



# Millersville Monthly

A community spotlight from  
Millersville at Fall Creek Valley

## *Millersville Musings*

*A note from Board President Dr. Amy Hammes*

### Hi, neighbor!

We have one very important thing in common – Millersville is our home. In fact, many families have called it home for more than 180 years. But how long have you known you live in Millersville? We're working to change that. Whether it's bringing nature-focused non-profits to our greenspaces (see the upcoming workshop below) or our years-long uphill battle to get signage in our community, we aim to increase our visibility to you and the entire city.

Why? **Because Millersville is awesome.** Not convinced? Our area is older than the city of Indianapolis – [that's a lot of history!](#) Our urban forestry along the beautiful, meandering Fall Creek and Fall Creek Trail [is rare in the City](#). Bald eagles, [who were once on the endangered species list](#), call Millersville home. That's right, our area provided the natural resources necessary to rescue these majestic and meaningful creatures! Furthermore, our Millersville Village is bustling with [so many local businesses](#) available for a variety of needs. Don't miss all of the new ones we welcomed this past year below - in the midst of a pandemic, no less!



Our Millersville volunteers know how special our community is and we want to spread the word. Please consider sharing this newsletter with your neighbors. Whether you're out exploring the Fall Creek Greenway, patronizing one of our small businesses, or browsing through [our website for more information](#), we invite you to discover Millersville.

# Millersville...Always Beautiful.



## *Millersville at Fall Creek Valley* ***thanks our 2019, 2020 & 2021 Contributors!***

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### **Neighborhood Associations: \$3,250.00**

Boardwalk Homeowners Association: \$500/2019; \$250/2020  
Brendonwood Common: \$1,000/2020  
Mallard Lake Community Association: \$500/2019; \$500/2020  
Windridge Co-Owners Association: \$500/2019

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### **Individuals: \$3,525.00**

Eric & Catherine Allen	Tom Eggers	Julie Houston
Michele Batt	Joan Fitzgibbon	Theresa Rohr Kirchgraber
Katherine Benedict	Diane & Keith Gardner	Peter & Elizabeth Morse
Julie & Robert Benson	Melinda Hall	Sallie Rowland
Matt & Mollie Benson	Amy Hammes	Greg & Carol Stephens
Catharine Diehr	Bruce Hlodnicki /	Andrew Stone
Kate Dydo	Timothy Britton	

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### **Individuals for the Gateway and Village Signage Projects: \$7,800**

Katherine Benedict  
Catharine Diehr  
Tom Eggers  
Melinda Hall

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### **Businesses, for the Village Signage Project: \$1,250.00**

Khalsa Khalsa LLC: \$1,000  
Huser Special Care: \$250

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### **Grantors: \$12,500.00**

Gateway Project: Central Indiana Community Foundation: \$10,000  
Village Signage Project: Reconnecting to Our Waterways: \$2,500

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### **Program Sponsors: \$1,685.00**

Anti-litter & Beautification: Keep Indianapolis Beautiful: \$560  
Communications/Constant Contact: Amy Schau Hammes: \$495  
Kim Robertson: \$630

# Millersville Matters

## RECORD TURNOUT FOR THE GREAT MILLERSVILLE CLEANUP

We had nearly 35 volunteers of all ages attend our annual spring cleanup on April 17. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

Special thanks to Matt Benson and Phyllis Starks for organizing the event; Mollie Benson and Amy Hammes for communications; Starbucks for the donated coffee; building owner John Zubak for the gathering space and disposing of the trash bags; [Keep Indianapolis Beautiful](#) for the supplies; and [State Rep. Carey Hamilton](#) for supporting us.

[Take a peek](#) at some of these great pictures and find a list of volunteers from the day. You might spot someone you know!

## CLEAR PATH 465 PROJECT ADVANCEMENT

The Clear Path 465 project is advancing. "On January 15, 2021, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Clear Path 465 project. The FHWA has determined that this project, as identified in the Environmental Assessment and supplemental project information, will have no significant impact on the natural and human environment."

