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NEW TOWN COUNCIL TAKES OATH

On January 12, 2004, the Honorable Judge Carol Terzo Administered the oath of office to the new Meridian Hills Town Council in front of approximately 75 town residents. Taking office were Kay Ivcevic, Councilor for District 1, Abbe Hohmann, Councilor for District 2, Terry O'Brien, Councilor for District 3, and Dr. William Nunery, Clerk Treasurer. New to the Town Administration are Sue Beesley, Town Attorney, and Cecil Whitaker, Town Engineer. Mike Russo continues his service as Town Marshal.

The first meeting focused on a number of housekeeping resolutions, including electing Terry O'Brien President, the appointment of the Town Administration, creating two new ad hoc committees, and a resolution to recognize the previous administration.

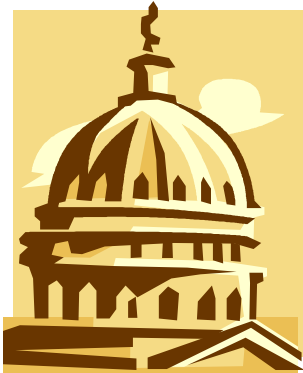
Reports were read from the Town Attorney, Engineer and Marshal, including a summary of the police runs in 2003, and listing some engineering issues that were identified as possible carry-over projects for 2004. It was also reported that the lawsuit involving the Town has been settled.

7404 N. Park Avenue.

The regular Town Council meetings take place the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm, and are currently held in the Hilbert Early



The new Town Council being sworn in.



Clerk Treasurer Nunery reported that the transition was proceeding smoothly. The Town records will be stored at Nora Self Storage, and the checking/savings account transferred to Bank One allowing substantial savings to the account. The new Town Hall is located at

Education building on the northeast corner of Park Tudor's campus. The meetings are public and open to any resident interested in attending.

- By Helen Carroll

Honoring Previous Town Administration

One of the first orders of business by the new administration was to pass a resolution to recognize the previous Town Administration. A Proclamation was written, and read and distributed by David Orentlicher, Indiana State Representative for the

Town of Meridian Hills. Bloor Redding, Edward Perry and Mike Russo were recognized for over 28 years of service to our community, James Tuohy for over 24 years, Carlton Waite for over 21 years, J. Allen Hall for over 7 years, and Walter

Freihofer for over 3 years. February 9, 2004 was formally declared a day of recognition for the previous administration. Please thank them for their collective years of dedicated service, and countless contributions to the Town.

ADMINISTRATION

Town Council

Terrence O'Brien, President
979-5646

Katherine Ivcevic
251-0404

Abbe Hohmann
251-6227

Clerk Treasurer

William R. Nunery, MD
253-8743

Town Attorney

Sue A. Beesley

Town Engineer

Cecil Whitaker, PE, DEE

Town Marshal

Michael S. Russo

www.meridianhills.org

NEW COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

At the first meeting in January, two new ad hoc committees were established in order to address some priority issues.

The *Development Standards & Residential Construction Committee* is chaired by Councilor Hohmann, and vice-chaired by Eric Lee. It is designed to assist both residents and the City of Indianapolis in adhering to the setbacks and restrictions that are unique to the Town of Meridian Hills. This will require overlaying the City's records with the Town of Meridian Hills, and educating residents about construction standards. One goal of the committee is to minimize the impact of building or remodeling projects on existing drainage systems.

The *Communications Committee* is chaired by Councilor O'Brien and vice-chaired by Helen Carroll. It will develop methods to better improve communication between the Town and the residents. The tools used to improve communications are as simple as the monthly yard signs reminding residents of the monthly meetings, to the newsletter published three times a year, to the website at meridianhills.org. The website has meeting agendas, minutes, police summaries, contact information, town boundaries, and will eventually have an online municipal code for residents to access.

There are three existing committees as called for by the Municipal Code:

Streets & Thoroughfares, chaired by Councilor Ivceovich and vice-chaired by Perry Jordan, *Police & Safety*, chaired by Councilor Ivceovich and vice-chaired by Stephanie Crossin, and the *Finance Committee*, chaired by Councilor Ivceovich.

If you're interested in serving on a committee, please contact us!

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| Kay Ivceovich | - Streets & Thoroughfares |
| | - Police & Safety |
| | - Finance |
| Abbe Hohmann | - Development Standards & Residential Construction |
| Terry O'Brien | - Communication |

Appropriate Phone Numbers for Police

There have been many questions regarding the best way to contact the Meridian Hills Police Officers. The answer depends on the issue at hand.

