



January 2025 Newsletter



Happy New Year!!!! As 2025 starts, the Valle Vista Home Owners Association is looking for new ideas for activities to replace ones where participation has dropped off and the board voted to discontinue. We are looking for suggestions for possible replacements that residents of Valle Vista would enjoy, such as: Neighborhood pitch-in summer picnic; July Christmas white elephant gift party; Lawn Corn Hole game; Thanksgiving Turkey Trot; educational classes for taxes, lawn care, health, etc. What activities or events interest you? Suggestions can be sent to: info@vallevistahoa.org.

Things that are not changing with the voluntary VVHOA membership are: dues are still only \$25 for the calendar year, you still receive up to 2 free business discount cards that can be used throughout the year, and each household is eligible for a complimentary reflective safety vest for walking/running/biking the neighborhood. The VVHOA is a 44-year-old voluntary association and does not impact the freedoms you have as a Valle Vista resident. All restrictions are put in place by the local and state governments, which impact all homes regardless of membership.

JOIN OR RENEW VVHOA MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2025

Join or renew now for 2025 – only \$25. The new green 2025 Discount cards are printed and ready to be mailed or delivered to you if you join. **Membership forms are enclosed.** You can mail or drop off payment in person (or in the newspaper slot) at 853 Granada Drive or join online and pay via PayPal or Venmo. Please indicate the number of discount cards you'd like (1 or 2) and whether you'd like your cards mailed or dropped off. We have Best Way calendars/brochures again this year along with a printout of all the Discount card deals that will be included as well for those who join.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PARKING: Parking on the street is allowed but Indiana law states you must park with your vehicle facing the same direction as traffic (on the right side of the road with your passenger side to the curb). No parking is allowed on yards and be sure to leave space before and after mailboxes (15 ft, is recommended) so the mail carrier can access your mailbox without leaving their vehicle.

TRASH CANS: For trash & recycling pickup, please keep all bins off the street and curb. Place them in your yard or driveway to keep the streets clear.

HEAVY TRASH: No heavy trash should be put out to the curb until heavy trash week.

BICYCLES & PEDESTRIANS: Per Indiana law, bicycles are considered vehicles and should drive on the right side of the road. Pedestrians, on the other hand, should walk facing traffic. This helps pedestrians be aware of oncoming traffic in the event a driver is not paying attention.

SPEED LIMIT: Please remember the speed limit in Valle Vista subdivision is **25 MPH**.

SNOW: Don't forget to clear off snow around your mailbox, especially after the snowplows come through.

ANIMAL CARE FACILITIES: Our subdivision continues to donate animal supplies to several shelters in need. Supplies include: semi-transparent pill bottles to dispense medicine for animals (bottles need to be empty, clean and label-free), old blankets and towels, dog & cat food, etc. Items may be dropped off in a bag by the overhead garage door at 580 Margueritta Court to be taken to the shelters.

2025 DISCOUNT CARDS BUSINESSES

We have 26 businesses this year who have agreed to offer discounts to households that join our HOA:

148 Wellness	La Rosa Mexican Restaurant	Play It Again Sports
Aqua Systems	Luca Pizza	Salty Woods
Ari's Pancake House	Main Street Grille	Sassafras
Branching Out Boutique	Mark's Vacuum & Janitorial Supplies	Smallcakes
Café Euclid	Materia Medica Restorative	Sunny's Chicken
Crow & Clover Cafe	Herbalism Center	The Stacked Cookie
Grewal's Automotive	Meraki Artistry	The Station Hair Parlor
Jack's Pizza	Mrs. Curl Ice Cream	Vino Villa
Jiffy Lube	Otte Golf Center	Yokohama Japanese

VVHOA MONTHLY MEETINGS are currently held at Denny's Restaurant on Main Street the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 7:00 PM, except for the month of the annual meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!!! If you want to dine with us before the meeting starts, please arrive around 6:15 PM. Because of unforeseen circumstances, we sometimes move the date, so please contact a board member if you plan to attend a meeting.

NEXTDOOR & FACEBOOK for VALLE VISTA

If you'd like to connect with neighbors for safety info and neighborhood issues, check out the following:

Nextdoor <https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vallevistahoa>

While these groups are not technically part of the VVHOA, we encourage the use of these free tools.

NEWSLETTER MAILING –

If the name is wrong on your envelope, please e-mail treasurer@vallevistahoa.org with your name(s) and street address so we can properly address future mailings. Let us know if you're new to the neighborhood, too!

Winter Energy-Saving Tips

1. Switch your ceiling fan's blade rotation. Hot air rises, so reverse your fan's blades to a clockwise rotation to help push that warmth right back down to you.
2. Upgrade your wood-burning fireplace. Consider upgrading your fireplace to an EPA certified-model or more efficient insert – you will conserve energy and might even receive a tax credit (s'mores not included).
3. Let the sunshine in. Naturally heat your home by opening the curtains of south-facing windows during the day; you'll save money on your heating bill and benefit from the wintery backdrop.
4. Weather-proof your windows. During the winter, up to 30% of your home's heat can be escaping through low-efficiency windows. For a budget-friendly alternative, cover windows and sliding doors with clear plastic film – this simple trick can save you roughly 14% on your heating bill.
5. Get selective with a space heater. Why waste money heating every room in your home when you spend most of your time in the same few? Use a portable space heater in high-traffic areas like the living room and bedrooms to keep overall heating costs down throughout the season.
6. Rock your winter wardrobe indoors. You can save 5% for every degree you drop your thermostat between 60-70 degrees, so slip on some fuzzy socks and matching PJs to let your clothes do the warming.
7. Your bathroom fans and oven hoods are often-overlooked sources of heat loss in the winter. Use exhaust fans sparingly, and turn them off when not in use to ensure your home's warmth isn't being pulled away.
8. If you haven't switched out your home's light bulbs for LEDs, winter is the perfect time to do so. LED bulbs use 75% less energy than traditional incandescents, which can lead to huge savings on your electricity bills during the winter months – especially if you opt for LED holiday lights as well.
9. Invest in a smarter thermostat. This easy home upgrade can cut heating costs by up to 12% and will continue to reduce AC costs in the upcoming spring and summer – it's a no-brainer!
10. Do away with drafts. If you're not careful, the winter chill can seep in under doors and even through electrical outlets. Drafts not only make it harder to properly warm your home, they also can eat away at your heating budget; install weather stripping and proper insulation to help keep the cold at bay.

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.