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Annual Meeting Well Attended

The Village Walk Homeowner's Association annual meeting was held January 17. With 29 families represented, we had a full house as interest in the future of our neighborhood grows. Below are activities and projects from 2005 that were reviewed. Feel free to call Ray or Shprese with questions.

Local Land Developments
Self Storage Facility; Christ Church Building Project; Flagstar Bank & Kite Development project

Projects & Activities
Improved entrance appearance & landscaping; Upgrade plans for secondary entrances; Completion of lighting project (front entry); Improved newsletter and email communications; Commons usage by sports teams; Commons upkeep & tree trimming by Michael's; New playground items & 5 yr maint/replacement plan; Playground equipment condition log being kept; PDF versions of By-Laws and Covenants available; Street repair update; Proposed plan to replace commons signs.

Financial Review & Dues Increase
The 2005 income/expenses were reviewed. A proposed budget (see page 2 of newsletter), with an increase in association dues, was presented and ratified by a 100% vote in favor of raising the 2006 Village Walk Homeowner's Association dues to $200.

New Board & Committee Members
We now have a full board and active committees. Thank you to all the people who give their time to serve in this capacity!

Social Committee Note

If you would like to volunteer to help with social committee activities, please e-mail vwconnections@hotmail.com. As chairman, I still would like to reenergize the block captains and also add a spring and fall gardening exchange. So, if you have e-mail, please contact me via that …if not, then please call at 873-3292.

Thank You!
Mary Milberger

Volunteer Opportunities!

- Village Walk youth who need to fulfill volunteer community service hours (Scouts, Church, Key Club, Honor Society, etc). We can find multiple choices for you!! The first opportunity is helping with the **Spring Egg Hunt**. Saturday, April 8 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Help hide the eggs and assist with the hunt! If you like little kids (you should since you were one once!), you'll love doing this!

- Bloor Lane and Cruse Road entrance upgrade. We have an affordable design, but need help with the artwork.

Email vwconnections@hotmail.com to help.

Spring Egg Hunt - Sat., April 8 11:00 am

The annual Spring Egg Hunt is back, thanks to the volunteers of your social committee! Bring your basket on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 am. There will be 3 categories for the egg hunt: Toddlers, Pre-Schoolers, and Early Elementary. We really don't want to put an "age limit" on the older children…we know some 8 or 9 year olds may be there to help younger siblings, and they would probably enjoy a couple of eggs for themselves! Parental discretion will be needed. We will fill 600 eggs for this fun time…that should cover 50 children from Village Walk families only. Much help is needed with this event (see Volunteer Opportunities). Reservations not needed. Rain (lightning) date is Sunday, April 9, 1:00 pm.

Nelson Family Honored During Relay for Life Event

Village Walk residents Richard and Susan Nelson and family, are being honored as this year's Honorary Chairmen at the 24-hour *Relay for Life* event to be held at Lions Park June 23-24. The Nelson's, along with their children, Mary (16), Victoria (14) and Josiah (6), have lived in the neighborhood for only a few years but have touched many hearts around the community, and indeed around the world, with their amazing faith and remarkable attitudes.

Bald is Beautiful!

May 16, 2005, was a day that changed their family forever. It was the day that they were told that Josiah had acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Through many painful procedures, difficult side effects of treatment and several hospitalizations, Josiah has maintained a fighting spirit and a great sense of humor. Even though his treatments will continue for two more years, he is happy and active and attends kindergarten every day. His chances of living a long, full life, getting married and having children are excellent.

Susan and Richard have developed a web page that you are welcome to visit to read about how the Nelson family is doing and the long road they've traveled this past year. Log onto: www.caringbridge.org/in/josiah. (userid:josiah password:eph6).

Through events like Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society is accomplishing cutting edge research to cure people like Josiah. A *"Josiah's Warriors"* team has been formed to walk in Josiah's name during the Lion's Park Relay for Life event. For more information log onto: www.acsevents.org/relay/in/zionsville. Bring your children to Lion's Park on June 23-24 for games, food, and the Silly Safari petting zoo.