[Click here for more information on the Clear Path 465 Project.](#)



## IPS ROBERT FROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BROOKE'S PLACE PARTNERSHIP



In February 2020 we hosted an informational breakfast for the teachers and administrators at IPS Robert Frost with [Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People \(BP\)](#). Patience Calvert, Learning Behavior Support staff, called recently to let us know that **they've successfully started an 8-week grief-focused peer support group through Brooke's Place with seven of their students.** Ms. Calvert completed a 16-hour facilitator training in April through Brooke's Place so she can continue supporting her students who are grieving. We're so happy this

connection was made!

*"Use your vision and voice. Our students just want teachers to hear and see them," says Patience Calvert.*

## CAN WE PICK YOUR BRAIN ABOUT WEBSITE MIGRATION?

We're looking for a Millersville neighbor or someone you know who has experience **managing an existing website migration** to a new platform and host—who would be willing to donate an hour or two of time on the phone to educate and advise on the process and options. Email our website editor, Mollie Benson, at [mollie\\_benson@yahoo.com](mailto:mollie_benson@yahoo.com) if you can help. Thanks in advance!



## Upcoming Events

### TUESDAY, MAY 11 at 1:00 PM: PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIANCE REQUEST



MFCV would like to make you aware of a **Public Hearing of the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals** scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, at 1:00 pm at the City-County building, regarding the **Noah's Animal Hospital** property at 5510 Millersville Road.

The owner of Noah's Animal Hospital proposes adding a 1,307 sq. ft. temporary (two years) modular building on his property, which would require a variance from the zoning ordinance standards for transitional setbacks. A 20-ft distance is required between the proposed new building and the adjacent residential property to the south, but the proposed Site Plan provides for three feet. The building will be used by the current owner for the overflow of patient care from Noah's Animal Hospital, as described in the Variance Petition. [More information and documents can be found on our website.](#)

### SATURDAY, MAY 15 at 10:00 AM: STREAM STEWARD WORKSHOP

Join staff from the **Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of the White River**, and neighborhood representatives from **Millersville at Fall Creek Valley, Inc.** for a Stream Steward Workshop to learn how to become a more responsible Fall Creek community member! The workshop will be held at a beautiful spot on Fall Creek and will highlight several facets of streambank management including the following topics:

- *Keeping trash out of our waterways*
- *Invasive plant identification and treatment options*
- *Sediment and erosion control strategies*
- *Native plant and live stake installation options*

The program is funded with the generous support of the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and its Partners for the White River efforts involving more than a dozen organizations, working towards enhancement of the waterway.



Don't miss your chance to [REGISTER](#). The workshop will be limited to the first 25 participants and will follow masking guidelines.



## SATURDAY, MAY 15 AT 10:30 AM: QUICK-HITTER LITTER CLEANUP

Couldn't make it to our Great Millersville Cleanup last month? The trash never quits, so neither do we! **Meet us on the front steps of the Champagne & White building** and we'll have trash bags and gloves!

[Find more information on our website!](#)



## SUNDAY, MAY 16 at 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM: AN EVENING IN LADYWOOD

### Concert on the Hill

*Presented by Ladywood Estates*

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**5:00 PM** *rain date is May 23, 2021*

**Enjoy music performed by:**

Harpist Melissa Gallant

Leonid Sirotkin with Indy Ensemble

**Featured composers:**

William Grant Still, Valerie Coleman, Brandee Younger,  
Malcolm Arnold and more!

**Food Vendors**

**4:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Bring your own chairs, or blankets for seating in the concert area. Food vendors are provided as a convenience, and food purchase is not required for attendance. Guests are asked to park in the church lot at the north end of Ladywood Drive.

Please observe Marion County Public Health Guidelines by wearing masks and maintaining physical distances. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided. Stay home if you are sick, or are experiencing the following symptoms; cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain or sore throat. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death.



