

# Berkley Grove's POA

## —THE GROVE NEWSLETTER—

June 2024

### Special Points of Interest:

- Berkley Grove Board of Directors and Committee Chairs
- City Code Violation Enforcement
- Curb Appeal
- Block Captain Program

### MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

#### **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)

VP Community Relations: Anita Buhl—[vp@berkleygrove.com](mailto:vp@berkleygrove.com)

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Architectural Review Committee—BOD members

Community Events—Barb Magsamen

Electronic Communications—Open Position

Maintenance/Waterfall/Pond—Steve Verplank

New Resident Welcome—Pam Wise

Newsletter Editor—Pam Wise

Park/Entryway—Dave Jacocks



### **POA UPDATES:**

**Community Gardens Update:** A private FaceBook page has been set up for all residents who would like to participate in the Community Garden project. Please contact [vp@berkleygrove.com](mailto:vp@berkleygrove.com) for further details on how to join the group.

### **NPT Fence & Park Bridge Update:**

The POA experienced unforeseen delays with the contractor to install the fence along 106th Street. We are currently pursuing legal advice regarding the situation.

After considerable studies with several groups, the Bridge access to the 106th Street property has been abandoned. The final assessment came in at more than \$60,000 to meet all construction requirements. Even with possible grant assistance, the board felt this was not a feasible project to pursue. Access will continue to be available from 106th Street.

**Waterfall Update:** Parts for the 30+ year old pump are no longer available. Funds had been set aside years ago for this purpose. A new pump has been ordered and will be installed in 4-6 weeks.

**Open Committee Position:** The position of Electronics Communications Coordinator is open. If interested in holding this committee position, please contact [info@berkleygrove.com](mailto:info@berkleygrove.com)

## **SUMMER IS HERE — How is your Curb Appeal!!**

As Berkley Grove continues to become an ‘older neighborhood’ among the many new developments in Fishers, it is critical that we keep our properties in as good a condition as possible if we are to continue to see our property values increase. Look at your house from across the street and ask yourself—does this look like a home I would buy? Is this a home someone else would like to live next door to? Keeping our properties in top ‘curb appeal’ impacts all the properties in Berkley Grove.

### **Some things to help maximize your home’s ‘curb appeal’ and also are in our Covenants:**

- \*Keep grass mowed and edged
- \*Garage/porch lights in good working order
- \*House trim painted (not peeling)
- \*Mailboxes (approved type) in good condition  
*(mailbox program found on the website forms page)*
- \*Keep bushes and trees trimmed neatly
- \*Landscape lighting working properly
- \*Trash and garden tools stored inside
- \*Keep siding free of algae

### **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. If in doubt, submit a form.

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 dusk-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 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.

**The following information is for all Berkley Grove residents to be aware of these ordinances and Berkley Grove endorses the enforcement of such ordinances.**

### **Property Maintenance & Code Compliance**

This unit of the City of Fishers enforces the ordinances by acting on received complaints, researching the issues, and communicating with the involved parties thereby bringing closure to concerns or violations addressed.

Upon receiving a violation, the officer documents by visual observation, written report and photographic evidence. The property owner is notified of the violation with either a knock on the door or a friendly letter advising the property owner of the violation and educating them on the ordinance in which a violation has been identified. The property owner is advised:

- The nature of the violation
- How to correct the violation
- Time frame to correct the violation
- The enforcement avenue which will be taken if the violation is not corrected

Anyone concerned about a possible infraction may complete the [Report a Property Code Violation form](#). The citizens and business owners of Fishers make investments in their properties and neighborhoods. When the integrity of a particular area is jeopardized due to violations, those investments are also at risk.

