



The Vine

The events, updates, and highlights of Ivy Hills

Fall 2017 www.IvyHills.org

This is a semi-annual publication that keeps you updated and informed about Ivy Hills and its residents. Your participation is what makes this a community! A neighborhood is where you live, a community is what we are. Please learn how you can be active and help improve your community!



Simply Get Involved

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the neighborhood? There are many SIMPLE ways to be an active neighbor!

- **Simply** join the "Ivy Hills Residents Association " Facebook page
- **Simply** attend our bi-monthly meetings at Cross and Crown Church.
- **Simply** Contact any of the listed Board members to find out how you can volunteer your time
- **Simply** send a recipe, story about your Ivy Hills experience or a kind neighbor to be shared in The Vine (this thing you're reading, yeah, it has a name!)
- **Simply** be the neighbor your neighbors want to write about.
- **Simply PAY YOUR DUES!!! Your dues help to cover the cost of snow removal, neighborhood upkeep, events and other programs and organizations that increase or maintain our property values. The dues really do go towards EVERYONE'S benefit and they are only \$35 for the year!**



Fall 2017 - Summer 2018

When is it happening?

2017 Harvest Gathering and Food Drive

2017 Annual Meeting November 15

Neighborhood Bi-monthly 2018 Meetings January 17, March 14, May 16, July 18, September 19

2018 Garage Sale July 28

2018 Annual Picnic September 15

2017 Dues are payable via pay-pal at www.IvyHills.org

Orchids in the Ivy

This is your opportunity to brag about how great of a neighbor you have! The neighbor that goes above and beyond.

Please feel free to send your Orchids in the Ivy brag responses at anytime to AmberMHouse@gmail.com

VALERIE WALTERS on Rucker Rd

Nominated by: Kathy Laporte

"All the thoughtful ways she makes Ivy Hills a great neighborhood. Sharing food from her garden and eggs from her chickens, mowing my grass, sending her son, Bennett, over with dessert, and enjoying some good laughs are just a few ways Valerie spreads good cheer."

TOM & MARY WALSH on Graham Ct

Nominated by: Allison Contini Finn

"My neighbors are better than your neighbors because they let us borrow as much of their patio furniture as we needed when hosting a big retirement party."

NORA RIDDLE on Kilmer

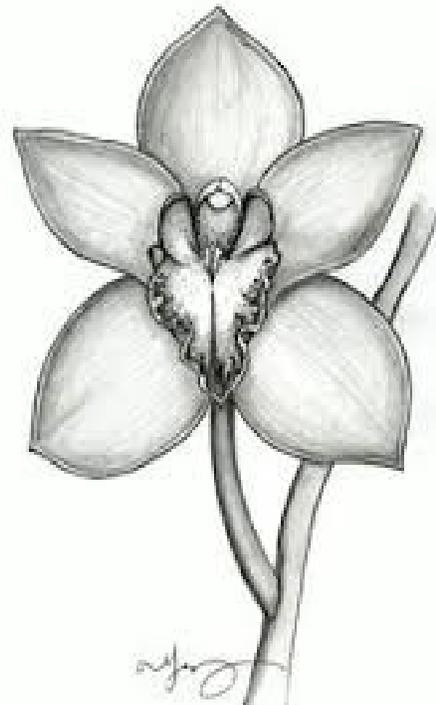
Nominated by Karen Degan Stone

"Nora Riddle is my neighbor from a 60's sitcom. She picks up a gallon of milk for me at the store, brings me fresh peaches, and lends me that thing I need, but don't want to buy. She texts me on vacation to let me know she took my trash cans in, which I had completely forgotten about. She actually cleaned my kitchen while I packed for vacation because I was a bit overwhelmed. We met at prenatal yoga class in the neighborhood and have been friends ever since. Our little ones (10 & 13 months) spend a lot of time together and are good buddies. If you see the 4 of us walking in the neighborhood, say "hi!"

KAREN DEGAN STONE on Kilmer

Nominated by: Nora Riddle

"Karen is truly a wonderful neighbor who has become a wonderful friend. Karen & I met at Jean Arnold's [another IH neighbor] prenatal yoga class in 2016 where we bonded over hip-opening stretches and modified down dogs... then, a few months after Charlie and Finley were each born, we started walking the neighborhood regularly. Our walks are epic. Full of new mamas, lows, highs, giggles, and waving to the neighborhood dogs. Our babies are about a year now and visit each other a few times a day to squeal, eat Cheerios, and teeter about. Karen is an Ivy Hills Orchid because she is classy, oh-so-funny, down to earth, and full of adventure. Thanks for being you Karen!"



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Eat, Drink, Have a Cookie...