Village Walk Homeowners Association
2006 Approved Budget

INCOME		
Total Income	$	34,831.27
Dues Collected	$	33,600.00
Interest Income	$	85.00
Other Income (past dues & liens)	$	1,146.27
EXPENSE		
Annual Meeting Expense	$	-
Bank Service Charges	$	-
Capital Improvements		$6,600.00
Lighting		
Signs	$	2,500.00
Commons	$	1,500.00
Fountain	$	-
Trees	$	2,600.00
Bloor Lane Entry Work	To Be Determined	
Total Commons Maintenance		$20,175.00
Entryway Work & Grnds Keeping	$	1,500.00
Fertilizer & Weed Control	$	5,000.00
Landscape Materials & Labor	$	350.00
Mowing	$	10,800.00
Park Equipment (seal tennis court/walkway)	$	1,500.00
Sprinkler Maint.	$	275.00
Tree Removal	$	750.00
Insurance	$	2,500.00
Lake Control/Fountain Maint.	$	1,050.00
Supplies/Postage	$	600.00
Professional Fees	$	1,500.00
Social	$	1,250.00
Property Taxes	$	1,800.00
Utilities	$	3,300.00
Electric	$	2,950.00
Water	$	350.00
Total Expenses		$38,775.00

First Indiana Report as of March 1, 2006

Checking Balance:	**$5,151.19**
Money Market Savings:	**$6,009.94**
Past Due & Liens	**$1,146.27**

Please be considerate! Keep your pets leashed & clean up after them.

For Your Calendar

Thurs., April 6....7:15 pm ..... VWHA Board Meeting
Call for Location

Sat., April 8 .....11:00 am .....Spring Egg Hunt
Bring A Basket!

Sun, April 9.....1:00 pm .....Rain date for Egg Hunt

Mon., May 1 .....Please pay Association Dues

May 1-5 ..... Heavy Pickup

Sat., August 12 .... Village Walk Golf Outing & Hoedown!

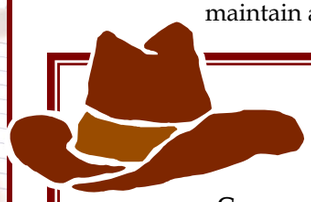
Covenant Standards

This past year, the Village Walk Homeowners Assoc. board members have received many phone calls from concerned homeowners regarding homes, yards, fences, etc. that have not been properly maintained. In order to address the state of homes in Village Walk subdivision, a 6 member team was formed to study covenants from surrounding subdivisions in order to come up with more specific language with regard to home upkeep, landscape maintenance and architectural control. Team members include Noah Doyle, Brian Hooker, JD Graves, Deb Bissell, Michelle Hacker, and Mary Latka. This group will be charged with developing recommendations for adoption of "Covenant Standards." Recommendations will be presented and voted on by all members of the association. If you have comments or suggestions of items for this group to study, please email team leader, Brian Hooker at hoosierfan96@comcast.net.

Street Repair Update

***Following are excerpts taken from an email from Lance Lantz of the Zionsville Street Dept. to the VWHA board*:**

"Village Walk is definitely slated for repairs this year. In fact, my budget for town-wide street repairs is significantly higher than it has been in recent years, with the promise of continuing that trend. Accordingly, I plan to make significant repairs in the ensuing years to roads in your neighborhood. My hope is to double the quantity that was done in 2004 this year. The asphalt patching that we do over the winter is the only tool available to combat deteriorating sections until the summer construction season. Obviously, it is highly visible when used in concrete sections, but is a necessary evil, so to speak. I have and will continue to adhere to the "worst first" policy for street repairs, and must address the conditions of all streets in town equally. How much we can do as a town is always a function of available funding. That being said, I am encouraged by the amount of work that can be done this year in your neighborhood, as you are making wonderful efforts of your own accord to maintain and improve your neighborhood."



Summer Hoedown
Sat., August 12

Save this date on your calendars now for the summer golf outing and picnic. This is the Saturday between school registration and the first day of school. This year's theme will be **HOEDOWN**! More information will be given in future newsletters.

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