



July 2017 Newsletter

MILLERSVILLE'S OLDEST RELIC

"The oldest relic in Millersville is a boulder that is 2.2-2.4 billion years old and it contains rock fragments that are another 100 million years older than that. That's a little older than even the Millersville buildings that antedate the Civil War!

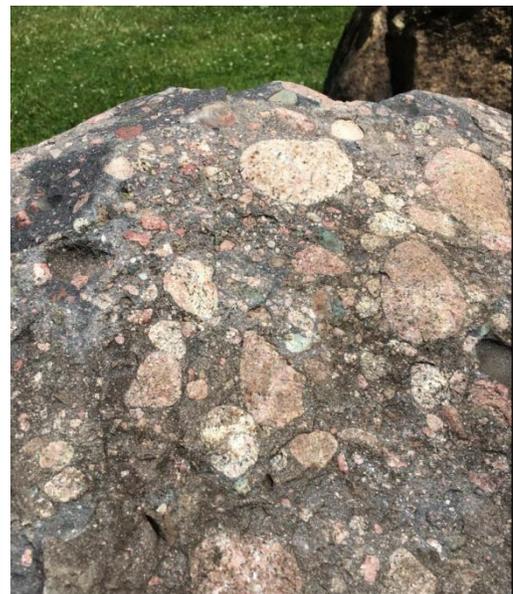
What's more, that boulder tells the story of one of Earth's early mountain building episodes, the planet's first world wide glacial period, and also its most recent Ice Age, the famous Pleistocene.

The boulder is on Fall Creek Parkway, North Drive, just west of Emerson Way. It sits in a cluster with three other boulders that might actually be older. But the one that interests us most has great big chunks of pink, white and gray granite (with a few black speckles) in a much finer greenish gray rock. A rock that has big pebbles mixed in a finer grained material is called a conglomerate, and this conglomerate is truly special. It is a **tillite**, a rock that was produced by glacial activity. In fact, this one records two glacial events, separated by more than 2 billion years of Earth history." (Excerpt of "*Millersville Treasures Tour*" booklet.)

Enjoy history? Millersville has many types! MFCV president Cac Diehr will give a free collector's item, limited edition, Treasures Tour booklet to the first 15 people that show up for a kickoff History meeting! Date TBA!



Ancient glacial stones along the trail just west of the Emerson Bridge.



This stone is often referred to as a "pudding stone", because it is formed with many different rocks.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING IS NOT LEGAL IN MARION COUNTY

From Councilor Christine Scales: I receive many complaints about door to door salespeople. Not only are door to door sales scams problematic, but from a security standpoint, it is disconcerting to residents to have strangers roaming their neighborhoods. Are they casing homes for break ins? If parents warned children about not opening doors to strangers, will they remember?



In the past, I have repeated what I have been told by representatives from various city agencies: A homeowner may post a sign on his property that serves to notify peddlers that attempts to sell goods there is prohibited, but the "No Soliciting" signs posted at his neighborhood's entrance have no legal teeth. When I was asked by leaders of an HOA in the District to clarify the ordinance pertaining to door to door sales, I thought I had better double check my information with the City's Code Enforcement Director.

After contacting Business and Neighborhood Services (the new name of Code Enforcement) to verify that my information was correct, I was shocked to discover that with the exceptions noted in subsection (b) in Sec. 391-104, **no door to door soliciting is allowed in Indianapolis.**

Indianapolis/Marion County Code Pertaining to Door to Door Sales Ordinance
Sec. 391-104. - Peddlers and solicitors entering private premises.

(a) The practice of entering upon the premises of private residences in the city by any persons acting as solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise of any kind, magazines, pamphlets, books or any other articles, when such person has not been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant of the private residence, or when a notice is posted at or near the entrance thereof forbidding such entry for any such purposes, with the intention of selling or soliciting orders for the sale of any such things, or of peddling, hawking or otherwise disposing thereof, or doing all or any of such practices, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be punishable as prescribed in this chapter.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale, soliciting of orders for the sale, or the delivery to any such premises of milk, dairy products, vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, eggs, groceries, bread or any other farm and garden produce and foods or liquid products, so far as the disposal thereof is at any time authorized by law and is done in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Code or other city ordinances; nor shall they apply to the delivery of any merchandise or other articles of any kind previously purchased or ordered by or for the owner or occupant of such premises.

