

Berkley Grove's POA

—THE GROVE NEWSLETTER—

SEPTEMBER 2024

Special Points of Interest:

- *Berkley Grove Board of Directors and Committee Chairs*
- *Save the Date: 2nd Annual Fun Run/Walk & Annual Fall Festival*
- *Republic Trash City-Wide Program*

MEET YOUR BERKLEY GROVE BOARD

BERKLEY GROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Harrison Custer – president@berkleygrove.com
Treasurer: Steve Frank – treasurer@berkleygrove.com
Secretary: Pam Wise – secretary@berkleygrove.com
Architectural Review Committee – BOD Members
VP Community Relations–Anita Buhl– yp@berkleygrove.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Community Events – Barb Magsamen
Electronic Communications -Open
Maintenance/Waterfall/Pond–Steve Verplank
New Resident Welcome – Pam Wise
Newsletter Editor- Pam Wise
Park/Entryway/Grounds – Dave Jacocks

Save the Date

October 26, 2024: 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.—Start the day with the second annual FUN RUN/Walk in Berkley Grove to kick off the Fall Festival/ Baked Goods contest 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 10a.m. with your running or walking shoes on!

4:00 p.m.—Fall Festival/Baked Goods Contest

Bring your yummiest Baked Goods for the blind tasting competition. We will have a generator for any chili residents might bring to share so we can keep the chili good and warm. The top three Bakers 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, hot dogs & hamburgers, chips, contestant baked pies/cakes/brownies/cookies, and age-appropriate drinks for all!

November 29, 2024—7:00 p.m.

Second annual TREE LIGHTING at the main entrance off Hague Road. Come enjoy the fun with some hot chocolate and maybe a special visitor from the North Pole!!!

Come on Down and Have some Fun!

City -Wide Trash Pickup with Republic Services

The City of Fishers has signed a city-wide contract for residential trash service to go into effect in January 2025. Nearby cities such as Carmel, Noblesville, and Westfield currently have city-wide trash contracts in place. Benefits of a city-wide contract include:

- the ability for the City to assist residents with trash concerns and issues;
- reduced wear on neighborhood roadways;
- a leveraged economies of scale to secure services not currently offered to the majority of residents, such as leaf and landscaping pickup;
- a locked-in rate for 10 years

A full 10-year breakdown is below:

Year 1 – \$16.39

Year 2 – \$17.33

Year 3 – \$18.32

Year 4 – \$19.38

Year 5 – \$20.51

Year 6 – \$21.72

Year 7 – \$23.00

Year 8 – \$24.36

Year 9 – \$25.82

Year 10 – \$26.89

As a part of the city-wide trash contract, the City of Fishers will handle billing of residents for trash service. Residents can expect to see a single monthly bill including charges for both trash and sanitary services (if you are on Fishers sanitary sewer).

Many have asked if this will decrease our annual fees. At this time, the short answer is no; we anticipate Berkley Grove POA annual dues will remain the same as last year. While we budgeted for a 20% increase in monthly Republic Services expenses for 2024, when our contract renewed in July, the increase was actually 30%. We also learned later, that as all HOA contracts were renewed in 2024, the once a month free bulk pick-up clause was deleted from all HOA contracts. Therefore, if you do need a bulk pick-up, you will need to call Republic Services directly to schedule; the cost is \$45.

More information will be forthcoming in October directly from the city as well as Republic Services regarding any further changes. More information can be found on the city's website at [Citywide Trash Services Contract – City of Fishers \(fishers.in.gov\)](https://fishers.in.gov)

Twilight Town Hall: City-Wide Trash Services Contract

Join Mayor Scott Fadness for a virtual Twilight Town Hall on **Wednesday, October 2 at 8 p.m.** to discuss the City-wide trash services contract and learn more about the contract, transition process, billing, and other details directly from City leadership. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the session. Register [here](#).

Meet your Block Captain

Currently, there is an opening for Block #10—if you live within this area and would be willing to serve as a Block Captain, please email: vp@berkleygrove.com .

