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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sheila P. Little, President

As the new president of the Meridian Street Foundation, I would like to first welcome all new neighbors to the Meridian Street Historic District and thank all sustaining neighbors for their memberships, support and donations. Your MSF Board of Directors is in a process of planning events and developing goals and strategies for the 2011 year that embrace the "preservation of the historic, scenic and aesthetic character of North Meridian Street".

In this message, I would like to share some personal observations and thoughts about our historic district, welcome the new MSF Board members and describe the next exciting event: Easter Egg Hunt 2011.

We Have an Incredible History

In preparation for the 50th anniversary of MSF, I had the privilege of preparing the list of names of MSF board members from 1960-2010. I rummaged through files and records in the neighborhood as well as records at the Indiana Landmarks. I saw photographs never seen by the public,

reviewed notes, personal letters, news articles and other paraphernalia that described our past 50 years as an organization. We have an incredible history and I have recently asked Bernie Frechtman to organize an effort to collect and record MSF history. This information will be invaluable

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for students and educators, curators and collectors for research and grant writing. The goal of this effort will be to share the history of the Meridian Street Foundation with the world. In addition, a new board member, Doris Anne Sadler, has expressed an interest in working toward a reprinting of *The Main Stem: The History and Architecture of North Meridian Street*, written by Polis and first published in 1992 (David J. Bodenhamer, project manager).

Welcome to New Board Members

This year six neighbors have joined

the MSF Board of Directors: Telene Edington, Susie Mashall, Andy Medley, Marinelle Morgan, Dave Ramey, and Doris Anne Sadler. Their contact information is listed in the Handy Guide included in this newsletter. They are busy participating on MSF committees and in strategic planning for the future of MSF. I welcome their sacrifice and commitment. Please contact them as well as other board members to join a committee or just share a thought!

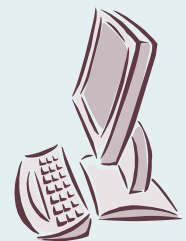
Egg Hunt 2011

The MSF will hold its 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Klein. It is a Historic Neighborhood Event, which is held at the Old Governor's residence. This event is unique to our neighborhood and the city of Indianapolis.

In future messages, I will share other personal thoughts and observations and reveal our strategic plan for MSF to maintain the integrity of our Historic District.

Save a tree, do it with E!

Get up-to-date notices of MSF events and other neighborhood announcements. If you live in the MSF area and are interested in e-notices, please send an email to msf.email@yahoo.com with your e-mail address and name and street address. You may always opt out of this service. MSF values your privacy. Your information is not shared or sold to other parties.



THE LEGACY OF MYRON "BUD" WOLF: A CLASS ACT

by George Maley



Myron "Bud" Wolf passed away on November 28, 2010. Bud and his wife, Harriet, were long time residents on North Meridian Street since 1953; where they built a stylish single story ranch home on the 5600 block. Bud's new home was not far from where he grew up in the 5400 block of North Pennsylvania Street, where he lived in an extended family tradition with a brother, sisters, and an adoptive brother, Sam Abels. Aunts and uncles were always around for the family gathering on the weekends.

Bud was a member of the first graduating class of Public School #84, located at the intersection of 57th Street and Washington Boulevard. In his teenage years, he took many a date to the North Pole on the northwest corner of 56th Street and Illinois for a late night snack.

Over the years, Bud and I shared many stories about his World War II experiences. Bud was already in business with his dad when World War II broke out for the United States on December 7th, 1941. Bud enlisted in the U.S. Army and at 23 years of age, he was considered "the old man" in his outfit of young recruits of 18 and 19 year olds. He also arrived at the base with his 1941 Chevrolet convertible. Bud's more mature traits were quickly recognized and after basic training, he was transferred to the Army Air Corps for flight training. There he ended his training as a crewmember on the Marauder B-26 Bomber. During the war, he served in the 'European Theater' flying over forty missions. He was one of the lucky one's. He escaped this hazardous duty with only minor bruises. Tom Brokaw would write of men like Wolf with profound respect in his book, "The Greatest Generation".

