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GREENWOOD CITY CODES - With more people working from home and spending time walking / biking / onewheeling around the neighborhood, the board has received an increased number of complaints regarding potential code violations. We wanted to start by reviewing a few key facts about the Valle Vista HOA:

- The VVHOA is a voluntary organization. Homeowners and renters can choose to join for \$25 each year.
- If you choose to join, you are not adding any additional restrictions or guidelines to your property. Anyone who lives in our neighborhood (member or not) must adhere to the Greenwood City Codes which are created and enforced by the city. The VVHOA cannot assess fines or reprimand homeowners for violations of city codes.
- Joining the HOA does not impact your ability to sell your home. If you are a current HOA member, your membership automatically passes to the new homeowner for the remainder of the year and they can choose whether to join or not in subsequent years.
- All 365 homes in the neighborhood may join the voluntary VVHOA annually. However, if you live on the lake, you also have a mandatory lake HOA which is separate from the VVHOA.

We know HOAs can be a source of frustration and many people view them in a negative light, but our organization is different since it is voluntary. We do not impose restrictions or enforce membership.

VIOLATIONS - Complaints we have received covered RVs, trailers, fences & sheds in disrepair and trash. Here are some quick summaries of the codes, but for more detailed information or to report a code violation, please go to www.greenwood.in.gov and click on Government to select City Departments. The Code Enforcement Department is the 2nd department listed. A direct link is on the VVHOA website.

RVs, boats, trailers, campers - If not over 18' long, 8' wide and 6' high, it can be parked in your driveway. If over 18' but under 32' long and under 8' wide, it must be parked behind the front line of your home. Also, it must be parked on concrete, asphalt or landscape pavers (not on grass) that encompass the entire length and width of the vehicle.

Fences and paint on dwellings - All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences shall be maintained in good condition. Peeling, flaking, and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. Fences shall be maintained in good repair and condition, constructed of durable and uniform materials, and properly treated for the elements.

Trash - All exterior property and premises shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish and garbage.

Before reporting - If you find what appears to be a code violation, please consider discussing with the homeowner, if possible, or even leaving them a note to see if they are aware of the issue. You never know what is happening in someone's life that might explain why their grass is over 12" or a large RV is parked in their driveway for an extended period of time. If you know someone is struggling physically or needs assistance during a challenging time, please consider offering to help or notify the board so we can try to find available aid for them. Just like we have all heard many times recently, we are all in this together!

Do you want to change / modify the Greenwood city code? - You might not be the only person who does not agree with the code as it is written. Contact your city council representative to discuss the current code and see if they have any insight on the reason behind the code being the way it is. Ask about possible changes and see if they are willing to push for the change you want. Contact our city council representatives below:

Mike Williams 317-869-6272 cell williamsm@greenwood.in.gov
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NEXTDOOR VALLE VISTA

Have you checked out Nextdoor? Get safety updates and stay in-the-know on what is happening in our area by joining. Various settings allow you to pick how often you receive notifications and what surrounding neighborhood posts you see. While not technically part of the VVHOA, we encourage the use of this free tool.

Sign up at <https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com> and get the app.

SLLLLOOOWWW DOOOOWWWWNNNNN Please remember that the speed limit in our neighborhood is 25 mph. Be considerate of those walking or riding on the streets and make your neighbors smile when you drive by. We want to keep everyone safe and avoid unnecessary accidents.



2021 DISCOUNT CARDS: We are currently contacting businesses for our 2021 Discount card for HOA members. If you have business suggestions or have a connection to an owner or manager that might be interested, shoot us an e-mail.

JOIN VVHOA NOW FOR 2021 - NEW MEMBERS GET THE REST OF 2020 FREE

For those who have not joined the VVHOA for 2020, we have a great offer for you!

Join now for 2021 and the remainder of 2020 is included in your membership.

We will send you the current 2020 Discount Cards to use for the rest of this year, then mail you the new 2021 cards to use next year once we receive them. Our goal is to mail them out no later than the first week of January.

If you are already a member, you can pay now for 2021 to receive next year's discount cards as soon as they are available, too.

Membership forms are enclosed. You can also join online and pay via PayPal if you prefer.



VVHOA MONTHLY MEETINGS are currently the **FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7 pm**. With COVID-19, we have been meeting outside in board member driveways for the past few months. We hope to be outside for our October meeting, then will be back at Denny's in their back room. Everyone is welcome to attend! Contact the board to verify date and location if you would like to attend.



SCAVENGER HUNT Mark your calendar for a fun neighborhood scavenger hunt **Oct 3 - 4, 2020**. This is a great family-friendly activity for people of all ages. The list of items for you to hunt down will be posted on the HOA website by **8 am on Oct 3rd** along with instructions on how to submit your answers (addresses where you see the items). Everything on the list can be seen from the street, so no need to worry about people wandering around on your property. Anyone can participate, but **only HOA members are able to win prizes**.

The top 3 winners will receive gift cards to local businesses, so if you would like a chance to win and have not joined, you can sign up now for 2021 and get 2020 included.

Answers and new HOA membership forms / payments are both due by midnight EST on Oct 4.

INTERESTED IN HELPING? The VVHOA board would love to add new people to our group! Do you enjoy writing? We could use someone to help with the newsletters which we try to send out three times each year. Do you enjoy planning events, or would you like to coordinate activities for the neighborhood? Do you have some ideas you would like to share? Let us know if you are interested in getting involved to help keep the VVHOA going.

Vision Statement

We envision a community of neighbors dedicated to working together in public and private cooperation as members of a voluntary association. Together we hope to create a safe, caring, healthy, and prosperous community dedicated to enriching each other's quality of life while striving to increase property values. We envision a neighborhood that is considered by residents and non-residents alike to be a highly desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends, and community.