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FALL GARAGE SALE

The Annual Hearthstone Fall Garage Sale is just around the corner. It will be **Sep 25, 26, and 27** from 8am to 5pm.

Here are 10 garage sale tips:

1. A group of sale is better than selling alone. More stuff draws more traffic.
2. Be prepared. Be ready to go the night before so that you don't have to rush around in the morning.

3. Plan your sale layout with your customers in mind. Use marketing tricks to make your customers more likely to purchase your stuff!
4. Price things carefully.
5. Label things well.
6. Be friendly. Greet people as they arrive - chat if they're chatty.
7. Do not bad-mouth your items
8. Be willing to bargain, but be less flexible at the start.
9. Keep a ledger. Jot down a description of each item and how much you sold it for.
10. Do not use a cash box. Keep your money on you at all times.

Danina A. Downing
Social Director



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Thank you Jim!

We want to take time to give a big thank you to Jim Crawford for serving on the Hearthstone Village Community Association Board. Jim has served our community for 16 years. He has resigned his position as Director for District 6 for health reasons. Though he will remain a resident, he will be very missed as a board member. Jim, thank you very much for the time and service you have so freely given to your neighborhood. We are better for it!!

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes I can, and so can you!"

Thanks for your inspiring dedication and tremendous example to the world.

Now that your work is finished, we say good bye with sad yet grateful hearts. We want to thank you for your dedication, and being there from the very start.

Words cannot convey our gratitude for your tremendous contribution.

***"Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much"
- Helen Keller***

The Importance of Maintaining Gutters

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By John Caywood, Neighborhood Code Enforcement Administrator

The results of our recent harsh winter and record snowfall are evident in inspection photos that are crossing my desk this spring. According to some local contractors, the frost line reached almost 60" this past winter. That's almost twice as deep as it normally is for northern Indiana.

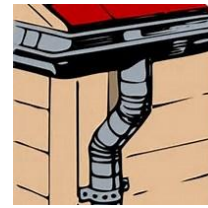
Because of this, Neighborhood Code has noticed a spike in severe damage to basement walls due to a condition known as "frost heave." Frost heave occurs when heavy clay soils found in this area are saturated with moisture and then freeze. When the soil expands up and out, it can push up a portion of a basement wall or foundation several inches. When the snow melts and spring rains fall, the added moisture further erodes soil now disturbed around the foundation.

Properly maintained gutters can help keep moisture away from foundations and prevent basement wall collapse. Homes vacant for just a few seasons can have foundations fail all because the gutters were not maintained. Fixing a gutter for just \$25 can help avoid thousands of dollars in repairs to a failing foundation.

What can you do? Check your home's gutters for leaves and debris clogging them or slowing the flow of water. Leaves and debris can also damage your home's roof by pushing water under the first course of shingles and into the interior walls of the house.

Next, check to make sure your gutters are securely fixed to the house. Heavy snow and ice can loosen gutters and often all that is required is re-hanging a portion of the gutter so the water flows correctly. If water is still pooling too close to the house, consider installing splash guards to direct the water away from the foundation.

City Code does not require that a house has gutters, only that when they are installed, that they be in proper working order. Any complaints concerning gutter conditions can be called into 311 and Neighborhood Code can send an officer to inspect.



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