Returning home after the war, he went back in business with his father. Shortly thereafter, he met his future wife, Harriet, while on a vacation in Miami Beach. Bud was smitten. Before Bud committed to Harriet, he honored a request to accompany his Dad to visit the new state of Israel, which was created as a nation in 1948. Upon returning home, Bud and Harriet were married. Over the course of time, they had two children, Andy and Katie.

Bud continued to grow his used-car sales organization. Recognized as one of the bright shining stars in used-car marketing, he was offered a Chevrolet automobile dealership. Although Bud was older than I, our paths crossed many times. In the 1960's, I got to know Bud and his brother, Sam, through my insurance connection with automobile dealerships and their financing arms.

His dad, Ike Wolf, gave Bud the initial values of good common business

sense and was also a General Motors franchisee selling the Pontiac line of automobiles in the early 1930's. In more recent years, bud and I spent time talking about the rise and fall of the General Motors Corporation.

Bud grew his new agency operation, which started in Broad Ripple, to Bud Wolf Chevrolet on Keystone Avenue. Bud stayed the course throughout the remainder of most of his life eventually bringing his son, Andy on board.

My friendship with Bud was amplified by my wife's friendship with Bud's wife, Harriet. It was also in the course of time and through the antique car hobby that I got to know Bud and Harriet's son, Andy.

Reflecting back on Bud's life and our friendship those many years, Bud was an honorable, disciplined man and a man of integrity. He loved his wife to the very end of his last breath. May his legacy live on to those who knew him and loved him.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Neil Handley

As in Congress, permission is requested to “extend my remarks” made at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. In addition to thanking the Board for dedicating the event to the life and services of my wife, Virginia, three other individuals should be heralded for their sacrifices and the markers they left to assure that Meridian Street survives and thrives today.

Let history record that Stephen R. West and Drs. John C. Klein and James M. Sabens are those “marker” men, who, without their leadership, it is unlikely Meridian Street would have attained The Main Stem status.

Father of Resurrection is how Steve West should be dubbed and remembered. Without his tireless, behind the scenes efforts in his role as first elected City-County Councilman, Steve gave new meaning to the word “tireless.” Not in my lifetime have I witnessed a person so dedicated to causes and tireless in his efforts to keep Meridian Street and the surrounding neighborhoods as a livable neighborhood. He understood that as Meridian Street goes, so goes the City.

Father of Resuscitation would be the plaque displayed on the wall of Dr. Klein. Prior to his picking up the cudgel of leadership, MSF had become a “crisis” management group. Dr. Klein had a different vision, reconstituted The Foundation and made it function proactively. For three long years, '87, '88 & '89, his mission was to get The Foundation up-and-running

again. In '79, he and spouse, Elaine, bought 4343 and have remained as examples of involvement and willingness to give of time and resources.

Father of Continuity credit goes to Dr. Sabens... president '90 and '91. He provided determined leadership with a gentleness that was needed to sustain The Foundation and to provide longevity at that time in our history. Whatever the event The Foundation sponsored, Dr. Sabens would always be present, then and now, asking probing questions about you, the community and naturally, The Foundation. “Steering” was popular in '68 when Jim and Peggy bought 5354. Thanks for resisting the steering and staying!

In 1996, a joke circulated that want something like this: Behind every successful man is a surprised wife. Neither Phyllis West, nor Elaine Klein nor Peggy Sabens would find this humorous, as each knew the passion and abilities of their husbands. Accolades to them as well and to Women's Lib for opening doors to the Women of Meridian to exercise their visions and enthusiasm for Meridian, THE MAIN STEM of Indy.

Sincerely

Neil Handley
17 W. Hampton Dr
for 43-years



MEMBERSHIP

by Kathryn Williams

Fifty-one years after Meridian Street Foundation was formed in 1960, we find that its membership continues to be a key to its success. If you have not yet joined (or re-joined) The Foundation, we encourage you to do so today! Our neighborhood is a vibrant community known for its architectural revival homes, beautifully landscaped yards and gardens, year-round volunteer and social events that strengthen and enhance our community. Your membership helps support the wide-range of volunteer efforts that go into the preservation and beautification of residential North Meridian Street and the neighborhood in which it lies. Please consider adding your name to our roster if you have not done so already.

