

The Hearth

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Community

I believe that community is important and it's best preserved through communication. The monthly meeting, newsletter, and website are tools we use to keep the lines open. Communication helps neighbors to get to know each other. I've found that when we don't know each other there is usually just enough fear; that instead of trying to resolve problems we cause problems. When we get to know each other we can support each other. So let's use our tools to improve an already great neighborhood. Go to the website and make sure you are in the Hearthstone Directory and that the information is correct. There are links on site to send any additions or corrections needed. We also want to support each other whenever possible; so use the classified ad section to advertise your business so we can patronize your talents. We are also open to suggestions that will improve the neighborhood, so give us feedback by attending the monthly open meetings and by sending us feedback via the website. We are very proud of our neighborhood and want to continue to improve it.

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Hearthstone Calendar

Feb 22 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Mar 29 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Apr 26 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
May 24 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Jun 28 - Hearthstone Annual Meeting
Jun 30 - Due date for dues
July 26 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Aug 30 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Sep 27 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Oct 25 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting
Nov 29 - Hearthstone Monthly Meeting

Fed up with your computer?

I have vast experience in building, upgrading, and reformatting your slow or non-working computer. I can speed up that old jalopy, install new hardware, or simply build you your dream computer. As a Hearthstone resident, I offer discounted rates for friends and families of Hearthstone residents. I can also make house calls...

Call Drew @ 704-4235

Do Have A Screw Loose?

Do you have a pull-down ladder for your attic or garage? Do you use it fairly frequently? If so, you might want to inspect and check for loose nuts & bolts and screws. I just checked mine, and found two nuts missing - with the bolts pulled out so far there were no threads showing through. I replaced the nuts and found five other nuts & bolts that were loose. If you use your pull-down ladder very frequently, you might want to inspect it every time you check and replace the batteries in your smoke alarm. Loose nuts that continue to be a problem can be more secured by adding lock washers. You might avoid a serious injury if you inspect your pull-down ladder.

Bill Smith
Safety & Crime Watch

Snow Removal



When the snow accumulation is two inches or more, Hearthstone hires snow removal. When it appears that the snow will reach this level we ask that you not park your vehicles in the

street. If the snow plows have to plow around your vehicle it is not only an obstacle that hinders the process but there is a pile of snow left behind once the vehicle is moved. We respectfully request that if your vehicle was an obstacle, for whatever reason, that you please remove the snow from the street that was left behind due to your vehicle.

Hoosier Neighbor?

Happy New Year Hearthstone residents! This year you will notice an exciting new column in our monthly newsletter playfully titled "Hoos-ier Neighbor". Denny McCoy, our dedicated association president, approached me recently with an incredible idea to encourage residents in our community to get to know one another. He asked me what I thought about spotlighting one neighbor each month in our newsletter. I will "interview" the chosen family and write a column about them, highlighting information such as careers, kids, family, hobbies, school sports and just plain interesting stories! I immediately loved the idea! After all, we are a community of 217 neighbors and I'm sure each and every one has something great to share with the rest of us.

I personally would love to get to know my Hearthstone neighbors better. Who knows, maybe I'll finally find that elusive ultimate cinnamon roll recipe I've been searching for (and if so, I'll publish it and share it with the rest of our community)! If you would like to be interviewed or know a neighbor you would like to see spotlighted in February's issue, please email me by February 1st. This is going to be a great year and hopefully one with a new found and deeper sense of the word "community".

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Classified Ads

Be sure to check out the ads at www.HearthstoneVillageCommunityAssociation.com and be sure to add your own if you want the neighborhood to use what your business has to offer. We will use the ads as filler space for the newsletter as well. There is no cost to you to post an Ad. We merely ask that you keep it brief. This is a tool for Hearthstone Residents ONLY!

Electronic Psychiatrist

Has your Laptop or Desktop stopped talking to you or is it just feeling inadequate? Or maybe it's your microwave, toaster, or a favorite toy. Before you give up on them as a lost cause, bring 'em to the Electro Shrink. They may just need to get in touch with their inner self or just need a little guidance in how they're wired. I'll take a shot at most anything electronic. Laptops, PC's, toys, small appliance, home theater, you name it. No charge if I can't fix it or cannot fix it cheaper than replacing it. I'll even help you install your system network or home theater or perform system and/or software upgrades and repairs. This psychiatrist makes house calls. 30 years plus experience with telephony and electronics and I love working with it.

Call Denny McCoy @ 414-5115

Fort Wayne Street Tree Program

The City of Fort Wayne's Street Tree Program is re-opening April 1, 2010. If requested, the City will plant an 8-14 foot shade tree in the City Right-of-Way in your front yard (between the sidewalk and the street, or within 5 feet of the street). Depending on the frontage available, up to two trees could probably be planted. The list of trees that can be planted will not be available until March, but we need to know how many residences want to participate in this program. We were told Community group applications would be easier and faster to process with their first come-first served process - with planting to be done in the Fall. Trees cannot be planted within 40 feet of a street intersection, or within 15 feet of a driveway, 10 feet of a street light fire hydrant or traffic sign.

Current market values for planted trees, of the types available, would be \$250-300.00. But the program cost will be only \$35-40.00 each. Residences would be responsible for watering the newly planted tree, but the City would handle any necessary pruning, on a 5-7 year cycle (you could get written permission from the City Arborist to prune the tree yourself).

Please let us know whether or not you are interested in participating in this program by filling out and signing the attached form. Return the form to us in the included self addressed envelope as soon as possible, or by March 1st. We will contact you as soon as a list of available trees is posted. Forms can also be obtained on the website.

Tree Program Acceptance Form

_____ Not Interested Interested _____ # of trees
Address

Signature

Print Name

Contact Phone Number

Date

Be sure to visit the [Hearthstone Village Community Association Website](http://www.HearthstoneVillageCommunityAssociation.com)

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