

# Berkley Grove's POA

## *The Grove* Newsletter

December 2018

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### What's coming up & important dates...

- **Annual Meeting** – Attached is an amendment to the Berkley Grove By-Laws amending the date of the Annual Meeting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January *to be held during the month of May each year thereafter*. The intent of this Amendment is to enable more residents to attend the Annual Meeting. Please watch for future information regarding the Annual Meeting in the Spring Edition of *The Grove*, on the Berkley Grove Website at [www.berkleygrove.com](http://www.berkleygrove.com) and FaceBook.
- **Berkley Grove HOA Dues** - All Berkley Grove HOA Dues are due March 15, 2019. A letter will be mailed to all residents with amount and due date.
- **Spring Fling in the Park** – An event will be planned for a Saturday in early April to showcase our new playground equipment. Watch for further details in the Spring Edition of *The Grove*, on the Website and Facebook.
- **Berkley Grove Annual Meeting, May 2, 2019, 7-9:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium at City Hall. An agenda will be published prior to the meeting.

**AMENDMENT TO THE  
BY-LAWS OF BERKLEY GROVE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

This Amendment to the By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. Regime was made as of the date set forth below.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. ("Association") is an Indiana nonprofit corporation operating under certain "By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc." (hereafter "By-Laws");

WHEREAS, Article IX, of the By-Laws provides that a vote of not less two (2) directors of the Board of Directors is necessary to amend any provisions of the By-Laws.

WHEREAS, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held, in pertinent part, for the purpose of discussing and authorizing this Amendment to the By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, at said meeting, at least a two (2) of the Directors voted to approve this Amendment to the By-Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, the By-Laws are hereby amended as follows:

1. Article IV, Section 4.02 is hereby deleted in its entirety and is amended to read as follows:

Section 4.02 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at 7:00 P.M. in the evening during the month of May of each year. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work any forfeiture of the charter, or dissolution of the Corporation.

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Full Force and Effect. All other provisions of By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. shall remain in full force and effect.

Certification. The undersigned persons hereby represent and certify that all requirements for and conditions precedent to this Amendment to the By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. have been fulfilled and satisfied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, do hereby execute this Amendment to the By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. and certify that at least two (2) of the Directors voted to approve this Amendment to the By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. and certify the truth of the facts herein stated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

BERKLEY GROVE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: [Signature]  
DAVID MARTIN, President

Attest: [Signature]  
PAM WISE, Secretary

STATE OF INDIANA )  
  )  
COUNTY OF Marion )

Before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared David Martin and Pam Wise, President and Secretary, respectively, of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc. who acknowledged execution of the foregoing Amendment to the By-Laws of Berkley Grove Property Owners' Association, Inc., for and on behalf of said corporation, and who, having been duly sworn, states that the representations contained herein are true.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 28 day of November, 2018.

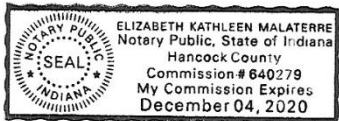
My Commission Expires: [Signature]  
Notary Public

12/4/2020

Residence County:

Hancock

[Signature]  
Signature



This instrument prepared by, and should be returned to, Kimberly M. Sutter, Esq. Eads Murray & Pugh, P.C., Attorneys at Law, 9515 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St., Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46216

## **NOTE from BGPOA's President**

Happy Holidays Berkley Grove Residents,

To begin, I hope each one of you has an opportunity to take a break and breathe this holiday season, or as we call it in our house, the silly season. It is a difficult time of year as we manage work, families, holiday gatherings, and perhaps the dreaded office Holiday party. Sometimes we lose sight of what this time of year is all about- it is certainly easy to as we are bombarded with additional responsibilities. I would encourage each of you if you are so inclined to take stock and reflect on the year 2018 and consider all the highs & lows, trials & tribulations, joys & sorrows, not to dwell in the past, but to value all things learned in the past year, both good and bad. Reflection of this type reveals how we all can frame the coming year of 2019. So, in short, have all the joy you desire this season with those who are the most important to you, while cherishing the time of being mindfully and deliberately present in the moment with those you hold dear to your hearts.