Starting in February, Telene Edington will be joining the membership committee. As a new member of the MSF Board of Directors, her enthusiasm and willingness to assist in this capacity is truly appreciated.

We encourage you to use the envelope enclosed in the Newsletter to mail your tax-deductible membership or renewal TODAY. And, please disregard the Sustaining Member giving suggestions as printed on the envelope. The Sustainer Level is constituted by a donation of \$225 or greater. We apologize for the misprint.



CATHERINE MOORE

Catherine Moore, Mayor's Neighborhood Services Liaison for the Midtown and North Indianapolis neighborhoods, died on Friday, February 25, 2011. She served in a neighborhood support position for MSF since 2008. She will be greatly missed by our neighborhood.

Catherine previously worked for the IPD Grant Unit, IMPD North District Crime Watch. From Indianapolis, she attended Shortridge High School and IUPUI. Condolences to her family and many friends.

PRESERVE OUR STREET

by Nancy Whitaker

Recently, by serendipity, I happened upon a small but interesting travel website, "Trips with a Twist" (www.tripswithatwist.com) which sometimes focuses on road trips around the northern Midwest area. Out of curiosity, I checked out what the authors of this site suggested for travel in the Indianapolis area. To my delight, I was advised to take a trip down North Meridian Street! "If you follow U.S. 31 [from the north] long enough, it becomes Meridian Street. You can follow Meridian right into the heart of downtown Indy. That's the way I went to Indianapolis the very first time I visited, and it explains how I discovered some of the best the city has to offer along this storied street. . . 'a living encyclopedia of American architecture' beckons visitors to Indy's most famous street."

Isn't it wonderful when others who don't live in Indiana also recognize and promote our local treasures? The authors of the above-mentioned article go on to point out other great benefits of the Midtown area which we all enjoy and for which we are grateful, but as residents of this area, we sometimes take for granted. This article brought this latter issue to the forefront of my conscience . . . that we cannot forget that it is the responsibility of all of us

"How we think shows through in how we act. Attitudes are mirrors of the mind. They reflect thinking."

-David Joseph Schwartz

living in the MSF area to keep an eye on the preservation of our historic community through which this beloved street runs.

MSF feels that a positive attitude of interest and awareness of the ongoing condition of the homes and other property changes around you is essential to the long-term preservation of the area. This includes self-education of the state statute and design guidelines and other ordinances that govern our properties. One way to accomplish this is to consult the documents and references on the MSPC website (www.meridianstreetfoundation.net/mspchome.html) prior to making any changes to the exterior of your property or grounds. We also encourage you to talk to your neighbors prior to beginning a project; as well as to seek out the advice of your neighborhood organizations' Land Use Committee. Attending MSPC hearings of your neighbors' applications is also a great way to get involved. Hearing dates, agendas and a copy of the application materials received prior to the hearing each month are posted on the MSPC website. Hearings are open to all neighbors. Your opinion is important to MSPC, join the process.

If you feel changes are being made on a property and such changes are possibly in violation of the MSPC guidelines/orders and/or city ordinances, contact the MSPC Chair (Kathleen Blackham, phone: 327-5165) and/or the assigned inspector from Code Enforcement (Andy Dietz, phone: 997-0117). You may ask that your identity be kept confidential to prevent reports from becoming personal. Don't worry if you are not certain about an ongoing situation; it is better to investigate early rather than after an expensive change is made or after work cannot be reversed because rare materials and designs have been destroyed. Do not assume someone else is aware of the situation.

By each of us working together and increasing our awareness through education and better communication, we can be hopeful that residents as well as visitors to Indianapolis will continue to admire and value our unique community and "Indy's most famous street" for decades to come. If you have any ideas for furthering historic preservation education in our area, please send an email to whitakerng@yahoo.com. Be a good part of history!

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Want to know about neighborhood issues and contacts? Visit the MSF website at www.meridianstreetfoundation.net. This is the place to go for current information on what's happening around the neighborhood and a good place to start to get your questions answered or make contact with others in the area.

Go to the website to find links to city and state government officials and other neighborhood resources. Browse archived copies of the MSF Newsletter. Check the MSF calendar regularly for upcoming events and meetings for 2011. We work very diligently to keep the website current and to continually increase its usefulness.

