

H AVERHILL NEWS

PO Box 11423, Fort Wayne, IN 46858

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Playground Concerns

Installation of new playground equipment has begun in the area of Orchard Green park between Sea Wind and Pasture Gate (West of Winterfield).

However, during the install, residents surrounding this common area expressed concerns regarding placement and the choice of materials, and has asked the board to consider moving it to another location. The board is currently discussing various options to determine the best course of action. Please be aware, moving his equipment can potentially result in significant additional costs or damage to the equipment itself, so we are asking for **your** input before considering this project. All concerned residents are asked to:

- Check out the new equipment at the above location.
- Attend the next board meeting on November 11 to get involved in the discussion!

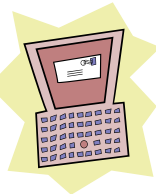
All of our play areas are in need of either upgrades or complete removal. Decisions regarding equipment and materials for this area may likely be extended to the common areas close to your property.

The current playground installation has been put on hold, pending further discussion. Please do not allow children to play on or around the slide structure. The new swings can be used at this time.



Email Announcement List

In an effort to distribute information in a more timely fashion, the board is working on putting together an email distribution list for Haverhill-related announcements and emergency information. While we will be continuing with our printed newsletter, we hope that an email list will allow us to distribute information immediately, and get more timely feedback in return.



Residents receiving these notices are asked to please help “spread the news” to neighbors who may not use email or the internet.

A section for subscribing to the email list is included in your 2010-2011 Resident Survey. You can also fill out the Contact Update Form, located on our website at:

<http://www.haverhillofcoventry.com/contactUpdate.html>
and click the checkbox to be included on the list.

Dues Notices Mailed Earlier

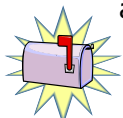
Annual Dues invoices will be mailed this month rather than December—in response to requests from residents for more advanced notice.

Payment should be made by January 1, 2011.

Be sure to return your **Resident Survey**, which you will find included with your dues invoice!

MAILBOX PROBLEMS?

Mailboxes and mailbox numbers are replaced by the association in the event of vandalism, breakage, or other issues. Please contact Susi Griffiths at 432-6041 to report a mailbox problem and request repair or replacement.



Leaf Pickup

According to the [City of Fort Wayne website](http://www.cityofcoventry.com), the final leaf pickup for our area is November 15-19. We are asked to have leaves raked to the park strip along the street (but not in the street) by Monday of the scheduled pickup week. If you use biodegradable bags, you can call the 3-1-1 number for pickup within 2 business days.



MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE FOR HAVERHILL ASSOCIATION!

The new mailing address for Haverhill business and dues payments is:

**Haverhill Community Association
P.O. Box 11423
Fort Wayne, IN 46858**

Mail will be forwarded from old P.O. Box for a short time. Please update your records to the new address.

NO DUMPING!

- **Please do not dump leaves or grass clippings in the woods.** Piles of debris, especially grass clippings are unsightly and can mold and smell.
- **Clean up after your pets along sidewalks and in common areas.** Residents have been observed allowing pets to “dump and run” regularly in common areas and resident’s yards. This is just inconsiderate and against city sanitation laws. A resident in the neighborhood was recently spotted picking up after other people’s pets. No one should be expected to do this—please pick up after your own pet!



POLITICAL SIGNS

According to a new Indiana law (effective July 1, 2010), homeowner’s associations can no longer restrict the display of political signs on individual’s lots. Signs can now be displayed up to 30 days before an election day, but **must be removed within 5 days following the election.** Associations are allowed to place restrictions on sign size and number allowed, so we’d like to know your thoughts as we develop this policy!



Political signs are not allowed in Haverhill common areas, and will be removed.

Thefts Continue

We are still receiving reports of thefts from vehicles—including locked vehicles. We are asking residents to be watchful of suspicious activity—especially at night — and report activity to the FWPD. Together we can keep our neighborhood safe!



Remember to keep outdoor lights on for security!

