Newsletter of the Hearthstone Village Community Association

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President’s Note

Two biggies this month! Our new website is up and running and Halloween too. They don't necessarily go hand in hand but they do come in the same month. Check out the website at hvcafw.org or HearthstoneAssociation.org. Both links will get you there. Read on and see what YOUR neighborhood is up to.

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Recycling our troubled trees

In the last year, we have been trying to recycle the dead Green Ash trees and stormed trees back into our community. When we had to take down any of these trees, we have asked our tree service people to cut the tree trunks into fireplace lengths. We left the wood at the tree site for our neighbors to retrieve for their use. Only the branches were hauled away. In the future, we will also request the larger branches be cut to fireplace length – for use in outdoor fire pits.

All that we ask, is you use safe practices when picking up the wood, and practice fire safety when burning wood in your outdoor fire pit. Make sure your fireplace chimney is safe to use as well.

Bill Smith
Crime & Safety

Cats and Birds

Cats and birds do not mix. Many cat owners are familiar with the "presents" that feline friends leave on doorsteps after a night or day on the prowl -- a bird's head or a dead mouse. All those cats have a giant cumulative effect, killing anywhere from 500 million to a billion birds every year, according to estimates from the American Bird Conservancy. They found that predators were responsible for nearly 80 percent of the bird deaths, and nearly half of those predators were domestic cats. House cats are non-native predators. Even with a full stomach, their instinct to hunt drives them to stalk and kill available prey. And adding bells do not work – birds do not associate the sound of bell to danger.

Keeping cats indoors ensures that birds outdoors stay safe. Cats, too, benefit, as they'll be exposed to less risk of disease, parasites, predation, poison, and accidents. Also, there is a Fort Wayne Ordinance against allowing cats to roam free outdoors. Keep our birds safer, our cats safer, and obey our City Ordinance.

Bill Smith
Crime & Safety

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Contact information can be found on Hearthstone Association Webpage

We need someone from District 9 and 10 to step up as representatives for their district. The job would be what you make it. One to two hours a month minimum.
No Signs on
Hearthstone Entrance Island

Significant re-landscaping was done on our Hearthstone Entrance Island to improve on-coming traffic visibility for our residents as they exit Hearthstone on to Wallen Road. The placement of "Garage Sale", "For Sale" or other types of temporary signs will not be allowed to hinder traffic visibility or detract from the appeal of the landscaping.

The only sign that will be placed on the center island will be the Hearthstone Community meeting, at the end of each month. This sign will only be posted at the street level to avoid visibility interference. Garage Sale signs, etc will be allowed, only on the East and West sides of the Hearthstone entrance-unless in violation of any city right-a-way ordinance codes.

Snow Removal

Snow is coming soon and 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.

Trick or Treat

Fort Wayne Police Chief Rusty York has established the official hours for Trick-or-Treat for 2012. Trick-or-Treat will be observed from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Trick-or-treaters should only visit those homes with the front porch light turned on indicating that trick-or-treaters are welcome.

Trick-or-treaters should remember the following safety rules:

- Do not wear costumes that obscure your vision;
- Wear reflective clothing, or light colored clothing to make you more visible to motorists;
- Travel in groups composed of at least one adult;
- Have a pre-planned route;
- Only cross streets at the crosswalks;
- Visit familiar homes, and do not enter a stranger’s home;
- Be prepared for adverse weather;
- Refrain from consuming any treats until inspected by an adult.

Reminder about Annual Dues

Just want to remind those that have not paid their HOA dues. The due date was June 30. Be sure to get them sent in this month to avoid a lien. $105 plus 1.2% late fee per month. Make checks out to "HVCA" and mail them to 631 Watermeade Place. We are still one of the lowest annual dues in the city. If you want to learn where the money goes, join us at the monthly meetings.
The Hearth is a live album featuring a performance by Cecil Taylor with Tristan Honsinger and Evan Parker recorded in Berlin on June 30, 1988 as part of month-long series of concerts by Taylor and released on the FMP label. The Allmusic review by Thom Jurek states "This is a devastatingly fine gig, and one of the best Taylor played the entire month he was in Berlin". The authors of The Penguin Guide to Jazz Recordings say that the album is one of those they would highlight from the series as a... hearth definition: 1. the area around a fireplace or the area of floor in front of it: 2. a home, especially when... Learn more. Heath in English. hearth. noun [ C ].

The Hearth trusts in the power of personal stories to heal, connect, enrich, and mobilize communities for good. We believe that in an increasingly fast-paced and fractured world, sharing stories can be a radical and deeply human practice for strengthening common values, combating loneliness, cultivating compassion, and uncovering the ties that bind us to one another. We know that when stories are told in community there is often an invitation to act...