

# Berkley Grove's POA

## —THE GROVE NEWSLETTER—

SEPTEMBER 2023

### Special Points of Interest:

- *Berkley Grove Board of Directors and Committee Chairs*
- *Save the Date: 1st Annual Fun Run/Walk & Fall Festival*
- *Park Updates*
- *1st Amendment to the Covenants - APPROVED*

### MEET YOUR BERKLEY GROVE BOARD

#### BERKLEY GROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Harrison Custer—[president@berkleygrove.com](mailto:president@berkleygrove.com)

Treasurer: Steve Frank—[treasurer@berkleygrove.com](mailto:treasurer@berkleygrove.com)

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

#### Committee Chairs:

Architectural Review Committee—BOD members

Community Events—Barb Magsamen

Electronic Communications—Steve Frank

Maintenance/Waterfall/Pond—Steve Verplank

New Resident Welcome—Pam Wise

Newsletter Editor—Pam Wise

### Park Updates

We are very excited to erect the privacy fence between our park and the newly constructed NPT connection. The process of getting the funds from the city has proven to be more time consuming than we originally anticipated. The city has been good to work with but their process is not built for speed. Two weeks ago an acceptable agreement was presented and signed with the city, we just await the transfer of funds. Once we have the funds, construction will begin.

We are also very excited to get started on a bridge and new community space on the other side of the creek! Because the bridge is in a flood plain, we had to seek permits from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Hamilton County, and the City of Fishers. We submitted plans to the DNR in May, they requested a computer hydraulic model which we have acquired and submitted back to them. Their approval process, as we have learned, is also not built for speed. The city has tentatively approved our plan dependent upon the DNR's approval. I believe we fully comply with everything they need from us and expect to have the permits. As soon as we do, construction will begin. If we do have any structural engineers in the neighborhood that might be willing to volunteer your knowledge, please email [president@berkleygrove.com](mailto:president@berkleygrove.com).

We are very excited for these projects, they have required more time than originally expected, but will be well worth the effort and time.

Harrison Custer  
Berkley Grove POA President

### Save the DATE

**October 28, 2023: 8:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.**  
8:00 a.m.—Start the day with the first annual FUN RUN/Walk in Berkley Grove to kick off the Fall Festival/Chili Cookoff to be held later that day! A trail will be marked off for all runners and walkers. Berkley Grove Residents of all ages are encouraged to participate; just show up at the Park at 8a.m. with your running or walking shoes on!

4:00 p.m.—Fall Festival/Chili Cookoff  
Bring your yummiest chili for the blind tasting competition. We will have a generator so we can keep the chili good and warm. The top three chefs will be awarded a gift card!

Residents are encouraged to wear Halloween Costumes and bring your camp chairs. There will be pumpkin painting for the kids, yard games, contestant chili, hot dogs & hamburgers, chips, brownies/cookies, and age appropriate drinks for all!

**Come on Down and Have some Fun!**

### Berkley Grove Fall Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, September 22 & 23, 2023  
8a.m. -3:00 p.m.



### Berkley Grove 2023 Covenant Amendment —APPROVED

As you recall from previous newsletters, Fishers mayor Scott Fadness had recommended all HOA's in Fishers adopt rental restrictions as the Fishers housing market has been targeted by nationwide rental companies.

After consultation with our attorneys and residents at the Annual Meeting and Town Hall meetings, the Board drafted a recommended amendment and distributed it to all residents.

With the help of the newly formed Block Captains, before the midnight deadline on August 11, 2023, we received 185 favorable votes; 37 opposed, and 21 no response. Therefore, we obtained a little over the 75% homeowner approval needed to amend our Declaration of Covenants to add new rental restrictions. This rental restriction includes a 'cap' on the number of rentals as well as establishes a 3-year waiting period before new homeowners can approach the board to rent their home.

On September 8, 2023, the Amendment was filed with the Hamilton County Recorder. As of that date, our Berkley Grove community now has a cap on rentals so that no more than 5% of our homes can be rented to non-owner occupants at any given time. The recorded copy is posted on the Berkley Grove website at <https://berkleygrove.com/forms>.

A formal letter has been mailed to all homeowners including owners of current non-owner occupied properties.

The Board appreciated hearing from the majority of the residents. Whether you were for or against the amendment passing, the Board felt it was important that we gave all 243 homeowners an opportunity to be heard.

## Meet your NEW Block Captain

Earlier this year we revived the block captain program Berkley Grove had in decades past.