Auntie Am's Sweet Potato Casserole

Resident contributor: Amber House

3 large sweet potatoes
½ cup coconut milk

¼ melted coconut oil
4 T cinnamon

4 cups of pecans
2 cups brown sugar

Peel & cube potatoes and place into boiling, lightly salted water.

Preheat oven to 350. Place pecans in large ziplock bag. Pour half the oil, 2 T cinnamon, and ½ cup brown sugar into bag and shake vigorously to coat. Place on baking sheet in single layer. Bake for 10 minutes to caramelize the sugar. Allow to cool. Then roughly chop to desired consistency.

Potatoes should be tender. Drain water. Do not rinse. Place into mixing bowl: add coconut milk, remaining oil, 1 & ¼ cup brown sugar, and cinnamon. I like mine chunky, but it can be whipped smooth. Add 2/3 of the pecans and fold in. Place into large baking dish.

In separate bowl, combine the last of the pecans and brown sugar, mix and spread over top and serve warm.

COCKTAIL TIME

Grown up-Caramel Apple Sangria

2 green apples, cored and diced
1 Cup Apple liquor

½ Cup caramel Vodka
1 bottle of Moscato Di Asti

Chill all ingredients for 8 hours. Combine in a pitcher,

Serve in stemless wine glass over ice.



Kid Friendly Potter's Butter beer

¼ Cup Sweetened condensed milk
¼ Cup Butterscotch syrup topping
2 Tablespoons whipped butter (room temp)
3 cups vanilla cream soda

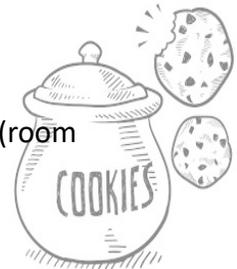
Combine ingredients in crock pot, set to low, for 2 hours.
Ladle into mugs, serve with whip cream.

Crunchy Jumble Cookies

Resident contributor: Sherry Meyers, AKA Cookie Queen

1½ cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoon salt
1 large egg, room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup (1 stick) softened butter (room temperature)
1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups Rice Krispies
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup raisins (could use dried cherries or cranberries)



Whisk the flour, baking soda and salt together in a small bowl. In another bowl, combine the rice cereal, chocolate chips and raisins and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy; add the egg and vanilla until combined; slowly add flour mixture. Add the rest of the ingredients until just combined.

Scoop approximately 2 tablespoons of dough into balls and place 2" apart on baking sheet; bake at 350 degrees for approximately 10 minutes, turning the baking sheet halfway through.

Balls can be made ahead and frozen on cookie sheet. When they are frozen solid, transfer to a freezer bag. To bake, arrange frozen balls on baking sheet (do not thaw) and bake as directed slightly increasing baking time, but not much.

A Letter from our President...

Hello Residents of Ivy Hills!

It seems like I just wrote one of these President's letters the other day. Sometimes, time does seem to fly by at a breakneck speed. And it is hard to believe that kids are back at school, and we need to slow down in front of Allisonville Elementary again and fall is finally here. Or is it? This weekend of 9/23 sure has shown that summer is not ready to give up quite yet...

So, a couple of updates from the Board on items that were mentioned in the last newsletter. We did move the date of the Annual Yard Sale forward, as selected via a poll on the neighborhood Facebook page. My impression is that for many individuals the new date was just too soon after school let out in the spring to prepare for a yard sale. We will be looking at switching the date back to a late July date for 2018, as was voted on in a follow up poll after the event.

Our Green Waste Recycling Program is off to a great start, we have had 4 months of pickups now and we seem to be getting better month by month at making this work. Please visit the Ivy Hills website if you would like to know more about this program and to sign up for one of the monthly pickups.

After deciding that we would give street sweeping at least one try this year, the company that had quoted the work for us opted not to provide the service after all. We did look at getting other quotes, the cost for the service came in way over the budget amount that we had considered. The Board elected to table this item for the near future.

We had live music this year at the Annual Picnic as a way of giving those of us over the age of 12 something to look forward to and from all of the feedback that was received, I think that this was a resounding success. Two members of the high school string quartet have direct ties to the Ivy Hills neighborhood, which made it even more special. We will be looking at doing this again next year and will certainly consider any alternative suggestions. We also brought back a community tradition at the Picnic by asking that everyone that attended the picnic this year bring a dessert to share. Many THANKS to all that were able to participate, I think that all of you ROCKED it!

A couple of items on the horizon to share with all of you. There was a meeting at Heritage Christian School concerning upgrades to the I-465 and I-69 interchange that are currently planned for 2020. Yeah, we have heard about a very similar project about 8 years ago. Our primary focus as a community will be to promote and encourage the inclusion of Sound Barrier walls in this project. While the walls will likely not remove all of the ambient traffic noise, hopefully they will reduce the impact.