### **Common Issues**

Examples of issues that Code Enforcement Common Violations:

- Junk trash and debris
- Inoperable vehicles
- Home occupation
- Work without proper permits
- Parking Standards
- High weeds and grass
- Broken fences
- Accessory structures size and placement
- Signs without permits/Sign placement
- Trailer, boat, camper and RV parking and storage

Examples of Maintenance Code Common Violations include:

- Broken windows
- Chipping or peeling paint
- Maintenance of stairs, porches and railings
- Noxious weeds
- Incomplete or missing siding
- Holes or wood rot on the exterior facade
- Failure to maintain landscaping
- General lot sanitation

## **Block Captain Program**

The Berkley Grove Block Captains is a viable program to improve engagement in our community. As a liaison between the BOD and the Community, a new board position was created. Anita Buhl volunteered to become this liaison at the Annual Meeting held in January. She can be reached at [vp@berkleygrove.com](mailto:vp@berkleygrove.com) WELCOME Anita!! Anita will continue to work with the established Block Captains to ensure we have a Captain for each area as outlined on the Berkley Grove map (next page). Currently, there are two openings for Block Captains . Please contact Anita if you are interested in becoming a Block Captain.

### **Block Captain are a resource for:**

- Keeping residents informed on neighborhood news and events
- Collecting concerns from residents and relaying them to the board or city
- Welcome new residents to the block
- Acting as a neighborhood watch program
- Connect with other block captains to coordinate efforts and block parties
- Fostering a sense of community within Berkley Grove