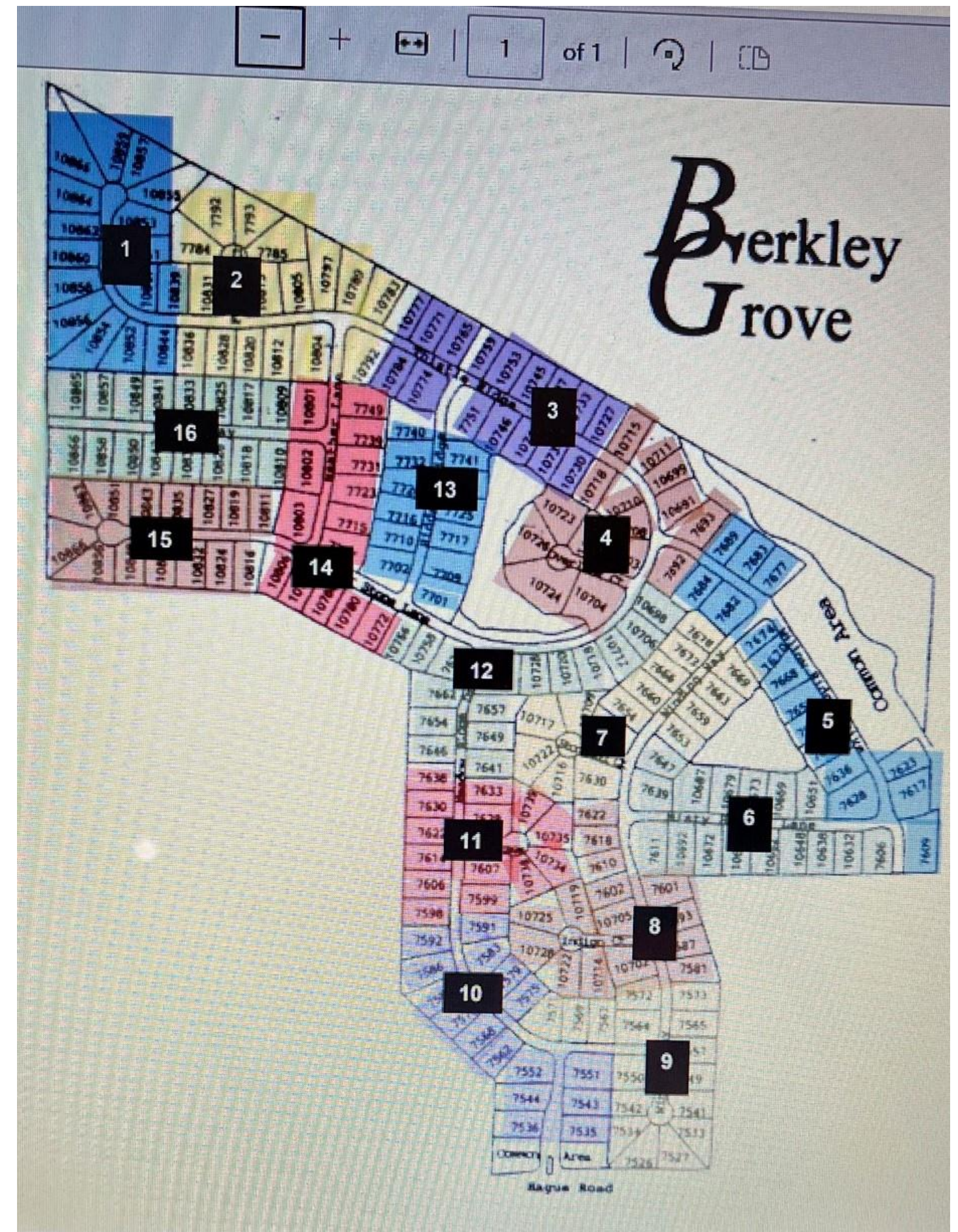
**Currently, there is one opening for Block #5—if you live within this area and would be willing to serve as a Block Captain, please email [secretary@berkleygrove.com](mailto:secretary@berkleygrove.com) .**

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who came forward to become a Block Captain.

