



2017 Millersville Year in Review

When looking at the past year's newsletters, three topics made the news, month after month: the condition and repair of area streets; the desire to create and maintain a beautiful clean, community, and the continued vacancy of a building right smack in the middle of everything--the old Walgreen's! We've made real progress with the first two, and after a dormant period, it appears our difficulty with the old Walgreen's site is resuming. The following is a list of what's been going on in Millersville in 2017:



JANUARY



Brendonwood has a centennial celebration, a black tie event at the Indiana Historical Society, January 6th, organized by Sally Rowland, and emceed by Brendonwood resident Tom Griswold, whose shtick added to festive mood.

We ask residents to recognize and help address the problem with online realty companies, like [Trulia](#), reporting inaccurate community crime rates. (Unfortunately, Trulia seems to lump the Millersville locale in with the area further south, as opposed to the immediate north, when it comes to crime.)

We still need to form a group to tackle this problem. Interested? Contact Cac Diehr, 317-501-0060, or cac.diehr@generaldrilling.com.



The Walgreen's site hearing, scheduled for January 18th, is postponed until April 15th.



FEBRUARY

Christina and Brian Getz, owners of unique entertainment company, Pretty Funny Balloons, take up residence and operate their business in the big, red 148 year old building at 5422 Millersville Road.

Millersville loses Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate, Rosemary Stockdale, and gains two other, Greg Garrett and Joel Smith, when the city divides our area in two.



Help us keep
Millersville beautiful.

Please don't litter!

MARCH

Representatives of the city's Department of Public Works attend our Annual Meeting in March, and outline the impending Fall Creek Parkway, Emerson Way and 56th Street resurfacing projects.

Millersville kicks off "Keep Millersville Beautiful" campaign, with its slogan "Fight Dirty!" in an effort to curb, and ideally, eliminate, our area's litter problem.

Area business Fall Creek Massage closes and new eateries Great American Pizza Company and La Cantina, open!

APRIL

While said to take place rain or shine, the Great Indy Clean Up is postponed...due to rain. (Millersville is forced to cancel its scheduled clean up, as well.)

The Walgreen's site hearing, scheduled for April 15th, is postponed until June 7th.





MAY

The repaving of Emerson Way and Fall Creek Parkway gets underway.

MFCV Board member Sally Rowland presents plans for Gateway Project to city of Lawrence. Plan is well received. (Now we just need to find the funds to finance...)

Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy returns to Millersville and is tremendous help in clearing the beds of Fall Creek of overgrown and invasive vegetation. The result: Beautiful views of the lovely waterway which winds through our community!



JUNE

It finally dries up enough for the Great Indy Clean Up and Millersville Clean Up to happen.

Dr. Amy Schau Hammes joins the MFCV Board, and fills vacant [Schools Initiative Chair](#).

The Walgreen's site hearing, schedule for June 7th?? Postponed again!! New date: October 18th!

Nuvo Magazine names our Preserve's limestone sculpture as one of ten area "must see" pieces of public art.



Dr. Amy Schau Hammes



JULY

Particularly slow news month, but a good time to remind everyone of a particularly ANCIENT boulder in our community, called a tillite. it's worth checking out!

SEPTEMBER

At long last, the 56th Street road project begins.

The Indy Do Day and It's My City Chalk Project encourage all Indianapolis residents to perform works of service in our community!

Happily, it is a beautiful weekend, and much is accomplished!



OCTOBER

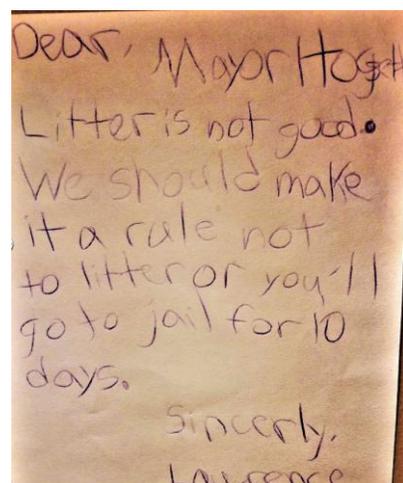
The Road project is just about complete, but there is controversy as to how many lanes in which to divide 56th Street; whether there should be bike lanes, and if there are bike lanes, what they will be like...the DPW calls a meeting, citizens attend, discussion take place. Result: Four traffic lanes, no turn lane, one westbound bike lane on the north side of the street and one eastbound lane on the south.