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

BLOCK #1 - Lisa Meece

BLOCK #2 - Robin Borromeo

BLOCK #3 - Jesus Salinas

BLOCK #4 - Taylor Foytich

BLOCK #5 - Steve Verplank

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

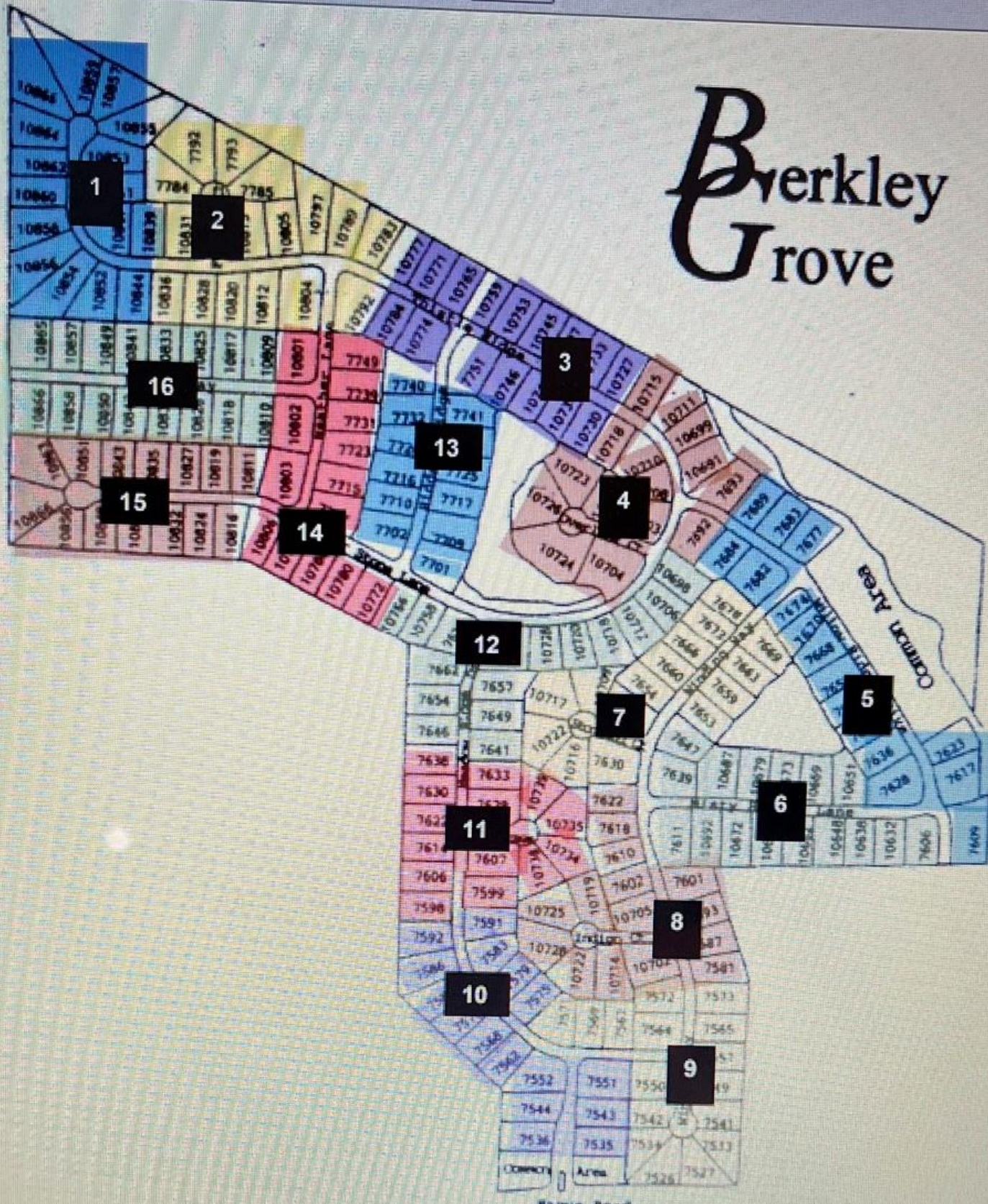
BLOCK #15 - Patrick & Brittany Schoenberger

BLOCK #16 - Adam Searcy

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



Berkley Grove Recycling

Remaining Pick-Up Schedule for 2024:

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, & New Year's Day.

Republic Services removed the free once/month bulk pick-up service on all renewing HOA contracts. Therefore, if you require bulk pick-up the cost presently is \$45.



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

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...

Fishers Police Department—Community Alliance Program (CAP@FISHERS.IN.US) 317-595-3300

Emergency: 911 // Non-Emergency: 317-773-1282

Report any Suspicious Activity:

- People looking into windows
- An unknown vehicle driving slowly through our neighborhood
- A stranger at your door
- An unknown car parked outside your home

Personal Safety:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Always park in a visible area
- Never give out personal information

Home Safety:

- Leave on outside lights
- Invest in video doorbell
- Use timers on lights when not home
- Don't hide a key outside
- Ask a neighbor to watch your house
- Have your lawn mowed and packages picked up

Vehicle Safety:

- Don't leave valuables in car, including your garage door opener
- Park in well lit areas
- Never leave your keys in the car

From the Fishers Fire Department

Smoke Alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips:

- Replace all smoke alarms, including those that are hard-wired, when they are 10 years old
- Change batteries in all smoke alarms at least once per year
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Need Help?

Fishers Fire Department will help you install smoke alarms and change batteries for free. You supply the alarm. Call Ashley Heckly @ 317-595-3219 or Claire Davis @317-577-3509 for more information.