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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Zombie flick filmed in local park debuts today

Three years ago, a group of local filmmakers gathered 300 people at a Greenwood park to shoot a zombie movie.

Setbacks, including lost footage, injuries on set and the death of one of the stars delayed the release of the film until now.

"Hell Walks the Earth 2" will be released today at the annual HorrorHound Weekend in Indianapolis. Though the filmmakers questioned whether it would ever be finished, they wanted everyone who participated in the making to have a chance to see it, co-producer Dan Head said.

"We kind of half-jokingly said this film was cursed. But you kind of wonder sometimes," he said.

"Hell Walks the Earth 2" was filmed over the course of a summer in 2009. Producers used locations in Franklin, Greenwood and Indianapolis, and asked area horror fans to star as zombie extras.

The climactic scenes were shot on two successive weekends, when the filmmakers gathered 340 people, covered them in fake blood and movie-make-up rotting flesh, and set them loose in Greenwood's Westside Park.

"We had people walking down the street, in their full zombie makeup to the park. Here were all these zombies marching down the street," co-producer and Greenwood resident Larry Jones Jr. said.

The movie will be on sale through Sunday during the convention, at the Marriott Indianapolis East, 7202 E. 21st St. The filmmakers also will be selling it for \$6 to those in the movie, or \$10 for everyone else. Admission to the convention is \$20 per day, or \$45 for the weekend.

Producers also are scheduling screening dates in the Indianapolis area. Future showings can be found at the "Hell Walks the Earth 2" Facebook page.

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City eyes smoke ban expansion

Parks, city property included in proposal; no pass for festivals, special events

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Smokers soon won't be allowed to light up in Greenwood parks or on any city property, such as in the parking lots outside city hall. Greenwood plans to join Carmel, Fishers, Westfield and a few other Indiana cities that don't let people smoke in their parks.

Nor will festivals or special

events conducted in the parks get a pass. The Greenwood City Council decided not to make exceptions for festivals or concerts as had been previously discussed.

The council voted unanimously Monday to ban smoking in parks and all city property. People already weren't allowed to smoke in city

buildings but now won't be able to light up outside in the parking lot as well, city attorney Krista Taggart said.

A few dozen people raised their hands when asked who attended the meeting just for the smoking ban, and several residents thanked the council after it gave preliminary approval to the ban. Four residents, including two doctors, urged the council to approve it and expressed concerns about the

health effects of secondhand smoke.

"If we're trying to attract people to our wonderful community and get them to come to festivals, a community smoking ordinance makes sense," said resident Jane Adcock, who lost her husband to emphysema. "I'm no longer a smoker, and I get terrible headaches when I walk through smoke. What are we saying about health and wellness when we allow smok-

ing at these festivals?" No one at the meeting spoke against the proposal.

Greenwood's ban would apply to any city-owned property but not to trails or sidewalks, Taggart said. She said she still needed to research whether smoking would be allowed on city streets.

People could smoke in their cars while driving on city streets,

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LINKS FOR SALE?

Hillview owners sue former management firm

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The owners of a Franklin golf course and club are looking to sell after struggling in the sluggish economy and suing the former management company.

A group of more than 20 members who own shares in Hillview Country Club is discussing selling the private course and club to a company that would take over managing and running the golf course, club and pool, said Fred Paris, who is a shareholder.

The sale is being discussed after the golf course and club ran into financial struggles due to the sluggish economy, an issue golf courses across the country have faced as people cut back on golfing to save money, Paris said.

But Hillview Country Club also was losing money and ended a contract with an Ohio-based management company, Paris said.

According to a lawsuit the club filed, the management company, Tartan Golf and Management Co., took money not yet owed to them and did not pay utility



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Hillview Country Club in Franklin, above and top, could be up for sale after the company that manages the property was ordered to repay \$300,000 that it said it does not have.

billing, taxes and insurance. A judge ordered the company to pay Hillview more than \$314,000 that officials said was owed.

Tartan president Steve Renaker said the company did not take any money not owed to them.

"It really put a pinch on Hillview to lose that kind of money, especially with

what all courses are facing in the economy," Paris said.

In a hearing last week, officials at the club found out that the management company doesn't have the money to pay what the court ordered, said Jeff Eggers, an attorney hired by Hillview.

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ABOUT HILLVIEW

What: Hillview Country Club
Opened: 1926

Includes: 18-hole golf course, pool, clubhouse with dining hall and banquet rooms

Who: Private club with about 300 members, owned by more than 20 shareholders

Location: 1800 E. King St., Franklin, off State Road 44, west of Interstate 65

Franklin grad serves on Democratic convention panel

THE PERKINS FILE

Name: Kevin Perkins
Age: 52

Current residence: Iowa

Where he's from: Franklin, graduated from Franklin Community High School

What he's doing: Serving on the rules committee at the Democratic National Convention

What's that mean?: He's one of 186 people who answer questions about and decide on changes to rules and policies at the convention.



SUBMITTED

Vice President Joe Biden, left, takes a minute to greet Franklin Community High School graduate Kevin Perkins on Thursday during the Democratic National Convention.

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A Franklin Community High School graduate watched firsthand as President Barack Obama accepted the renomination Thursday at the Democratic National Convention.

Kevin Perkins has spent the past nine years in Iowa supporting the president and met the Obamas during a campaign stop last month. Earlier this year, the Obama campaign asked Perkins if he would represent Iowa on the convention's rules committee, marking his first trip to the convention.

"It was great, it was a great opportunity, and I look forward to meeting them again at some point."

Kevin Perkins, Franklin Community High School graduate
On meeting President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden

He had always wanted to go to the convention, but because he used to coach football he never had the chance to make the trip.

As a member of the rules committee, Perkins was one of 186 people, representing all 50 states, who

answered questions about and approved changes for convention rules. If the convention wanted to change any of its rules or procedures during the week, they had to be approved by the committee, he said.

Perkins grew up in Franklin and moved to Iowa in 2003. The 52-year-old small-business owner has been a part of a grass-roots effort supporting Obama's campaign for several years.

Earlier this year, Perkins spoke before a speech given by Vice President Joe Biden in Davenport,

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Council names panel member

Board to discuss pool proposal

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A Greenwood City Council member is joining a city board a week before it will consider whether to pay for a \$10 million aquatic center and replaces a member who asked questions about the proposal.



CAMPBELL

The council voted Monday to appoint council member Mike Campbell to the redevelopment commission. He'll replace Lee Money, who resigned after he said council members expressed concerns about how he questioned a proposal for how to pay for a new pool.

Council members said they wanted more say over the redevelopment commission, which decides how to spend \$7 million in property tax income a year. They also questioned whether Money should have been replaced and if a resident should be appointed instead of a council member to fill the vacancy after all the talk about more public involvement.

Money has said the project needed scrutiny and a lot of public involvement. He resigned a week later after hearing concerns from council members and deciding he didn't want to be seen as a distraction or hindrance to the project. Council president Bruce Armstrong said he tried to get Money reappointed to a position he held for 15 years but didn't have the votes to get him back on the board.

Council member Ron Bates said Money shouldn't have been removed because it raises the question of whether the pool project is being fairly considered or if the city would do anything to anyone to get it passed.

He also said the city should have considered appointing a resident to replace Money, since there's been a push to get more people involved in city government and it was an opportunity for a resident to serve.

The council briefly discussed

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