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# August 2017 Newsletter

## JOIN THE HOA .....BUT WHY?? WHAT DOES THE HOA DO?

Each year the board does its best to encourage neighbors to join the *voluntary* HOA for only \$25 per household. But what's the benefit of joining? One of the many benefits is the reusable discount card we've been providing for 4 years. When used repeatedly, you can save more than the cost of the yearly dues. AND, did you know the HOA board spends lots of time working to maintain the high standards of the Valle Vista subdivision? Through membership dues the HOA can continue working to increase your property investment.

Below is a list of successful projects the board has completed in conjunction with city and local government to improve Valle Vista:

- Worked with city & IURC to convert failing private sanitary sewer system to public & stabilizing rates
- Fought to remove expired sewer surcharge
- Spent 5 - 7 years working to get streets replaced
- Stopped adjacent subdivisions from connecting to our streets
- Fought to keep comparable home zoning in adjacent developments
- Requested ditches throughout subdivision be cleaned for better water flow & lessen flooding
- Purchased & installed Crime Watch signs with city approval (2 times)
- Requested 2-way signs at Hacienda & Granada
- Upgraded street lights and added 3 new lights for better visibility and improved safety
- Initiated & obtained lane markings on pavement to improve both exits onto Smith Valley Road
- Initiated & obtained repair of street & storm curb inlets where damage was a safety issue
- Met with adjoining HOAs to discuss the impact of possible street widening on Smith Valley Road to 4-lanes. Sent feedback letter to city with concerns.

## WHAT DOES JOINING MEAN? DO I HAVE TO FOLLOW HOA PROPERTY RULES IF I JOIN?

No. It's as simple as that. As a member, you are not committing to any additional rules. The only rules that apply to EVERYONE (regardless of whether you join or not) are the city ordinances currently in place. For example, if you want to build a deck, put up a fence or mini barn, or add on to your home, ONLY city ordinances apply. Since the city determines the ordinances, any violations need to be brought to their attention. Go to <http://www.greenwood.in.gov/> for more information on Greenwood ordinances.

## WHAT INCENTIVES ARE THERE FOR JOINING?

- Local community reusable discount card good for one calendar year (January to December)
- FREE attendance to gain personal enrichment in various HOA hosted seminars and classes
- Ability to place in the annual Green Thumb community curb appeal competition
- Chance to be awarded potential giveaways or door prizes at the annual member meeting
- Ability to host block parties

In addition, the board funds the advertising for the spring and fall garage sales, prepares and sends out at least three newsletters each year, holds an annual meeting with guest speakers to educate on area happenings and safety, provides welcome baskets to new residents, maintains a website, and coordinates neighborhood activities like the plant swap. These activities benefit the neighborhood as a whole, and we hope the board's effort to keep them going year after year encourages households to join.

If you have additional questions about the HOA, please contact one of the board members above or e-mail us through the website.

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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.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

The HOA is sponsoring a neighborhood garage sale the weekend of **Sept 15 and 16, 2017** from 8 am - 4 pm. Ads will be placed in the Daily Journal and on Craigslist, and signs will be placed at Smith Valley and Sheek Rd entrances. We will also post this event on Nextdoor.

**HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS** have shifted nights to accommodate board member schedules. They will be 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.



## 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 notices and what surrounding neighborhood posts you see. While not technically part of the V V HOA, we encourage the use of this tool for timely information exchange. Sign up at <https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com>



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## BLOCK PARTIES!!

Are you interested in hosting a block party for the neighbors around you? The board would like to support your efforts by helping fund your event! We ask that you invite at least 10 neighboring households (we can assist with names, postcards, etc) and the host needs to be an HOA member. We will reimburse up to \$100 with receipts for your party (no alcohol reimbursed). For each additional household you invite, we can add \$10 to the reimbursement. Please contact the board for more information and to sign up!

## DRAWING FOR FREE GOURMET COOKIES IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

If you are **not** an HOA member, we'd like to know **what keeps you from joining**. If there's something we can do to encourage you to join, we'd like to know. If you're an HOA member, tell us **what you like about living in Valle Vista**. Call, text or e-mail your name and street address along with your feedback to either 317-997-9911 or [treasurer@vallevistahoa.org](mailto:treasurer@vallevistahoa.org) by Sept 9 (midnight) 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 Sept 10th.

## BUSHES & TREES ON YOUR PROPERTY

Please be sure to check your trees and bushes along the roads to keep them trimmed back for walkers and bikers. Look to see if you're blocking any signs or street lights, too, for safety and better visibility for everyone.