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Hearthstone is online!!!

If you have not already done so, please take some time to visit Hearthstones new website. The association proudly established the site earlier this year, and is a vast improvement from the informational type webpage we used to call home on the world wide web. Many resident questions can be answered by visiting the site. In addition, you can now post your own personal ads, view current association events and activities, and even sign up for your own Hearthstone e-mail account. Once you visit the site, be sure to add it to your favorites. Any crime alerts, as well as vital Hearthstone information can best be relayed to you this way, so be sure to check back often. Better yet, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the site, feel free to be a part of its evolution by submitting them. The site is located at: www.hearthstonevillagecommunityassociation.com

HEARTHSTONE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GARAGE SALE

The fall garage sale for the Hearthstone neighborhood association will be on Friday and Saturday October 2 and 3 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In addition, a preview for neighbors only will be on Thursday evening, October 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Here are a few useful reminders in order to make your garage sale a success:

*For residents looking to make a little extra money, have a bake sale, lemonade stand or hotdog stand during the garage sale.

*To maximize foot traffic to your sale, put large or interesting items out front in full view to those driving by.

*Organize your tables/display stands well and make sure everything is marked with a clear reasonable price.

*Make sure everything being sold is the cleanest it can be (i.e. No one wants to buy a used child's toy that is dirty, dust off furniture and glassware, clean tools etc.)

*Make sure everything being sold is easily accessible to buyers. For example: don't put items on top of furniture so the items have to be moved in order to view the furniture.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Raven Quinn at 616-425-1371

Crime Alert II

Again, our neighbors have been reporting thefts from cars and open unattended garages. Several of the car break-ins involved loose of items in open view inside the car. Please remind yourselves; the display of any valuables in a vehicle is an open enticement for a break-in and theft. It's best to keep your vehicles inside your locked garages. If it must be stored in the driveway, or on the street, remove any valuables from sight and keep the vehicles locked at all times.

Open garage doors are also an open invitation to potential thievery - especially if you are in the house, or in the backyard cutting your lawn. You can reduce this risk by developing acquaintances with your neighbors, and encouraging a neighborhood watch program. If you see a stranger, walking around a neighbor's car, or garage, stay alert and call the police to report suspicious activity. And, if you see a neighbor has left their garage door open at night, give them a call to make sure they are aware it was left open.

Bill Smith
Crime Watch

City of Fort Wayne Recycling Program

Anyone who pays a garbage user fee on their water bill should recycle. The recycling program gives each of us a way to reduce the waste that is buried at the landfill. It saves landfill space for things that can't be conveniently recycled. And by recycling we save natural resources, as well as energy, and create local jobs.

WHEN to recycle

Every other week on your regular garbage collection day. Hearthstone's garbage collection day is every Tuesday morning. Just remember to put your filled brown and yellow collection bins out for collection by 5:00 a.m. It's that easy!

WHERE to recycle

At the curb of your residence. Be sure your NSA recycling bins can be clearly seen from the street. Place any excess recyclable material in brown paper grocery bags.

WHAT to recycle

Yellow Bin: Aluminum, Metal, Glass and Plastic
Brown Bin: Newspaper, Magazines, and Cardboard

CARDBOARD AND FIBERBOARD- No larger than 3'x3' pieces. Cardboard and fiberboard must be broken down and tied. Not to exceed 60# bundles. Small pieces may be placed in brown paper bags.

NEWSPAPERS- Recycle all newspaper including the glossy inserts, magazines, and catalogs. Newspapers and magazines should be placed in brown paper bags or bundled and placed in the brown recycle bin.

GLASS- Rinse and remove the lids and rings before putting glass containers in your yellow recycling bin. You do not have to remove paper labels. Please recycle all clear, brown and green glass food and beverage containers.

PLASTIC- Rinse and remove the lids and rings before putting plastic containers in your yellow recycling bin. PLEASE RECYCLE ONLY #1 AND #2 plastic products such as plastic milk jugs and soft drink bottles. Containers should be crushed to conserve space, so step on it!

ALUMINUM AND METAL CANS- Rinse and place in your yellow recycling bin. You do not have to remove paper labels from your cans. To conserve space, you should crush your cans. Please recycle all food and beverage cans, aluminum foil, pie pans, and empty steel paint cans.

WHAT not to recycle

DO NOT RECYCLE- Junk mail or paper products other than newspapers.

DO NOT RECYCLE- Light bulbs, plate glass, auto glass, tempered glass, mirrors, ceramics or any glass that is not a container.

DO NOT RECYCLE- Styrofoam, plastic wrap, plastic bags or other types of plastic containers. These items are usually in #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 plastic containers.

DO NOT RECYCLE- Scrap metal or automotive product cans.

Illegal Dumping



Just a reminder! Please refrain from dumping such waste—this is a public area and dumping is inappropriate. Grass, tree, and shrubbery clippings should be bagged or composted (on individual properties).

Mow it High

According to CNNMoney.com, good landscaping can increase your home's value by 5% to 11%, according to a Michigan State University study. And by far the biggest component of your landscape is the grass.

Moreover, if you give the turf your personal attention, you won't have to shell out \$500 to \$1,000 or more a year for services that spray and fertilize. You can do as well as they do for a lot less money - and with a lot fewer chemicals.

You figure that if you give your lawn a buzz cut, you won't have to mow it as often, right? No, lazybones. Cutting the lawn short makes it grow faster - and stresses the plant, ramps up its need for fertilizer and water, and weakens its roots.

"Most lawns should be cut between 2 1/2 and three inches high," says John Stier, professor of horticulture at the University of Wisconsin's turfgrass extension program and playing-field consultant for stadiums in the National Football League and Major League Baseball.

The highest setting on some older lawn mowers is barely two inches, which gives you the perfect excuse to buy a new machine.

Crazy Pinz Seeks Rezoning

According to Millstone Village Association President Nicole Woods, Crazy Pinz is seeking rezoning from the city plan commission. Woods states that if Crazy Pinz were successful in their attempt, they plan to install an outdoor speaker system that could be heard throughout most of Millstone, and possibly Hearthstone as well. Apparently Crazy Pinz has already installed outdoor activities. The plan commission will hear this case on Monday Sept. 14, and will make a decision on Sept. 15. Members of the Millstone board met with Crazy Pinz management, and were told the fun center plans to install 72 decibel speakers in their outdoor activities area. From research, 72 decibel speakers should be able to be heard for up to 1 mile, well within the boundaries of Hearthstone. If you would like more information, or would like to help, please contact Nicole Woods at nswoods@hotmail.com.