

VVHOA 853 Granada Dr. Greenwood, IN 46143

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January 2017 Newsletter

2016 GREEN THUMB AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all the homes that were nominated for the Green Thumb award! The winners were:



1st place - Matt & Kathy (940 Carmen Ct) 2nd place - Chris & Beth (995 Rio Vista)

SMITH VALLEY/MADISON ROUNDABOUT

Construction is planned for 2018 on the new roundabout at Smith Valley Rd and Madison Ave. See City of Greenwood website for more information. http://www.greenwood.in.gov/topic/blocks.php?topicid=213

SMITH VALLEY 4-LANE PROJECT

There is a proposal to widen Smith Valley Rd to 4 lanes from Grassy Creek Ln to Madison Ave which includes replacing the railroad bridge. The City of Greenwood has submitted the proposal to the Indianapolis Metro Planning Organization (MPO) as a first step in federal funding. The HOA plans to request:

- 1. Safe left turns from Valle Vista to Smith Valley
- 2. Safe pedestrian access across Smith Valley
- 3. Minimize increased noise plans
- 4. Water run-off remediation plans

Residents with thoughts on the project who want to help are encouraged to contact us. Everyone should watch for public meetings on the project and participate. Look for meetings at the Greenwood City Council and Indianapolis MPO.

CITY OF GREENWOOD SEWAGE RATE INCREASE

The City of Greenwood will incrementally increase 2017 - 2020 sewer rates by 13%, 11%, 10% and 8% for average users. Per city ordinance, a \$100 credit is offered, with professional certification, if your property's stormwater does not enter the sanitation sewer. Call 317-865-8238 for more info.

CLEAN AROUND STREET

Please be sure to clear snow and debris away from fire hydrants and storm drain inlets for safety and to help slow damage to our streets.

RECYCLING GUIDELINE

Here are some recycling tips: **Plastics**:

- #1 7 okay
- No bottle caps (milk, water, soda, etc) *
- Prefer no plastic rings on neck of bottles, but not critical to remove
- No toy packaging (clear plastic type), plastic toys, or coat hangers
- Rinse any food/drink containers

Glass: Any color, but no drinking glasses, bulbs or window panes

Steel food cans: Rinse & remove label Aluminum/Bi-metal beverage cans: Crush Aluminum foil: OK

Newspaper, Catalogs, Phone Books, Magazine,

Brown bags, Junk mail, etc: ALL paper okay Plastic bags: No (many stores will accept bags) Styrofoam: No

Cardboard: Open ends & flatten. With new wheeled recycling carts, the cardboard will need to fit within the container. All cardboard okay (i.e. cereal boxes, cake mix, crackers, rinsed Starbucks cups, etc), except boxes soiled with food, like pizza

Please do NOT put diapers in recycling.

If you still need a new recycling bin, or have other questions, please contact Best Way at 855-657-3800 or http://www.bestway-disposal.com/contact/

* If you want to recycle plastic caps and lids from various containers (bottles, condiments, laundry soap, peanut butter), our neighbor Donna collects them for the USO. She will gladly pick them up from you. Contact her at 317-698-9772.

Recycling will only be collected using the new large bins every other week. Upcoming pickup days are Jan 25, Feb 8 & 22, March 8 & 22 and April 5 & 19.

HEAVY TRASH PICKUP

Heavy trash is collected the last full week of the month.



NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The HOA is sponsoring a neighborhood garage sale the weekend of **May 19 and 20, 2017** from 8 am - 4 pm. Ads will be placed in the Daily Journal and on Craigslist, and our new signs will be placed at Smith Valley and Sheek Rd entrances. This event benefits everyone, so please consider joining the HOA to help cover the costs.

NEXTDOOR VALLE VISTA

Have you signed up for Nextdoor yet? Get safety updates and stay in-the-know on what is happening in our area. Various settings allow you to pick how often you receive notices and what neighborhood posts you see. While not technically part of the VVHOA, we encourage use of this tool for timely information exchange. Sign up at https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com

REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

If you notice street lights out near your home, please contact Duke Energy at 800-521-2232 or go to <u>https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair-indiana/map-in</u> and click on the light bulb that is out near you.

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HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS are typically held at Denny's Restaurant on Main Street the **third Thursday of each month at 7 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend! Because of unforeseen circumstances, we sometimes move the date, so please contact a board member to be sure we are still meeting on our scheduled day if you'd like to attend.

WANT FREE GOURMET COOKIES?

As a "thank you" for reading this newsletter, please call, text or e-mail your name and street address to either 317-997-9911 or <u>treasurer@vallevistahoa.org</u> by Jan 29 to be entered into a drawing for a 4-pack of delicious gourmet cookies by The Stacked Cookie. Three winners will be selected and notified on Jan 30.

WATCH YOUR MAIL (THEFT?)

It's been reported on Nextdoor that a neighbor saw someone taking people's mail around 7 pm on January 11th in the Valley Oaks area. Please be sure to get your mail as promptly as possible and report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

2017 DISCOUNT CARDS

The new discount cards are in with a few new businesses, including **Firehouse Subs**, **The Rosebird Medical Massage & Therapeutics for Women** and **We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym**. Join the HOA now to save all year!