*This program is made possible by the Public Art for Neighborhoods Community Connections Grant Program which is administered by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and funded by the City of Indianapolis.*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 22 at 9:00 AM:  
SPRING FLOWER PLANTING**

No green thumb required! We would love to have you out to **help us plant and water flowers** in our Gateway Median Gardens. We need 10-12 volunteers. RSVP to Matt Benson, Beautification Chair, at [matt0benson@gmail.com](mailto:matt0benson@gmail.com)

Meet at the limestone Art Plaza at the Preserve behind Walmart along Fall Creek Trail. Masking guidelines followed for outdoor activity.



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## Millersville Village Business District

### **BUSINESSES STEPPING UP TO FIGHT LITTER**

We see you, Walmart, and other businesses in the Village, when you send out your employees to pick up trash on your property. Neighbor volunteers alone cannot solve the litter issue in our community, but with YOUR HELP we can make an even bigger difference! Pictured right, Dana, is often seen in the Walmart parking lot picking up litter - THANK YOU!



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## **WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES 2020/2021**

[Children Express Care Clinic \(Child Medical Care Clinic\)](#)

5435 Emerson Way Suite 110

[Positive Energy Health Center](#)

5023 E 56th St Suite 130  
Health & Urgent Care; Exams

[Stepping Stone Therapy Center](#)

4954 E 56th St Suite 4  
Behavioral Health Services

Compassionate Senior Care  
5023 E 56th St Suite 210  
In Home Services

[Great Care Home Health](#)

5435 Emerson Way Suite 402  
In Home Medical/Hospice Care

[I Mean Business Laboratory](#)  
5435 Emerson Way Suite 220  
Medical Laboratory

Hair and Beauty Extensions  
4054 E 56th St Suite 9

[Pynk Monky](#)  
5435 Emerson Way Suite 210  
Sculpt, Wax, Skin Care

ENA Boutique  
5435 Emerson Way Suite 210

Sheer Beauty  
5435 Emerson Way Suite 345

[Heritage to Legacy Barbershop](#)  
5496 Emerson Way

[Faith Healthcare Training Center](#)  
5435 Emerson Way Suite 225  
Nurses Aid Training

Seeds of Life  
4954 E. 56th St Suite 12  
Foster Care & In Home Services

[Experience, Strength, Hope](#)  
4954 E 56th St Suite 8  
Community Behavioral Health

[HED Cleaning Management](#)  
4954 E 56th St Suite 5  
Janitorial Services

[Hug A Bear Early Learning Child Care Center, LLC](#)  
4905 E 56th St  
Day Care Center

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## HOW WE ADDRESS CRIME

Crime happens, but we are fortunate that our community sees little of it. However, when it does happen, we check in on our businesses and partner with IMPD to increase police patrols in the area. We appreciate our partnership with and the responsiveness of [IMPD North District!](#) [Follow them on Facebook here.](#) (Photo: IMPD)



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Are you a business owner interested in learning more from IMPD on how to keep your business and customers safe? [Email us](#) to participate in an info session.

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# THANK YOU for SHOPPING LOCALLY

Look no further than our updated [Millersville Village Business Directory](#) for goods and services right here in our community! We are grateful for the ways in which our Millersville businesses have adapted to the modifications necessary to remain open through this long and difficult time.

## City Resources

### Need to contact your city resources?

Bookmark our [City Resources webpage](#), where you can find contact information for the Mayor's Action Center and our City County Councilors. Don't miss the latest neighborhood [news](#) from one of our Mayor's Advocates, Natalie van Dongen.



### Got a few minutes during your next HOA meeting?

Big thanks to **Boardwalk** and the **Masonic Lodge** for inviting us to speak at their events. Amy would love to attend your next HOA or neighborhood meeting, either in person or virtually, to tell you about all the great things we're up to in the community! Email [millersvilleboard@gmail.com](mailto:millersvilleboard@gmail.com) to set up a date.



We'd love to have you on our team! Check out [these volunteer opportunities](#) to make a difference in our community. Don't have time to volunteer? Your [donation](#) helps us support our shared community.

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