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—OPEN

Block #11—Jon & Katie Wiest

Block #12—Jon & Katie Wiest

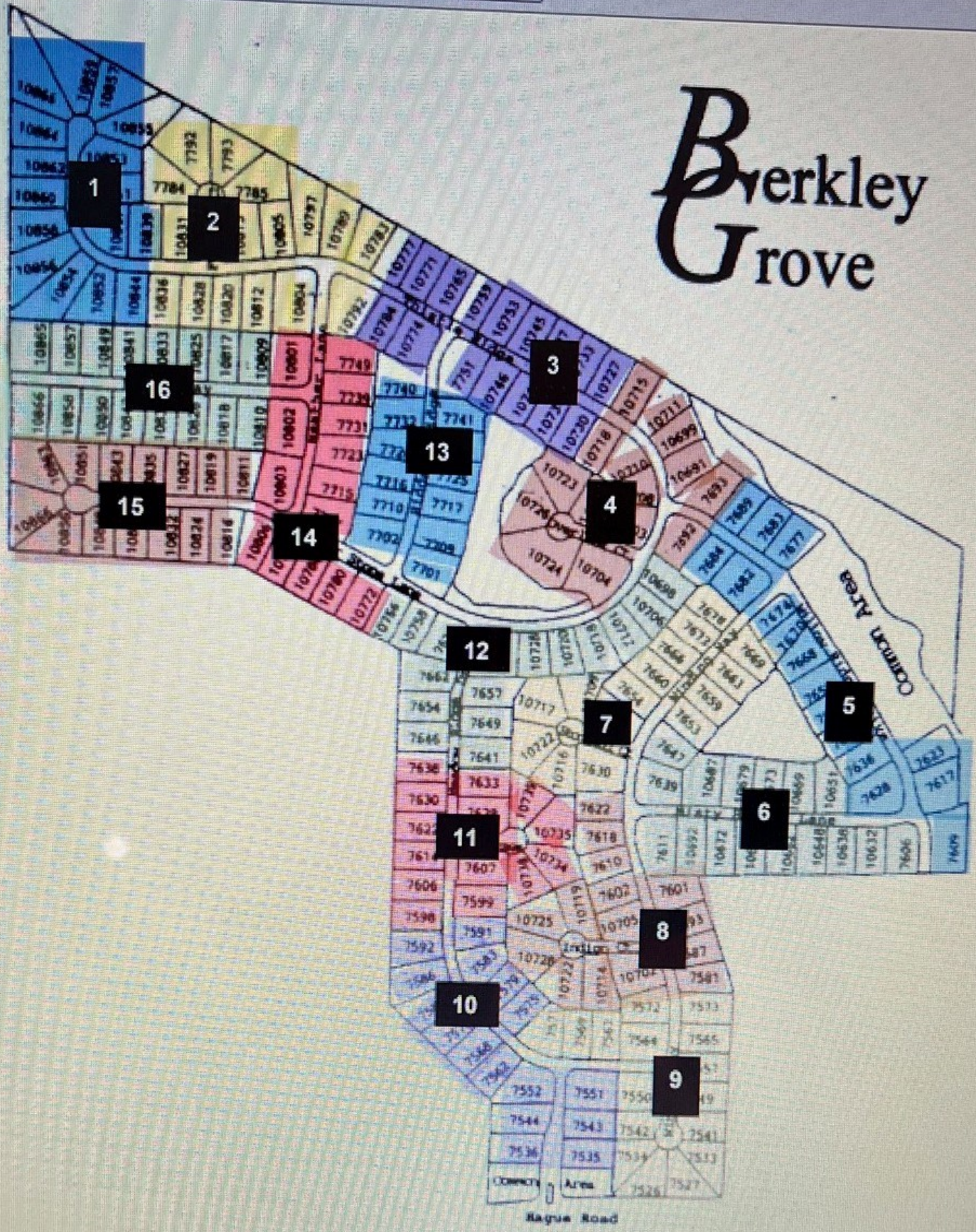
Block #13—Susan Lilek

Block #14—Joe Lockrem

Block #15—Patrick & Brittany Schoenberger

Block #16—Adam Searcy

# Berkley Grove



**Berkley Grove Recycling  
Remaining Pick-Up Schedule for 2024:**

- June 24
- July 8
- July 22
- August 5
- August 19
- September 3 (Tuesday)
- September 16
- September 30
- October 14
- October 28
- November 11
- November 25
- December 9
- December 23

**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.



**City of Fishers.... Did you KNOW —Upcoming Events**

**Geist Waterfront Park Open for Swim Season**

Geist Waterfront Park kicked off the 2024 swim season on Saturday, May 25! The 70-acre waterfront park in east Fishers features beach and water access to Geist Reservoir, non-motorized boat launch and dock access for kayaks and canoes, walking trails, playground, and public gathering amenities.

Park access is open to all during non-peak hours. During peak hours (generally Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons), admission is free for Fishers residents and \$25 per vehicle for non-residents. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/GeistWaterfront](http://FishersParks.com/GeistWaterfront).

**Splash Pad Open**

Opened Saturday, May 25 | Daily, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Holland Park, Billericay Park, & NPD AMP pavilion fountain

**Spark!Fishers presented by Meijer**

Monday, June 24 – Saturday, June 29 | Nickel Plate District  
The weeklong celebration is full of family favorites as well as a new lineup of events, including a 1-Mile Walk/Run during the 5K Race. Learn more at [sparkfishers.com](http://sparkfishers.com).

**Monday:** Spark!Fishers Rotary Club Golf Outing | 9 a.m. | The Hawthorns

**Tuesday:** Free Concert featuring Uptown Funk: Bruno Mars Tribute & Drone Show | 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 5K Race & 1-Mile Walk/Run | 6:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** Car & Art Show | 6 - 9 p.m.

**Friday:** Free Concert featuring Red – A Taylor Swift Tribute | 8 p.m.

**Saturday:** Street Fair & Parade | 2 - 9 p.m.

**Run, Walk & Join a Community Tradition**

Registration for the 2024 Spark!Fishers 5K presented by IU Health Fishers and the Geist Half Marathon, 10K and 5K is now open! Register for one race and score a \$5 off promo code for the other. These family-friendly events return on Wednesday, June 26 and Saturday, September 14. All participants receive a race shirt and finisher medal. Register at [SparkFishers.com](http://SparkFishers.com) and [GeistHalf.com](http://GeistHalf.com)