Photos and video of area homes as well as photos of past MSF events are displayed here as well. After an event the photo collection is placed in an album under the "Events" page on the website. Check here if you haven't done so recently; you may even catch a glimpse of yourself.

Don't know the difference between the Meridian Street Foundation (MSF) and the Meridian Street Preservation Commission (MSPC)? The MSF website has pages dedicated to detailing each organization's activities, who makes up each and its geographical boundaries.

The MSPC home page serves as a repository for up-to-date documents related to the filing of applications for certificates of approval for external changes to your property and applications for prior approval of variances or zoning. Most recently, the MSPC Chair added these useful items to the page:

- contact information for answers to frequently asked questions which includes how to report possible violations, and
- a map of the preservation area showing properties with cases filed since 1970s to end of 2010.

The MSPC agenda for the monthly hearing is also posted here along with a copy of the application documents submitted by petitioners for their upcoming cases.

Logon onto the MSF website TODAY and check out the "Site Index" to get an idea of all that the site has to offer. Have ideas for additions or improvements to the site? Click on "Contact Us" near the bottom of most pages and email us your suggestions. We look forward to your comments.

If you have ideas, you have the main asset you need, and there isn't any limit to what you can do with your business and your life. Ideas are any man's greatest asset.

— Harvey S. Firestone

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MERIDIAN STREET MEMORIES

by Virginia Blankenbaker



(Virginia Blankenbaker represented our district in the Indiana Senate from 1980 to 1992. She resided at 5019 N. Meridian with husband, Richard, and their 5 children for 28 years. Richard, who died in 1988, served as Indianapolis's Public Safety Director and was an early MSF board member. Son, Jim, and his family are long-time Butler-Tarkington residents. Virginia and husband, John Williams, now reside in Naples, Florida.)

When we bought our home on Meridian Street in the fall of 1966, there was worry that the homes would become two-family or even three-family apartments. A friend living in the area suggested that we take a look at the many homes in Meridian-Kessler, as we needed more space for our family of seven. On a Sunday drive,

we saw the property at 5019 Meridian and fell in love with it immediately. It sat on nearly two acres. Each of our five children "claimed" their own room before going back outside. The next-door neighbor, Bernie Morgan, the Volkswagen and Mercedes dealer meandered over from his home to the North as we were getting back into the car. When Bernie asked if we were considering buying the home, Richard explained that we were not in any hurry to move, but were just beginning to see what was available. He told us that the fellow who owned the house had already moved his family to Toledo, and he knew he was anxious to sell.

"I'd make a low-ball offer if I were you—it couldn't hurt." We did. It was ours for \$36,000.

We moved in January of 1967 and, of course, it snowed. Our two oldest children enrolled in School #70. Susan in fourth grade and Sharon in first. David was four, Betsy three and Jim 18 months. I loved the access to Butler University, Clowes Hall, downtown Indy, sidewalks, and less time in the car. Richard became involved as Lay Leader of North United Methodist Church. I had been an education major at Purdue and when our children

were in school it was natural for me to participate in the work of their PTOs. I was also active in the Meridian-Kessler Neighborhood Association (MKNA), serving as Vice President & Education Chair. At the time we bought our home other things were going on nationally. Across the United States, race differences were triggering controversy and even violence. By becoming active in the MKNA, I became a strong voice on land usage, education issues, and good race relations, which I worked on then, and later in the General Assembly as State Senator representing our area. Making Meridian Street a historic landmark was important. Earl Townsend, Curt Panzer, Steve West (Councilman) and Dr. Ned Lampkin (State Rep) and Mayor Bill Hudnut's Campaign Treasurer, Richard Blanken-

baker, declared, in private, to do all in their power to stop the State Highway Department's projected widening of Meridian Street. Stopping the widening was important for safety reasons as well as helping to maintain the neighborhood aspect of our street. We learned then that a political voice was important.

