



TOWN OF MERIDIAN HILLS
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Public Safety Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd, 7pm
 St. Luke Catholic Church
 7575 Holliday Drive East

Since May 1st, there have been nine residential burglaries on the north side of Indianapolis, including several in the Towns of Meridian Hills and Williams Creek. The most recent occurred on Pennsylvania Street, just north of 75th, on Sunday morning around 3:30am.



Many of the cases have similar circumstances, including entry from a second story window out of the line of sight to avoid detection, occurring at night, and often disabling landscape lighting. Small items were taken including jewelry, electronics, and medications. Some homes had alarm systems, but were not triggered due to the second floor entries. In many cases, the homeowners were out of town for several days.

IMPD and the Meridian Hills and Williams Creek Police are working together to gather additional information about the incidents, track the stolen items, and find the perpetrators.

Additionally, the Towns of Meridian Hills and Williams Creek are hosting a:

Public Safety Meeting

***Thursday, June 23rd, 7pm
 Father Courtney Room
 St. Luke Catholic Church
 7575 Holliday Drive East.***

Town Council Members and Police from IMPD, Meridian Hills, and Williams Creek will

be present, including:

- Sgt. Matt Grimes - Meridian Hills Deputy Marshal, IMPD Sergeant
- Rick Batza - Meridian Hills Chief Deputy
- Al Kasper - Williams Creek Town Marshal
- Detective Andre Bell - IMPD North District

Updates on the burglaries will be discussed, as well as steps the police are taking to respond, including intensifying patrols, and adjusting shifts. These are ongoing investigations that *will take time*.

Although our police patrols serve as a deterrent, engaged residents that are pro-active about reporting suspicious behavior, and reducing their own opportunity for crime are the best deterrent...

- **Call 9-1-1 to report ANY suspicious vehicles or activity when it's happening.** Some are reluctant because they think the behavior is not significant enough to warrant a call. Trust your instinct and call immediately! Reports of suspicious vehicles or people can *PREVENT* crime and help catch a criminal. *It's better to have the police arrive to investigate suspicious behavior while it's happening than have them arrive after an incident has occurred to take a report.*
- Install Landscape Lighting or Motion Detector Lights. There are vendors listed on the [Town Partners Page](#) that will provide discounts for residents.
- If going out of town, leave lights on at night, cancel paper and mail, ask your neighbor to keep an eye on your house, and call the **Meridian Hills Police** at **253-5678** to submit a *Vacation Notification*
- If you have an alarm, activate it when you're away from your house and when you're sleeping
- Keep your car, shed, garage, service doors and house locked
- Don't leave keys, garage door openers, or valuables in your car
- Call the non-emergency police number at **327-3811** to report an incident after it happens. It's important to report *EVERY* incident so the police can study patterns and adjust their patrols.
- Links to [SafeTown](#) and [CrimeView](#) are posted on the [meridianhills.org](#) homepage.

The Town of Meridian Hills continues to be a *great* place to live and is one of the *safest* communities in Indianapolis. We have extremely talented and professional police with outstanding experience and training, who want to protect and serve the residents of Meridian Hills.

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