As I write this, I was compelled to reflect on the past year. There have certainly been some ups and downs during the transition to a new board and new board culture. 2018 certainly provided ample opportunities for learning and growth as a board, specifically, for myself. What the learning curve of 2018 taught me the most was that, we are all in this together, but when we as a community of Berkley Grove residents rally in support of one another the results are remarkable- neighbors helping neighbors, neighbors celebrating together, neighbors talking to one another to problem solve, or just being an ear to listen. Using civility to solve problems proved to be the most effective means of bringing us together. The new Berkley Grove POA culture yielded quite a few results this year:

- *Town Hall Meetings*- Where residents can receive direct updates and voice concerns and offer input and feedback to the board to execute a shared vision, because this is not the board's neighborhood, it is OUR neighborhood and as such it is important to know that your voice matters.
- *New website*- to make information finding and usage more user friendly
- *Fiscal Responsibility*- Laboring to do more with less, based on long-term sustainability, which should result in a dues reduction for 2019.
- *Listening and Hearing the Residents*- Changes that will be made in 2019 to ensure many of the issues of 2018 are not repeated
- *Grant Award & Park Renovation*- City of Fishers matched grant for the entrance landscaping. Park equipment that is sustainability, safe, appeal to the widest age range, and will last decades
- *Change of the Annual Meeting Date*- To foster inclusion so that more folks can attend

The list goes on, but we as the board of Berkley Grove's POA want to make changes that includes your voice, insight, and feedback. There were certainly some pitfalls this year, many outside of the board's control, but rest assured that we are actively taking steps to ensure that the things we can control, provide the best possible outcome for Berkley Grove. Best outcomes come from getting involved, your talents matter and we would love to have any and all residents get involved. Remember, the newsletter (The Grove) editor is still open as a voting board member committee position.

Many have inquired about the apartments currently being debated at the City of Fishers level set to be located on the south side of 106<sup>th</sup> St. The board would like feedback on this issue. If you are on our email list you will be getting a survey in the coming weeks.

There will be more positive changes set to occur throughout 2019, with our annual meeting set for May we will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting in January to discuss the many projects, opportunities, goals, and action items for 2019. The date and time for this meeting will be on the website, Facebook page, Nextdoor, and the sandwich boards to ensure everyone has the opportunity to be informed.

All the members of the board, and I wish you the happiest of holidays!!! 2019 is set to be quite exciting!

**Special Thank You's:** I would like to welcome **Barb Magsamen** as the new coordinator of events! We are excited to have her join the board. Thank you, Emily, for all of your hard work and future support during this transition. Also, a huge shout out and **THANK YOU** to **Paul Melillo** for setting up the Christmas lights at the Hague Rd Entrance- they are wonderful!!

Warmly,  
David Martin- BGPOA President [president@berkleygrove.com](mailto:president@berkleygrove.com)

Please note new email addresses:

**BERKLEY GROVE POA BOARD and COMMITTEE HEADS**

**Executive Board**

President: David Martin – [president@berkleygrove.com](mailto:president@berkleygrove.com)

Treasurer: Bob Barcheski – [treasurer@berkleygrove.com](mailto:treasurer@berkleygrove.com)

Secretary: Pam Wise – [secretary@berkleygrove.com](mailto:secretary@berkleygrove.com)

**Committee Heads**

Newsletter Editor: **OPEN POSITION**

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Community Events: Barb Magsamen – [events@berkleygrove.com](mailto:events@berkleygrove.com)

New Resident Welcoming: Pam Wise – [secretary@berkleygrove.com](mailto:secretary@berkleygrove.com)