Today we must stay active in the local political process. Our neighborhood is in the "inside Washington Township" political lines. It is important to know the political boundaries, who your precinct committee people and ward chairs are. Further, it is important to know who your representatives to the City Council, and the State House are. Redistricting, which will happen this year, tends to write-off our neighborhood with political power going to the surrounding suburbs. It is always a fight in redistricting to keep a state senator and a representative in this area. With Senator Lubbers leaving the senate seat, we are now represented by someone far from our community. Support those in your neighborhood who are running for office. I believe it was Aristotle who said, "You are truly living when you become active in the local political process."

After growing up on a farm in Decatur Township where I had a 45-minute bus ride to and from school; living in a neighborhood where my children walked



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MSF HANDY REFERENCE GUIDE WINTER 2011

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MSF Board of Directors 2010 – 2011

MSF Board Meetings:
2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM
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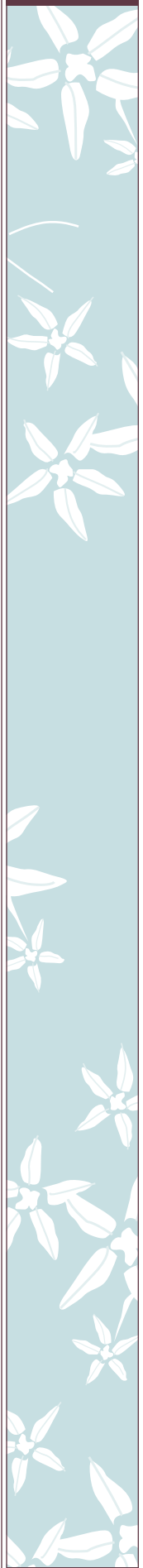
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MANY CONCERNS ABOUT FLOODWALL PHASE 3 YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED BY APRIL 4!

It is important that all MSF residents be informed and take action regarding the next phase of the Army Corps of Engineers Floodwall Project.

Recently, residents became aware of plans approved many years ago to construct a wall (up to 6 feet high) along the south side of the canal on Westfield Boulevard, between the Riviera Club and Michigan Rd.; clearing trees and in one location gating the Central Canal. BTNA has posted more information for your review at www.butlertarkington.org.

The comment period, thanks to strong neighborhood leadership, has been extended until April 4, 2011. Please visit the website and make sure your voice gets heard.

Below are some of the major concerns the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association and president Neil Bloede have compiled regarding

the proposed floodwall along Westfield Boulevard. (More are listed on the website.)

1) The current plan fails to protect those at the greatest risk of flooding. Rocky Ripple residents have expressed a desire for flood protection. In order to protect the greatest number of residents, the levee should be constructed along the White River. A comprehensive flood protection plan must be put in place to protect Rocky Ripple.

2) In the event of a flood, the current plan will expose the Central Canal to flood waters and destroy and pollute Indianapolis' drinking water supply.

3) The floodwall will require the clearing of hundreds of trees and destroy the park-like setting along this portion of the canal.

4) A wall, as high as 6 ft in some

sections, will prohibit or limit access to the canal for use and enjoyment by the community.

Please consider incorporating these concerns and others into your submission of public comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by March 4th. Written comments may be mailed to:

Wm. Michael Turner CELRL-PM-P-E (Room 708) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059.

You may also submit comments via email to michael.turner@usace.army.mil or by phone at (502) 315-6900.

Please feel free to email Mayor Greg Ballard, Congressman Andre Carson, and other local representatives about your stance on the matter.



SUPPORT ALICE CARTER PLACE — BUY A BRICK PAVER OR BENCH



HARMONI

Dear Midtown Resident,

We need your help to fund the first phase of Alice Carter Place. We have received a \$50,000 grant from the Central Indiana Community Foundation, but still need to raise \$50,000 to complete the sidewalks, some initial tree maintenance, and the Point Gateway Sculpture Plaza.

Alice Carter Place will become an inspiring place for passive recreation, quiet reflection and community gathering while providing walking and bicycling connectivity to and from the surrounding neighborhoods.

