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## August 2018 Newsletter

### Unfortunately, CRIME HAPPENS....but what can YOU do to reduce the risk?

As a nearly 40-year-old voluntary group, the Valle Vista Home Owners Association (VVHOA) has our limitations, yet we encourage responsible connections among neighbors to keep an eye out for each other, our area's properties, pets and anyone else visiting our area.

- Get to know your neighbors & share contact info
- Check out VVHOA's website (<http://www.vallevistahoa.org>)
- Consider signing up on Nextdoor <https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com>

These options help connect our local and nearby areas to hopefully improve safety and keep people alerted to area happenings. Remember that knowledge is power!

A recent Greenwood police open-house promoted reporting ALL crimes, even minor, non-damaging ones. If ignored, they can lead to bigger ones if the police are not aware. In the past, VVHOA board has worked with the city & Duke Energy to add and upgrade existing lights for better and safer visibility. Please do your part in helping stop even minor crimes that are now occurring.

- Look around your house at night. Where are the dark areas a thief could hide? Think about improving your exterior with dusk-to-dawn lighting to make it less appealing or adding motion-activated lights in strategic spots if you prefer less constant light
- Consider security cameras with video storage
- Consider removing enticing items from and securing vehicles, securing sheds as best you can and closing garage doors if they do not need to be open

### Why join the VVHOA & pay the annual dues?

VVHOA coordinates and covers the cost for:

- Semi-annual Garage sales
- Plant swap
- Annual meetings with informational speakers
- New homeowner Welcome Baskets
- Green Thumb awards
- Educational seminars

The VVHOA has worked with the Greenwood City Council, Mayor, Fire, Police, Street and other departments to help keep Valle Vista as desirable, safe and appealing a neighborhood as possible.

Before the new roundabout east of US 31 on Smith Valley Rd (SVR) was started, did you ever have unsafe exit/entry situations on SVR? Do you think it will be less or more safe when done? Do you have new drivers learning to navigate with rush hour traffic? Are there things collectively we could do to improve the SVR exit/entry safety? Your membership and willingness to share your strengths may help make a big difference in our collective future as a friendly & well-maintained safe area.

Together, we can be stronger to deal with key issues, but we need you! VVHOA works to use membership dues for limited by-law approved actions: Discount card printing, Garage sale advertising, Administrative legal filing fees, Newsletter printing & mailing, etc. Board members are non-paid volunteers, who offer their time and efforts to support the neighborhood. Feel free to contact the board through the website or at the e-mails listed above. We want to hear from you!

**Not a 2018 VVHOA Member yet? If you JOIN NOW for 2019, you will get a FREE 2018 Discount Card, plus the 2019 Discount Card provided early next year. The 2018 Discount Card includes deals to:**

Aqua Systems  
 Fireside Brewhouse  
 Luca Pizza  
 Otte Golf Center  
 The Stacked Cookie  
 Valle Vista Golf Club

Brickhouse Coffee Co.  
 The Gathering Place  
 Main St. Grille  
 Sassafras  
 Sunny's Chicken  
 Yokohama Japanese

Denny's  
 Jack's Pizza  
 McCammon's Irish Market  
 Small Town Pizza & Sub Co.  
 TLC Salon

Firehouse Subs  
 Jiffy Lube  
 Mrs. Curl Ice Cream  
 Smallcakes  
 Two Fat Guys Ace Superstore

**GARAGE SALE** VVHOA's Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for **Sept 21 & 22** from **8 am to 4 pm**. Advertising signs will be posted at all three entrances the week of the sale. The VVHOA will pay for the Daily Journal advertisement and notices will be put on Nextdoor and Craigslist. Also, there will be postings on various Facebook garage sale pages. Happy selling!

**VVHOA MONTHLY MEETINGS** are currently held at Denny's Restaurant on Main Street the **first Tuesday 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.

**CRIME WEB MAP LOCATIONS** The board has learned the city will reinstate the posting of crimes by location on an online map to keep the public aware of area crimes. Again, please report all crimes, regardless of size, to assist the city in tracking these activities.



**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 specifically. 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 for timely information exchange. Sign up at <https://vallevista.nextdoor.com> or download the app to join.



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**ATTENTION – READ INSIDE!!**



**SHOUT OUT** We want to send a huge THANKS to the awesome neighbors on Barcelona near Sheek Road who selflessly took time to help clean up a neighbor's yard and give our east entrance an incredible makeover! It's wonderful people like this who make Valle Vista such a great place to live. We don't always know what's going on in people's lives, but a helping hand is always appreciated. Even if it's not your trash on the road, you can still pick it up and throw it away.

**PLEASE HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN TO LESSEN STREET DAMAGE & POSSIBLE FLOODING:** Leaves, trash and storm debris clog drains. The cleaner the drainage, the less street damage, reduced risk of flooding and our roads require less repair.

**BUSHES & TREES ON YOUR PROPERTY:** Please evaluate your trees and bushes along the roads to keep them trimmed back for walkers, bikers & vehicles. Do any branches block street signs or limit any lighting or visibility? Safety is everyone's responsibility. A little effort by each of us goes a long way to preventing unnecessary accidents or injuries. **If you need help with yardwork, please contact the VVHOA.** We have people willing to assist those in need....just ask!

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#### 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.