Parks/Entryway: Dave Jacocks – [djcox4040@gmail.com](mailto:djcox4040@gmail.com)

Pond Coordinator: Greg Christoff – [gc5322@gmail.com](mailto:gc5322@gmail.com)

Waterfall/Maintenance: Steve Verplank – [sverplank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sverplank@sbcglobal.net)

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST -** THANK YOU to Paul Melillo for decorating the main entrance off Hague Road –Looks FANTASTIC!! Paul has us started, so everyone is invited to **Decorate your Home for the annual Holidays Decorating Contest.** You don't need to enter –just decorate and we will find you. Judging will take place on **December 21<sup>st</sup>.** Winners will be announced on the Berkley Grove Website and Facebook. The previous year's winners are not eligible to win –but still encouraged to decorate!!  
**Happy Holidays to all residents of Berkley Grove.**

**PARK** – Installation of the new commercial grade park equipment is complete! Due to the timing, we are planning to have a big **Spring Fling in the Park** event to celebrate the installation of the new Park Playground Equipment. Watch the Website and Spring edition of *The Grove* for details.

**From the City of Fishers - HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS - Chief Ed Gebhart, The Fishers Police Department**

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people can become distracted and vulnerable to theft and other acts of crime. We encourage residents and visitors to be careful, prepared, and aware of their surroundings. If you see something that does not look or feel right please call 911 immediately. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

**Driving** - Avoid driving alone or at night. Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device. If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area. Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows. Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked. Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside. Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight. Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car. Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door. When approaching and leaving your vehicle be aware of your surroundings. Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area. Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

**Automated Teller Machine (ATM)** -If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located near a police station, mall, or well lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need. Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you. Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

**Shopping** - Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member. Dress casually and comfortably. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry. Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible. Only carry necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use. Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible. Keep cash in your front pocket. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused. Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home. Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas and public transportation locations. Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps. Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

**Children** - If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter. Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you. Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the bathroom. Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car. Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

**At Home** - Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes. When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail. Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer. Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied. Contact the **Fishers Police at (317) 595-3300** and/or fill out a **Vacation Watch Form** to notify us of your vacant home. Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home. When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home. Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves. If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire. Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green. Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

**Strangers at Your Door** - Residents should **NEVER** open the door to a stranger. Residents should announce that they are in the house and call 911 immediately. Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

**Immediately call 911 to report suspicious activity.**

Chief Ed Gebhart and The Fishers Police Department wish you a safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season.



**COVENANT VIOLATIONS** – If you are in **VIOLATION** you **WILL** receive a notice

- maintain continuous dusk-to-dawn lighting controlled by a photocell on the side of your garage
- trash bins should not be visible from the street except on trash pick-up day
- cut down and remove dead trees
- be courteous of your neighbors while parking vehicles on the street
- no trucks one (1) ton or larger in size, campers, trailers, boats, or similar vehicles shall be parked on any street
- be courteous of your neighbors and keep the sidewalk in front of your home free from snow and ice in the winter

**WEB-BASED/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION** - The best way to get information is the website [www.berkleygrove.com](http://www.berkleygrove.com)- The Berkley Grove website has been updated. If you have any questions concerning the website or where to locate information please reach out to [info@berkleygrove.com](mailto:info@berkleygrove.com). This includes getting the 'password' for the members only page. The password will be changed in 2019 and disseminated to all with the Dues Notification letter. ***In Addition to the Website:***

[www.facebook.com/berkleygrove.hoa/-](https://www.facebook.com/berkleygrove.hoa/) This is a public page so you may view it without a Facebook account. Facebook will be used to share events and important information to connect residents with info.

**Your Email-** If you are on our email list you will receive all updates there as well. If you are not but would like to receive a few emails from us to be updated and in the know, please email [info@berkleygrove](mailto:info@berkleygrove) to be added to get the most up to date information.

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL BERKLEY GROVE RESIDENTS***