drainage Ditches & Repair/  
Clean Several Culverts at no cost to the Town
- Updated the Town Municipal Code
- Approved the Resident-Funded Sherwood Village Little Library
- Reviewed & Developed Positions on Approximately a Dozen Variance Requests
- Redesigned the Town Website to Improve Layout, Function on Mobile Devices, and Security
- Worked with DPW to include resurfacing of Arden Drive, between Pennsylvania and Meridian,  
at no cost to the Town
- Approved Land Survey of Central Avenue & Continued to Work with Residents, DPW &  
Citizens Energy Group Toward a Resolution of an Ongoing Drainage Issue
- Updated the Roadway Management Program, while Deferring 2015 Maintenance Funds to  
2016 for Better Efficiency
- Worked with DPW & Offered Input on Rebuild Indy 2 Projects that would Affect the Town
- Hosted a Public Meeting Regarding Indy Rezone & the Red Line Rapid Transit Project
- Successfully Lobbied Division of Forestry to Perform Approximately \$5,000 of Tree Work at  
no cost to the Town
- Inventoried Town Entry Signs, Historical Markers, Street Name Signs, Streetlights, Traffic  
Signs
- Raised \$7,377.64 toward 80/20 Plan for 72nd Street Traffic Calming Project
- Modified Intersection at 72nd & Meridian to Reduce Cut-through Traffic
- Moved Town Insurance to New Carrier

- Continued Tradition of Town Police Passing out Halloween Candy while Patrolling in the Police Vehicle
- Raised \$11,502 toward 80/20 Plan for Decorative Streetlights
- Approved Installation of 9 new Decorative Washington-style Streetlights throughout the Town, using Town's 80/20 Plan
- Passed an Ordinance to Approve 2016 Salaries & Wages
- Passed an Ordinance to Amend the Order of Regular Council Meetings
- Passed an Ordinance to Modify Town Streetlight Specification as Relates to Bulbs to Comply with City Standards & Availability
- Increased Town Budget by \$75,900 to Allow for Appropriations from Existing Funds
- Approved a Balanced Budget for 2016

These accomplishments are critical toward improving public safety, maintaining property values, and improving the quality of life for our residents. They would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of your elected officials, the many contributions of time and talent from volunteer residents, and the continued guidance of our qualified professionals. We're extremely fortunate to have a team of such knowledgeable, experienced and dedicated professionals working for our residents.

Following are some of the many issues the council may consider in the upcoming year:

- Study Possibility of Multi-use Path on 75th Street
- Illuminate the Town Entry signs
- Work with DPW on Possible Street Resurfacing & Multi-use Path Opportunities
- Continue discussions to have the City of Indianapolis Indemnify Town Police
- Work with DPW to complete a 75th/Central Drainage Solution
- Review Current Sign Ordinance
- Review Traffic Calming Options
- Install additional Decorative Streetlights as funding allows
- Work with DPW regarding a Town-wide Drainage Analysis
- Work with DPW regarding a Possible Speed Radar Sign on Meridian Hills Blvd
- Work with DPW to improve the bridge at 7800 Spring Mill

The Meridian Hills Town Council will continue to manage your government with fiscal responsibility, fairness, transparency, open communication, and opportunities to participate. Regular street maintenance, snow removal, and supplemental police protection will continue to be our primary focus. On behalf of the Town Council, thank you for the opportunity to serve.