Haverhill Board Meeting Summary

From meetings on August 12 & September 9, October 14, 2010

From August 12 meeting:

Maintenance: Picnic tables have been repaired and painted. Masonry at entrances was repaired. Quotes were obtained for several "No Soliciting" signs for each entrance. Sidewalk repairs will begin soon. **Street Repairs:** In order to have streets repaired, each neighborhood must fill out a survey to apply for Neighborhood Improvement Funds from the city. Survey for 2012 funds will be sent in December. **Street Lights:** City was contacted for information about street light repair and replacement—per question as to why some of our lights were replaced after annexation and some were not. The city street light policy is to install lights at cul-de-sacs and intersections only. They will not replace lights that are still working, or lights in common areas. Board may need to consider future capital project to replace and update some of our older lights with wooden posts to the newer style lights installed by the city.

Treasurer: Annual dues amount for 2011 was approved. Dues amount will remain the same as 2010 at \$137.50 per property. Properties with unpaid 2010 dues will be reported to attorney to begin lien process.

Security: Normal summer activity was observed—speeding, disregard for stop signs.

Other Business: Play area upgrades: Discussion continued and final quotes were obtained for installation of a new play structure and swingset in the area of Orchard Green park between Pasture Gate and Sea Wind (Wast of Winterfield). Changes to any of the play areas will require additional safety surfacing, per gov't guidelines. Board & committee members volunteered to assist with installation of the safety surfacing and borders to save on installation costs. Structures themselves will be professionally installed for safety reasons. Board voted on colors—evergreen for posts and tan for slide and accessories.

Other business: Concern has been expressed regarding the deteriorating appearance of several Haverhill properties. Discussion will continue as to what options the board has to address this problem.

From September 9 meeting:

Maintenance: New sign was installed at Winterfield/Weatherside, however the back side that is blank looks out of place. At time of installation, Shores association declined to participate in this project. Will be contacting Shores association again to see if they are interested. If not, the sign will be updated with "Leaving Haverhill". Sidewalk repairs/replacements were completed.

Street Repairs: Due to board member changeover, survey for 2011 Neighborhood Improvement Funds was never received. Contacted the city, where they allowed us to re-submit survey for 2011 funds. Board members completed and returned survey to city, requesting replacement of significant portions of several streets, including Winterfield, Weatherside, and several cul-de-sac streets in serious disrepair. If 2011 funds are no longer available, board plans to submit same request for 2012.

Street Lights: Quotes were obtained for replacing older wooden light posts with newer metal fixtures. Alternative would be to paint/seal existing posts with black stain in order to improve appearance. Will research for future meetings. **Snow Removal:** Snow removal needs to be contracted by October meeting. Board voted to remain with Mainscape if cost is comparable to last year. Bids will be requested.

Treasurer: No treasurer report.

Security: Directors are reporting thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles are still occurring. Windows have been broken in at least two vehicles.

Other Business: Letter received from president of Winterfield/Indian Reserve regarding forming an alliance with other associations along Aboite Center Road for greater coordination and information sharing, as well as to increase representation to the city. Haverhill will be participating in this group.

From October 14 meeting:

Play Area: Playground equipment was delivered and installed on Thursday, October 7th. Upon installation, several residents expressed concerns regarding placement and choice of materials. Project is currently on hold, pending further discussion.

Board: Larry Jackson volunteered and was elected to serve as Area 6 director for the remainder of the year. Annual meeting tentatively set for January.

Maintenance: Shores association agreed to share the cost of adding their information to the new sign at corner of Winterfield/Weatherside. One of the wooden light posts in the common area was stained black as a "test" to see whether painting older posts is an option for improving their appearance. Test pole is in the common area between Thunderhill and Crystal Spring near the entrance of the woods. Will be discussed at future meeting. Snow removal contract signed with Mainscape.

Treasurer: Paperwork was processed by the attorney to place liens on any property with unpaid 2010 dues. Dues notices for 2011 will be going out in early November. This is earlier than past years in response to resident requests for more notice.

Other Business: A resident survey will be included with 2011 dues notices in an attempt to gather more resident input. All residents are urged to complete and return this survey as soon as possible in order to help set the agenda for board in 2011.

**Upcoming Meetings: November 11th & December 9th @ 7pm—Haverhill School
ALL RESIDENTS and PROPERTY OWNERS
ARE WELCOME!**



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Kody's Klippings: On call or weekly yard maintenance—including mowing, yard raking, and snow shoveling. Several years experience. Parent supervised. \$25/average per job (call for free quote). Call Kody George at 432-7626.

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