We will begin work shortly but wanted to give one last chance to create a lasting memorial of your family name, a loved one, or a community group with an engraved brick to be placed in the Sculpture Plaza or a bench along the meandering path. Following are the options:

4" x 8" brick \$150 each 8" x 8" brick \$350 each Park Bench \$2,000 each

Please send the completed enclosed form and your gift to HARMONI at:

c/o Central Indiana Community Foundation, 615 N. Alabama, Suite 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.indyharmoni.org

Thanks for your generosity!
Sincerely yours,

Cindy Zweber-Free
317-727-7215 (cell)



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Yes, I want to support the Alice Carter Place project with a Donation

Please send the completed form with your contribution to the HARMONI office, c/o the Central Indiana Community Foundation, 615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Name _____
(please print in all caps for clarity)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Brick Size or Bench with Donor Plaque (Check One):

___ 4"x 8"- \$150 3 lines max.20 characters max. per line \$ _____

___ 8"x 8"- \$350 6 lines max.20 characters max. per line
(including spaces and punctuation). \$ _____

___ Park Bench - \$2,000 3 lines max.20 characters max. per line
(including spaces and punctuation). \$ _____

___ Additional Donation towards project \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed *(Payable to HARMONI, Inc.)* \$ _____

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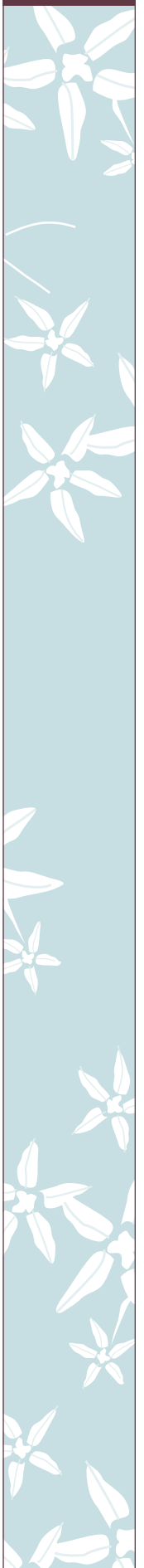
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REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP



by G.B. Landrigan, Realtor

	Meridian	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Cross-Streets
Num. of Homes For Sale	8	2	4	6
Median List Price	967,362	604,900	275,147	425,933
Pending Sales	0	0	0	2
Closed Sales	1	0	0	0
Median Sales Price	649,900	0	0	0

Due to publishing deadlines, the reader of this article will undoubtedly be enjoying the comparative warmth that spring brings to those who are patient. Forgotten will be the snow and week-long Ice Festival that consumed a writer's time in early February.

Although the year is still too early to allow for prognostications, many MSF area Realtors are generally optimistic as they see sales prices

beginning to firm and the inventory drop. Other areas in Central Indiana have not fared as well, with several experiencing absorption rates of 15 months or more. Buyers have long sought the architectural quality and "rootedness" of the neighborhood. Over the past several years, however, the "walkability" to the shops, restaurants, and green space of the general MSF area has become one of the most-requested "must-haves"

of many buyers. As this article is being written amidst weather-related vehicular immobility, the ability to walk to such things is something to be prized, indeed.

All statistics are gleaned from the files of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors. All information in thought to be correct but is not guaranteed.

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One Block West of 56th & Meridian

Semis on Meridian? Take action now:

Fed up with large trucks barreling down Meridian? Let's work together. Here is what we ALL need to do:

Put the City Traffic Services phone number in your cell phone. It is 317 327-6525. Call the number now and also the next time you see a semi on Meridian. If you can catch a license, that is just a bonus.

Calls generate action. So....please do this now!

Here is a link to the website, which is another way to issue your complaint, <http://indygov.org/eGov/City/DPS/IMPD/Enforcement/Traffic/Pages/home.aspx>

For other action items, the Mayor's Action Center is 317 327-4622. It's also a good one to have in your cell phone — for complaints about potholes, etc. You can also use the MAC at indygov.org.

Let's all participate more with this!



UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER EGG "STUFFING" PARTY

Monday, April 18, 6:00PM

4343 N. Meridian Street

The Easter Egg Hunt Committee would like to invite you to help the Easter Bunny fill the Easter Eggs with candy. Plan on pizza and ice cream treats. Please bring 2 bags of individually wrapped candy that would fit in a plastic Easter Egg. This is a great way to meet neighbors; everyone welcome! Please RSVP to Elaine Klein at garden006@aol.com so we can have enough food and know how much candy is coming.

EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, April 23, 12:00PM

4343 N. Meridian Street

Help the Easter Bunny "lay" the eggs carefully on the lawn on Saturday, April 23rd 12:00 noon at 4343 North Meridian. Also if you would like to help with other activities during this event, registration, face painting (no experience necessary), etc. please contact Elaine Klein at garden006@aol.com or 283-1835.

MIDTOWN SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 27, 5:30PM

Indianapolis Art Center, E. 65th Street

"Envisioning Midtown", Come find out more, provide feedback and join the process! This is an important update meeting, with lots of visuals, open for all Midtown residents.

ORCHARD IN BLOOM GARDEN SHOW

Friday April 29th - Sunday May 1

Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road

Get inspired at the 22nd annual Orchard In Bloom Garden Show! This nationally recognized garden show runs Friday & Saturday, 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Sunday from 12pm - 5pm. Rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale or \$12 at the gate. Single and group tickets can be purchased prior to the show by emailing Deb Mattingly at dmattingly@orchard.org or by calling 713-5720.

ST. MAGARET'S GUILD DECORATOR'S SHOW HOUSE

Saturday, April 30 - Sunday, May 15

4310 N. Meridian Street

Daily public tours are available Tuesday - Sunday from 11:00am - 6:00pm. Parking is available on city streets near the tour home. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

CHOW DOWN IN MIDTOWN

Monday June 6 - Thursday June 16

You can be happily anticipating 10 special days in June. **Chow Down Midtown** and many local Midtown restaurants will feature dinner specials in conjunction with *Midtown Loves Local* and the Indiana Restaurant Association. The promotion is intended to bring more tourists and visitors into Midtown and to help support our wonderful neighborhood restaurants.

ANNUAL MERIDIAN-KESSLER HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday June 18 - Sunday, June 19

Indianapolis Art Center, E. 65th Street

Don't miss the largest and longest running tour of vintage homes in Indiana! Located just 15 minutes from downtown Indianapolis, Meridian-Kessler is one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, with historic charm nestled among hundreds of well-maintained and recently restored homes.



MERIDIAN STREET MEMORIES

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to and from grade school and were able to come home for lunch each day was a real treat. As soon as all five of my kids were in school I became very active in their schools.

As they grew older I enrolled in Butler University for a masters degree in education. I ran for the Indiana Senate in 1980 and won with the majority of the votes coming from my own neighborhood.

Since I missed the Republican Slating Process, I ran with my own organization, coming from the many volunteer groups of which I had been involved. My own ward chair resigned her position, as did my precinct committeemen to help organize the Blankenbaker campaign. Blankenbaker signs appeared in Democratic yards and Republican yards and in nearly every yard on Meridian

Street. There were young people, senior citizens along with CEO's handing out my campaign literature. Richard brought the kids home from college to help walk the neighborhoods. The night of the election was one of the most fun times of my life when people came from everywhere to our back yard to hear the election results—we won!



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A tradition dating back to the 1950's when the Governor of Indiana sponsored an
Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn at 4343

3:00 pm, Saturday, April 23, 2011
Preschool and elementary children
On the lawn of the Old Governor's Mansion
4343 North Meridian Street

Bring your own basket & camera for photos with the Easter Bunny

\$3.00/child donation at the door-Space Limited!

Parking on East side of Meridian

RSVP required no later than April 21
RSVP at www.meridianstreetfoundation.net (preferred)
or leave voicemail message at 608-3351

Rain or Shine or Snow

The Meridian Street Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) foundation originally organized in 1960. The Foundation's chief purposes are the maintenance and improvement of existing health, safety and ecological standards, and the preservation of the architectural, historic and aesthetic significance of residential North Meridian Street and the neighborhood in which it lies. Please Note: You live in the North Meridian Street Preservation Area (primary or secondary), governed by the Meridian Street Preservation Act of 1971, administered by the Meridian Street Preservation Commission. Before undertaking any changes in structure or usage of your property, please check with either the MSPC or the Land Use Committee of the Meridian Street Foundation.