- BLOCK #1 - Lisa Meece
- BLOCK #2 - Robin Borrromeo
- BLOCK #3 - Jesus Salinas
- BLOCK #4 - Taylor Foytich
- BLOCK #5 - Open**
- BLOCK #6 - Paul Melillo
- BLOCK #7 - Chas Buening
- BLOCK #8 - Chris Cary
- BLOCK #9 - Ryan Doyle
- BLOCK #10 - Mike Moyers
- BLOCK #11 - Jon & Katie Wiest
- BLOCK #12 - Jon & Katie Wiest
- BLOCK #13 - Susan Lilek
- BLOCK #14 - Joe Lockrem
- BLOCK #15 - Patrick & Brittany Schoenberger
- BLOCK #16 - Adam Searcy

Block Captains are a resource for:

- Keeping residents informed on neighborhood news and events
- Collecting concerns from residents and relaying them to the board or city
- Welcoming new residents to the neighborhood
- Acting as a neighborhood watch program
- Organizing block parties
- Fostering a sense of community within Berkley Grove



**Berkley Grove Recycling  
Remaining Pick-Up Schedule for 2023:**

- September 5 (Tuesday)
- September 18
- October 2
- October 16
- October 30
- November 13
- November 27
- December 11
- December 26 (Tuesday)

**Holiday Schedule:** There is NO trash or recycling pick-up on Memorial Day, Labor Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



**Architectural Review Forms ...**

Submit an Architectural Review Form as you begin planning **any** project that affects the outside of your home or yard (excluding routine landscaping, non-permanent playground equipment, or if you are repainting your home or trim the exact same color). Per the Berkley Grove Covenants, Section 3(C), and Section 6 (A)(i), this form needs to be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Review Committee **before** your project begins.

The form and guidelines can be found at [www.berkleygrove.com/forms](http://www.berkleygrove.com/forms)

**Berkley Grove Covenants  
Common Violations**

**If you are in violation, you will receive notice**

- ◆ Planning an outdoor project; submit an Architectural Review Form **BEFORE** project begins
- ◆ Maintain continuous dust-to-dawn lighting controlled by a photocell on the side of your garage or yard light
- ◆ Trash Bins should not be visible from the street except on trash pick-up day
- ◆ Cut down and remove all dead trees/shrubbery
- ◆ Keep the exterior of your residence in such a state of repair or maintenance as to avoid it from becoming unsightly including repair to rotting wood and flaking paint
- ◆ No trucks one (1) ton or larger in size, campers, trailers, boats, or similar vehicles shall be parked on the street. Be advised of the City Ordinance making this a violation if parked visible of the street (in driveways).

Be courteous of your neighbors and keep the sidewalk in front of your home free from snow and ice in the winter, tree limbs and lawn clippings in the warmer months.

**FROM THE CITY OF FISHERS...**

Learn more about these events at <https://www.playfishers.com>

**GLOW in the Park at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater**

Glow in the Park 21+: Friday, September 22  
Glow in the Park Family: Saturday, September 23

Light up the night with us at GLOW in the Park! Live DJs, neon splash zones, face painting, food trucks, and more make this rave-style event an annual favorite, presented by, Centier Bank and community partnership with 31Svn Street Dance Academy. With 2 options for you to enjoy you can opt for an adults only 21+ night on September 22 or bring the whole crew to Family Night on September 23. Don't miss your chance to rave with us as this event is typically a SOLD OUT annual event!

Pre-registration for either night is required. Check out our GLOW page for all the details and registration! See more about what you'll find at GLOW!

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**Introducing Campout at the AgriPark on October 7**

Our 33-acre working, urban farm will welcome families and groups for AgriPark Camp Out on October 7 & 8. Group registration (up to 6 people) includes a 25-foot by 35-foot grass area for tent or canopy, personal fire pit, a movie in the park, games and activities, and a continental breakfast the following morning. Each family or group needs to supply their own tent, food and snacks, drinks, and sleeping gear. No pets, alcohol, or fireworks allowed. Registration is \$75 per group (up to 6 people) per camp site for Fishers residents. The non-resident rate per group per camp site is \$112.50

[AgriPark Campout | Fishers Parks & Recreation, IN \(playfishers.com\)](http://www.playfishers.com)

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**Fall Festival at the Fishers AgriPark starts October 10-14!**

The **Fishers AgriPark Fall Festival** returns October 10-14 running each day with the same programming from 4 to 7 p.m. We've added an extra day for 5 full days of fun! Pick a day, and register each member of your family or group. At Fall Fest you can plan to enjoy fall-themed activities including: a scarecrow trail, campfire and s'mores, pumpkin picking and carving, animal encounters, corn maze, inflatables, midway games, crafts, music, food trucks, and more! **Registration** is \$3 per person (\$4.50 non-residents), and each attendee must be registered. Children 2 and younger are free but still must be registered. **Registration** is now open, don't hesitate as this event is known to sell-out!