Sallie Rowland is awarded the Williamson Prize.



Millersville takes part in Saint Matthew's Trunk or and Treat. Office of Lawrence Township Trustee Steve Talley joins Amy Hammes in passing out treats to the school's little goblins.

Millersville hosts 4th and 5th graders from Horizon Christian School for their annual service day. Students visit Kesslerwood Place, the senior assisted living community at Emerson and Kessler Blvd, for crafts and outdoor activities. Later, they visit our Nature Preserve; learn about our ecosystem; do some anti-litter sidewalk chalk messaging and write letters to Mayor Hogsett, asking for his help with community clean up.



DECEMBER



We receive word that Dollar Tree agrees to lease the old Walgreen's site, because attorney Brian Tuohy has contacted Kathleen Blackham, of the Department of Metropolitan Development, to request approval to refile the petition to modify commitments limiting occupancy to only a Walgreen's drug store. Tuohy will appear at the December 20, 2017, meeting of the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC) for the aforementioned purpose. Please do monitor your email for further new developments.

The Windridge Office Building, located at 5435 Emerson Way, gets a new owner! Gurinder Singh, Khalsa, Founder and Chair of SikhsPAC, tells us that the structure is to become the committee's world headquarters. SikhsPac's motto is "A Voice for Diversity and Humanity." Presently, SikhsPAC is part of the coalition in Indiana that is working for passage of a Biased Crime Bill, and is a member of a nationwide alliance of trucking organizations and associations seeking to delay implementation of electronic logging devices. Currently, the building has few tenants. (The largest tenant, a branch of Marine Bank, moved out several years ago.) Renovations are taking place both inside and outside of this four story office building, with terrific views of Fall Creek. When asked about the felling of a number of trees on the building's lot, Mr. Singh indicated that the trees were overgrown and unsightly, and seriously blocked peoples' sight of the building. He intends to install new landscaping.

Mr. Singh is already familiar with the Millersville area, as he briefly operated a MetroPC store in the shopping center across the Street (5500 Emerson Way.) The location was not profitable, and closed in less than a year. The Windridge building was of interest, as it's a sound building and was offered at a good price.

Mr. Singh hopes the building will eventually be the home of many non profit/charitable concerns.



Windridge Office Building
5435 Emerson Way



AN EVEN BETTER MILLERSVILLE...

We welcome new people and new ideas!!

What ideas do you have about improving Millersville? Contact our president, Cac Diehr, 317-501-0600, or cac.diehr@generaldrilling.com and share your thoughts. Or, you might consider joining an initiative already in place. If you have visited our [website](#), then you may know that we are looking for people for our History, Schools, Fitness and Business projects. Hope to hear from you soon!

DON'T COMPLAIN... REPORT!!

Don't wait til your next HOA or MFCV meeting, to report concerns in your area. For urgent concerns requiring requires prompt attention, call MAC, 317-327-4MAC. If the issue is an ongoing one, requiring more than a quick fix, -- contact your Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate directly!

Millersville has two Mayor's Neighborhood Advocates. To determine which is yours, visit the [city's website](#), and consult the neighborhood [advocate map](#). You can also use the link to determine your elected officials; voting precinct; trash pickup, school district, etc.

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Visit Greg's Neighborhood Services' website, for Community Office Hours.

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Community Office Hours (None in Millersville)

Location	Address	Day	Times
Lawrence Branch Library	7898 Hague Rd	Tuesdays	11am-12pm
The HUB	7003 N Michigan Rd	Wednesdays	11am-12pm
Nora Branch Library	8625 Guilford Av	Wednesdays	1:30pm-2:30pm



HAVE A CONCERN TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MAYOR?

CONTACT MAC, the Mayors' Action Center! How? Report by phone 317-327-4MAC, or online: [Request Indy](#) or via Walk-In Service, 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2160, 8 AM- 5 PM.

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