Finally, the Board needs a couple of positions filled for 2018 – our very reliable Secretary, Sherry Myers is retiring from the Board and we need to fill that position. We are also looking to fill a couple of At-Large positions that have no direct program responsibility, but would be individuals would commit to attending Board meetings and providing input in the direction of our organization. And I am personally hoping to find an eager Vice-president that is interested in taking over the reins of this organization some day....

I look forward to meeting every one of you at an Ivy Hills event in the near future, please come, introduce yourself and participate in our events as an active member of our community. We all benefit from our time spent together to make this the best neighborhood in the city. But of course, you all already knew that...

Peace, Greg

The Trash Column

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Delayed Trash Schedule Yard waste program

Ivy Hills is serviced by Republic Services. Our regularly scheduled trash pick up day is Thursday. During weeks with publicly observed holidays, trash pick up is delayed by one day and pick service will be on Fridays. The dates for the remainder of 2017 and spring of 2018 with a delayed pickup will be:

Nov 23	Dec 25	Jan 1
Jan 15	May 28	

Each household is allowed 40 trash bags of leaf refuse weekly. Place leaves in large plastic trash bags and set by trash carts (at least 3 feet away to ensure cart service) by 7am on our scheduled trash day. This year's leaf pick up program will run from November 5-December 1

Heavy Trash Pickup

Heavy trash no longer has a set day. Please contact republic directly when you are in need of a large item pick up.

Newsletter Advertising

If you are interested in advertising in the Fall newsletter, please contact Amber House for pricing and options. 2018 will premiere a year round package option. Payment and ad proof is to be received by February 2018 to run in both the spring & fall newsletters. Please contact me ASAP to discuss pricing packages, print sizes and other options. AmberMHouse@gmail.com.

Beyond Ivy Hills

Many neighbors, both on and off the board, are working hard to improve the neighborhood and surrounding areas by pushing to help open communication with other organizations, resources, and companies in the city.

GACC

Greater Allisonville Community Council

www.greaterallisonville.org

Contributor: Jonathan Eriksen, IH resident & GACC President

Well this fall, I have taken the reigns as the new President of the GACC *{golf course clap}*. So, you, my neighbors and friends, will, as a result, have a pulse on the topics that are coming across our table for review. We will keep you in the loop on those hot-button issues (like our little battle with *Hustler of Hollywood* last fall) as they arise. As part of my tenure in this role, I also intend to broaden the scope of the GACC to include the concerns for the future of Castleton – another important topic as of late. We want to shape the value proposition of the GACC to extend far beyond signage issues or lot variances, to work in

concert with BRAG, and truly be a vision-caster for Castleton, as well as watchdog organization for our residents! This is a pivotal time for the communities positioned near the Castleton area. We will NOT allow that retail corridor to decline into a Lafayette Square *{horrified gasp}* situation. Not going to happen. At least not on my watch.

A few simple calls to action:

1. Please find the **Greater Allisonville Community Council** Facebook page and JOIN it! I'm going to be heavily focused on creating the same connectivity we have here in Ivy Hills through that page. I need you ALL on there as we get those wheels turning.
2. Please consider joining the

GACC! Super-simple and super-cheap. It's \$15/year! C'mon people!

Please join us monthly for our meetings – we meet at Eastwood the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

BRAG

Binford Redevelopment And Growth

www.Binford71.org

The Market at Hague has finished up another great year! Thank you so much for supporting a local gem. We will be back May 2018.

No other developments at this time



With over 15 years of experience in the Ivy Hills real estate market, Jonathan has assisted more than 20 of our Ivy Hills residents in the preparing, buying and selling of their homes.

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The State of Ivy Hills Real Estate

Resident Contributor: Jonathan Eriksen, Real Estate Broker with Sotheby's International real Estate

Its the start of the 2017 Spring season, Ivy Hills!
Here is a brief overview of the current Ivy Hills real estate market

- **5 homes are active on the market**
- **2 homes currently under contract**

Here is how the first 3 quarters of 2017 shaped up on the Ivy Hills market:
There were 32 closings in our community. This does not account for private sales that happened outside of the BLC(MLS) system. 32 homes in a community of over 650 homes is an 5% turnover rate. Time for some block parties, because many of you have new neighbors.