Aside from the exemptions noted in Section 391-104(b), there is a Supreme Court ruling that allows for door to door political campaigning, as well as door to door "visitation" by religious groups.

This is not a code that BNS (Business and Neighborhood Services) Department enforces. It is recommended that neighbors report violators to the non-emergency Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department phone line: **317-327-3811.**



JOIN REPRESENTATIVE BARTLETT AT A PUBLIC TOWN HALL!

State Representative John L. Bartlett is hosting a public town hall, July 6, 2017, from 6-8PM at Cafe Indy, at the Far Eastside Neighborhood Center, 8902 East 38th Street. **Featured guests** will speak on the following topics:

- Human Trafficking - **Judge Kimberly Dowling**, 2nd Circuit Court of Delaware County
- Mental Health - **Dr. Shelvy Kegl**, Ph.D., HSPP Midwest Psychological Center, Indianapolis
- Economic Development - **Joe Williams**, President of the Lawrence City Council

A representative from Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett's office will also attend to answer questions related to local government.



2017'S GREAT INDY CLEAN UP, FINALLY!

We are so grateful for the devoted crew of caring neighbors who pitched in on Saturday, June 10th, to help make Millersville beautiful! Our neighborhood cleanup, part of the annual Great Indy Clean Up city-wide initiative, focused on areas along our stretch of the Fall Creek Trail and our village center. Thanks, too, to American Pizza Company for donating lunch to our volunteers! [Find out which of your neighbors was out there working and check out the fun photos - here.](#) Why not join this happy group of neighbors for the next clean up? We could certainly use your help! More information on our [beautification](#) committee can be found on our website.

KEEP INDIANAPOLIS BEAUTIFUL (KIB) POLLINATION PROGRAM

KIB's Greenspace stewardship coordinator, Adam Schmutte, is promoting KIB's City-wide "Pollinator Count". It's just 4 minutes counting and recording activity on a flower or flowers in a 12-inch x 12-inch space, whether at a native Greenspace area or other garden. Short and do-able! For more information, here is the link: [POLLINATOR COUNT](#)



YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE TRANSFORMATION!

Says Beautification Committee member Mollie Benson: "Check out the incredible before and after pictures from our day of community service by the Hoosier Youth ChallenNGe Academy! Millersville volunteers teamed up with HYCA cadets to un-bury the treasure of Fall Creek in our neighborhood. You'll be stunned by the HYCA girl power! And together we cleared out monster mounds of vegetation that were hiding cool water views from the Fall Creek Trail and Parkway, and choking out native plants.



[Learn more here, and don't miss the full photo gallery!](#)

LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING!

Yes, in Millersville, we are pretty conscious of appearance, we admit. Our initiatives concerned with the outdoors, i.e., Beautification, Keep Millersville Beautiful, and the Preserve/Public Art have been our most active-- but caring for our surroundings is more than just making them look pretty. Our efforts have stemmed from a true concern for the health of the environment. Still, the Millersville at Fall Creek Valley organization hopes to involve members of the community with other interests, also.

For several summers, we hosted the Indianapolis Symphonic Band, on the grounds of School 106, and people enjoyed live music while picnicking on blankets or sitting in lawn chairs. Although the weather was often our enemy, we did manage to squeeze in a number of Cafe Markets, a few summers back. The Cafe Market featured food trucks of all sorts; beer served by Peace of Mind pub; a produce stand; bakers; artisans; local art exhibits; community service booths, musicians and magicians. A group of neighbors who like to bike and hike together, regularly, have taken trips up and down the Fall Creek and Monon Trails to various pubs and eateries.

What do you like to do? Why not pitch an idea to our president, Cac Diehr, 317-501-0060, or cac.diehr@generaldrilling.com? Your interest could very well be something that appeals to lots of other folks! Let Cac know, and we'll help with recruiting those neighbors. 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 and Business projects. Hope to hear from you soon!

BE A SQUEAKY WHEEL

Don't wait til your next HOA or MFCV meeting, to report concerns in your area. If the problem is one that requires prompt attention, like a downed tree impeding traffic or a loose dog, Call MAC, 317-327-4MAC. If the issue is an ongoing one, say, traffic issues--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	Days	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.

Have a Newsletter Article Idea?

Contact Alicia Reuter, alireu5420@gmail.com

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