

The Hearth

Hearthstone Board

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631 Water Meade Place

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President's Note

Congratulations to us all! Residents for being so positive about the Pufferbelly Trail and the Board for getting the signatures needed to make the sale possible. Keep in mind, the Board members are residents that have volunteered to keep our neighborhood property values where they should be. Everything is completed for the trail acquisition, except receiving the check. It was time consuming but I had a good time meeting a lot of you and getting to know you just a little bit more. As I keep saying we have a GREAT neighborhood. Don't be a stranger. Join us at the monthly Association meetings.

As we move into the holidays be sure to take care of yourselves and each other. Watch out for each other during the winter weather. Help those who cannot do it themselves, to dig out. Dress appropriately for the cold weather and stock your vehicles with warm clothing just in case you are forced to leave it for an emergency. Be aware of the slippery roads. They can be treacherous with the snow and ice. Drive defensively!

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Snow Removal

Snow is here 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.

Give us feedback about how well or not so well the snow removal is. The Association Board is very much on your side to have it done properly. You can email feedback to feedback@hvcafw.org or call one or more Board members listed to the right. Please don't treat us as if we are the enemy because we are on your side. Especially if there is a problem. We do want your feedback. Positive OR negative. If we get only negative feedback we have little to build on so if you have anything positive, please let us hear it or read about it.

Walking can be Hazardous

Recently, we have placed two-way "Caution" warning signs on the East-West Walkway that runs along our Hartman Ditch. They warn of the possibility that ice sometimes forms on our walkways, due to snow melting and refreezing. This ice can sometimes be hidden by a light snow- making it especially slippery. Take it from me- it can be slippery AND dangerous.

Bill Smith
Crime and Safety

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History near Hearthstone

Everyone's been talking about the Pufferbelly Trail, and the recent acquisition of our walkway for its' extension. Have you ever wondered about the history old railroad track bed that is part of our walkway on the east boundary of the subdivision? Last owned by the New York Central Railroad, the railroad line was originally called "The Fort Wayne Jackson Saginaw Road Way."

The line was briefly owned by The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, before becoming part of New York Central. The line was built in the 1860's, when Fort Wayne saw as many as 300 trains a day pass through town. The track branched from another main line near the West Jefferson St. area, just east of the Lindenwood Cemetery and on the west side of Swinney Park. The line ran along the east side of what is now known as Hearthstone, north of Cedar Creek, and then angled towards Angola, Waterloo, Summit, Steubenville, Pleasantville Lake, Angola and Fremont.

There was even a train depot stop, "Academie", on the north side of Wallen Rd from Hearthstone. The Illustrated Historical Atlas of Indiana (published by Baskin Forester & Co.) shows the town of "Academie" being centered on Till Rd. The line's last stop in Indiana the town of Ray. From Ray the line headed NE to Jackson, MI and Saginaw. The tracks no longer exist between Fort Wayne and Auburn, but the rest of the line north to Ray is part of The Indiana Railroad rail-bed.

As many of you know, Harold Hartman lived in this area all of his life. He told me he could remember hearing the steam whistle blow as the steam engine neared the Academie Station. There is a cement marker, with the "W" stamped in it, along our walkway. That was placed there as a reminder for the steam engine crew to blow their whistle, as they approached the Academie train station.

As you can see, we share a little bit of Fort Wayne history, right in our back yard (literally). Keep that in mind as you enjoy our walkways. And please, encourage everyone to take care of them.

Bill Smith

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Harold Hartman, Hearthstone Association.
Carl Diemling, Hearthstone Association.

Guard your valuables

Just a short note from our Fort Wayne Police liaison, Officer Ness. In retrospect of increasing thefts, especially during the holidays. Don't leave valuables in your vehicles when left outside. When you do, you are "asking" for someone to break in and steal them.

Hearthstone website

<http://www.hvcafw.org>

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Please include name, phone, and home address so we can be sure your listing is correct.

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