- **The highest sales price on the Washington Township side was \$339,900**
- **The highest sales price on the Lawrence Township side was \$370,000**
- **The lowest on the Washington Township side was \$180,000**
- **The lowest on the Lawrence Township side was \$130,000**
- **The current average sales price is \$235,628**
- **Average list price is \$244,319 which means our homes are selling within 4% of asking price!**
- **Current average cost per square foot is \$109.17**
- **Current average time on market 49 days**

Spring Market will likely mimic last year's market. There is still a scarcity of good, quality inventory across the city, with buyers struggling to find options. So the seller's market trend continues, which is great news if you have a potential move on the horizon and a home to sell. Grab these valuable months to sell for top dollar. The more we show *The more we show our love for this neighborhood, the more kinetic the energy becomes for consumers trying to get in. We have great schools, great location, great homes, and great pride-of-ownership. Keep caring for, and investing in, your homes. Keep involved in the community, schools, and in the greater BRAG,GACC and Castleton area Keep telling friends not to flee to the suburbs! Ivy Hills has so much to offer.*

*All information compiled through Broker Listing Cooperative (BLC) on 09/30/2017

Meet the Board

This is your 2017 Ivy Hills Board of VOLUNTEER Directors

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Resigning News:

Sherry Myers is retiring from the board at the close of 2017. The Board and people of Ivy Hills would like to thank Mrs. Myers for all of her work and dedication to the board and community. She will be hard to replace, but if you are interested in filling that position, or any others on the board, please contact the Board President, Greg McMullen

Find Your Ivy Hills Facebook Pages

Ivy Hills Residents Association

This is a general neighborhood page. We try to keep it positive, informative, and updated. If you find or lose a pet, have a special notice about traffic or safety, criminal or suspicious activity (after reporting to authorities), this is a great place for it. Posting pictures of IH scenery, wildlife, stories, or special announcements are all welcomed additions. It's a great way to find out about events, advertising opportunities, recommendations for tradesman of all sorts, and new or closing local businesses. We try to keep it free of politics, drama, and negativity. We ask that you aid in that goal and moderate yourself and the postings made to a neighborhood forum. Bullying, abuse, name calling, or other aggressive behaviors will not be tolerated and offenders will be suspended or removed.

NEW Ivy Hills Marketplace

This is an Ivy Hills residents only virtual garage sale site. Feel free to post any items you are looking to clear out or maybe an item you are hoping to add to your home with an ISO (in search of) ad. There are a few rules to posting; Going in order, no bidding wars, small business posts are limited to Sundays only, and the sale of drugs and firearms is prohibited. You must be a current member the general Facebook page to be approved for the marketplace page. Again, please remember; bullying, name calling, or other aggressive behaviors will not be permitted on this page and any such activity will result in being permanently blocked from the page.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: THE NEW IVY HILLS MARKETPLACE

Upcoming Events

Please contact Amber House with any event questions or ideas you may have! AmberMHouse@gmail.com

Halloween Movie Night & Food Drive

Date: October 27, 2017 Time: 7-9pm
Location Cross & Crown Church on the circle
DETAILS: Join us for a fun night of snacks, cider and the Pumpkin King! We'll be viewing the Nightmare Before Christmas. Bring some snacks to share, and we'll supply the warm apple cider. This a great time and the kids get to help the less fortunate in the process. Please bring one non-perishable food item per participant. The donations will be going to a local Indianapolis homeless shelter/soup kitchen.
Bring a blanket, camping chairs, and a great attitude to stay warm. This event will be canceled if rain, so please stay posted on our Facebook page for any updates.
THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT. However, all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
Cost: One non-perishable food item per guest

Annual Ivy Hills Neighborhood Meeting

Date: November 15, 2017 Time: 7-9pm
Location Fresh 2 Order
DETAILS This is a great opportunity to meet your board, learn about any changes that we have made or hope to make for the betterment of the community, voice any concerns you may have, meet your fellow residents, review and approve the budgets, and enjoy a meal together. We try to move it around to support a new, local establishment and the location for this year's gathering is fresh 2 Order which debuted with RAVE reviews from some of our residents. There will be a small plate buffet and non-alcoholic drinks provided. Beer and wine are available to purchase. Fresh 2 Order is located at 86th & Allsionville, in the former Paradise Bakery location.
THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT. Please make arrangements for childcare this evening.
Cost: Included with y our paid dues

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2. I offer a **discount** to all Ivy Hills residents.
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5. I know how to get **top dollar** for your home because I live in the neighborhood.
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7. I was ranked in the **Top 100 Agents in the state of Indiana for RE/MAX**.
8. This is my **job** not a hobby.
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10. I throw a big **Client Appreciation Party** every year and **give away a trip!**



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A special thank you to those in the neighborhood that donated their goods and services to the prize table or for the betterment of the picnic itself.

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Thank you to the Ivy Hills All String Band that was a delightful addition to this year's event!

Another special thanks to the volunteers and board members that helped set up, tear down, and facilitate the event!

The success of the event is on your heads too!



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Are you a new resident? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you interested in volunteering? ___ Yes ___ No

Able to serve on the 2018 Board? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Need more information