If the situation requires immediate or emergency action, *always* call 911. Indianapolis and Marion County are well served by an Enhanced 911 and Centralized Communications System that automatically routes calls for assistance to the appropriate dispatchers for resolution. Every police and fire department in the county shares this radio network, resulting in very efficient service. Appropriate calls to 911 include traffic accidents, crimes that you suspect are in progress, suspicious persons or vehicles, fires, or medical emergencies.

"If the situation requires immediate or emergency action, always call 911."

If your inquiry is administrative and does not require a police officer to respond, call 253-5678. Do not call this number if the matter requires immediate attention by a law enforcement officer.

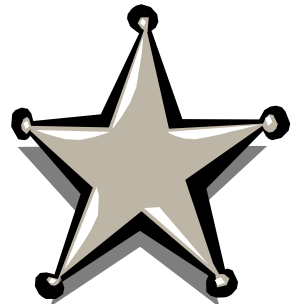
Messages left on this automated answer-

ing service should be brief. They are answered as soon as possible by a police officer depending on activity. Appropriate calls to this number include notification that you are going out of town so officers will know to keep an eye on your home.

the Bureau of Motor Vehicles gave you a form that a police officer must sign before you can receive your license plates.

Being alert and aware, and using preventative measures are our greatest security resources. Don't hesitate to call an emergency number if something looks suspicious. You may be preventing a larger, more serious situation from developing. Remember that our emergency service personnel are here to offer the best possible public safety service available.

- By Rick Batza



It is not necessary to know in what jurisdiction you are located. The computer system the dispatchers have at their fingertips is designed to help them send the closest available fire, medical, or police resource to the incident. Be sure to stay on the phone and answer all the dispatcher's questions before disconnecting.

One last option available for circumstances where you need a police officer to come to your location, but the situation is not urgent is 327-3811. Appropriate calls to this non-emergency number include a neighbor's barking dog is keeping you awake, an official police report is needed for a missing item, or

Our emergency service personnel are here to offer the best possible public safety services available.

New Town Website Launched

The Town of Meridian Hills has a new website at www.meridianhills.org. The website is an active site that posts relevant town information regarding both town business and even community events.

Special thanks to Charles Fox, an employee of SBC, who has volunteered to develop this new website under the guidance of the Communications Committee.

The website lists the Town Administration, including contact information, as well as meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, police summaries, copies of the newsletters, an online municipal code, and a contact us feature with a direct line to the Town Hall.

Please visit meridianhills.org often for the latest updates. If you have any website development skills or an interest in contributing to the website, please email tobrien@obrienauto.com. If you have any suggestions for improving the site, please forward them to the Communications Committee.

There is also a bulletin board for the Town to announce safety issues, special town business, and even upcoming community events.



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today!*

RESIDENT SURVEY

Below you'll find a survey from the Town Council to the residents of the Town of Meridian Hills. The Council is eager to hear what issues you feel need to be addressed, from streetlights to sidewalks to road signs to storm water drainage to zoning. Please let us know your thoughts.

"The Council is eager to hear what issues you feel need to be addressed."

Return the completed survey no later than May 15th. Be sure to include your contact information if you would like a specific response from the Town Council.

You can enter your survey on the "Contact Us" fea-

ture of meridianhills.org, or drop it in the mail to the Town Hall at 7404 N. Park Avenue. Indianapolis IN 46240.

The Town Council will review the surveys and use them to help prioritize the long term planning of the Town of Meridian Hills. Be sure to keep an eye on the website and future newsletters for the results of the survey.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Priorities

1. _____ **Comments** _____

2. _____ _____

3. _____ _____

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Fax: 253-8741

Calendar of Events

April 30–May 2

Orchard in Bloom Garden Show
Holliday Park
Fri, Sat 9am–5pm, Sun noon–5pm
402-7539

June 5

Meridian Hills Police Picnic
Williams Creek Blvd & Pennsylvania
11am–2pm
253-5678

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Established 1936*

Did You Know...

Any new non-permeable structure over 24 square feet, including patios, pools, or garages, to be built in Meridian Hills requires a drainage permit issued by the City of Indianapolis?

If a new structure is more than 720 square feet, an on-site drainage inspection by the City is required to assess the impact and make a recommendation before a permit is issued?

If the land area to be disturbed during construction is greater than 1/2 acre, a plan to filter storm water before it's discharged must be designed by a civil engineer and submitted to the City for approval before a permit is issued?

On site drainage, including the sump pump discharge, must meet the setback standards for Meridian Hills.

Residents are responsible for compliance with permitting requirements for any construction work performed on your property in the Town of Meridian Hills. This applies to new construction, remodeling, or landscape work. Before entering into a contract, be sure to consult your attorney so you are protected in the event of a violation.

Please call Councilor Hohmann at 251-6227 or 639-0452, or Eric Lee at 582-2439 or 440-2459 if you have any questions or would like additional information.



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