

VILLAGE WALK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOC., INC.

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April 2007 Update

Social Committee Update

New Opportunities for Singles!

Single? (With or without children) Meet other single adults in our neighborhood at 7-8:30 pm Sunday evening, April 22, 2007. RSVP to vwconnections@hotmail.com by Friday, April 20, 2007. Please let us know if you are interested in this group even if the above date doesn't work with your schedule this time!

Empty Nesters

Next quarter's activity is to attend a comedy club. Time and place to be announced later. Please contact Mary at the above e-dress for more information. This new group is open to all homeowners who have grown children...and, loosely put, are "empty" nesters...although all of us know there are times when members of the flock may still "visit" longer than a week-end! Ha ha Parents of college students, etc., are certainly welcomed.



Village Walk Garage Sales May 3-5

The dates for this year's garage sales will be May 3, 4, and 5. We do ask people to not open their sale before the last school bus goes

through the neighborhood (around 8:30 am) for the *safety* of the younger children. However, the afternoon hours have never been addressed since the younger children are returned around 4 pm. It is your call on when to close for the day. The HOA will advertise this sale in the Lebanon and Zionsville papers as well as the Indy Star if affordable. We will also check to see where "free" ads can be posted...any suggestions?



Thank you to Peter Gotts, Tom & Ruth Eskilson, and John & Ingrid Wiebke for a great job cleaning up around the pond. It really shows when our residents pitch in a helping hand!

Limb & Brush Collection - April 18

The town will collect curbside limbs and brush from Village Walk homes on Wednesday, April 18. This is a biannual event that gives residents a means to dispose of fallen and pruned tree limbs and brush. Limbs UP TO 6 inches in diameter may be left intact but should be no larger than one person can manage. Tree trunks, stumps, root balls and fencing material will NOT be collected.

Heavy Trash Pick-Up - May 9

The town will provide curbside Heavy Trash Pick-Up for Village Walk on Wed., May 9. The purpose of this program is to provide us with a means to dispose of items not normally accepted by weekly trash service. Such items include furniture, major appliances, hot water heaters, flooring materials, etc. Items are to be placed curbside and must be identified with a green flag that is available at Town Hall, 1100 W. Oak Street. Please follow special instructions for Freon bearing appliances, gas powered items and tires. For complete instructions, please log on to: www.villagewalkzville.org and click on "Contacts" and then "Town of Zionsville".

For Your Calendar

April 18 Limb and Brush Collection for VW

April 22 Singles Outing to Comedy Club

May 1 Zionsville Country Market on the brick street

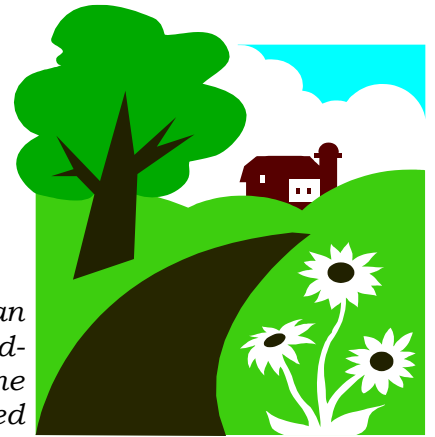
May 3-5 Village Walk Garage Sales

May 9 Heavy Trash Pick Up

August 11 Village Walk Annual Picnic & Golf Outing

Maintaining Proper Swale Function

Several homeowner's have reported standing water in their yards not only from the weather these past few weeks, but all year round. The Village Walk Town Liaison recently sent an email to Lance Lantz of the Zionsville Street Department regarding this issue. Below is his response:



"Homeowners are not allowed to place anything within an easement without the acknowledgement of the town, including landscaping. Even when said acknowledgement in the form of an encroachment affidavit is filed, all things placed within an easement are at the peril of the homeowner and subsequent property owners, and may be removed or ordered removed without compensation. Even without unauthorized placement of items within a drainage easement or swale, land naturally undulates over time and small humps or depressions can form affecting the flow of water. By ordinance, each homeowner is responsible to maintain any drainage swale on their property, and not do anything to disrupt the intended flow of water. The town does have the authority to order all items be removed from an easement, and although I have never had to go that far, it would be very ill-received by some, to say the least. What has happened in the past is a series of property owners collaborating to correct a common problem, and I have helped facilitate the process."

Lance has committed to looking for the water flow/drainage plans for Village Walk and will get back to our Town Liaison.



Storm Damage Limb Collection

The HOA board's liaison also asked Lance Lantz about large limb pick-up after heavy storms. Here is his answer:

"Occasionally we go around after very serious storms, and only when the Town Council or councilman directs us to. The problem lies with what is a "significant storm", as many people have varying opinions. Since I have been here, we have not provided this service, but when we have had a bad storm and I have sent the chipper out to clear debris that fell on the road, I have told the guys to pick up anything they see lying to the side regardless of its origin, so it is hit and miss. That is the way it was done in the past, and people have come to assume we will automatically come around after every "storm."

So, in a nutshell, if we get bad winds or thunderstorms that bring down big limbs in your yard, they probably will be able to pick them up if you get them to the edge of your yard following the same rules as for the spring Heavy Limb Pick-up. However, the storm response is not for people who are removing trees and limbs as part of their landscaping maintenance. As a small town, the street department tries to continue services for the taxpayers when unforeseen events occur. And, of course, their first priority is to remove any obstructions from streets within the town's limits.