# Happy Hollow

QUARTERLY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. NEWSLETTER

A West Lafayette Neighborhood

Join the Happy Hollow Neighborhood Association

If you would like to be part of the neighborhood association and continue receiving newsletters, please help us.

Currently we do not collect any money. However, we are proposing a voluntary \$10 per year per household to offset the costs of newsletters and communication and website hosting.



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### Let Us Hear From You



Felice Bray THANK YOU!

Felice lives at 322 Hollowood Drive and has been the leader of the neighborhood association for many years. Felice and her late husband, Ralph, were part of the original homeowners that built in this neighborhood in the 1950's. At 91 years young, she has decided to pass the torch to Beatrix Rausch to lead our neighborhood. Thank you, Felice, for your tremendous dedication and service to our community!

Being part of an organized neighborhood association can have many benefits. My vision would include ways to improve and enhance quality of life in our neighborhood. Some of those ways are:

**Renew Pride** and promote awareness—let's look for ways to keep our neighborhood looking great and ways to bring attention to the city if something needs repaired. Let us meet our neighbors and offer a helping hand, if needed.

**Encourage Volunteerism** and organize projects for our community—are there common areas that could be landscaped with flowers? Does an elderly neighbor need help raking leaves? Trimming bushes?

**Advocate** on behalf of the neighborhood regarding government issues—we should have a voice at city planning meetings and at zoning hearings. Can we send people to attend these meetings and represent the interests of our neighborhood?

**Build Friendships, Connections** — How many people on your street do you know? Do you know their first name, last name, children's names, pet's names? What are their interests and hobbies? Have you invited anyone over for coffee?

**Be a conduit** of information for neighborhood issues and events— Do you serve on another city or county committee and have information to share with us? Do want to share details or dates of events that are relevant to this neighborhood association?

Safety and Security— Have you seen suspicious activities in the area? Do you need advice on security cameras and remote monitoring? Can you help a neighbor by checking there house while traveling? Can you do a wellness check on someone who is not able to get out of the house on their own?

**Methods of Communication**— Everyone has a different preference for receiving information about our neighborhood association. Hear are some options that we are considering. Which do you like?

- 1. Printed Quarterly Newsletter (like this one)
- 2. Website like

http://happyhollowneighborhood.org

- 3. Facebook Private Group
- 4. Nextdoor App on your smartphone



## Happy Hollow Neighborhood Ideas

#### **Special Interest Groups**

Are you a dog lover? Would you like to meet your neighbors who are also dog lovers? Reach out to Beatrix so that I can get a group started that might meet regularly for dog parties.

How about other special interest groups? Is there an interest for a book club or movie night which could be held in your homes?

Do you already have a club started and want to get more people from the neighborhood to attend?

#### **Street Captains**

We need street captains who can help distribute newsletters and sign-up sheets for picnics and perform simple tasks from timeto-time

We have a list of street captains from prior years. If you wish to continue or if you wish to volunteer a few minutes of your time about 4 times a year let me know.

#### **Issue and Concerns**

What issues do you have with our neighborhood that need to be addressed by the city of West Lafayette or by our neighborhood association?

#### **Resources and Volunteers**

Do you know someone that can scoop sidewalks, mow lawns, rake leaves, babysit children and care for pets?

I would like to share the details of anyone offering there services whether for free or for pay.

Are there other needs? Do you need help with computers? General maintenance of your house?

Please send me your ideas and we can use this newsletter to get neighbors in touch with each other.



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My name is Beatrix Rausch, and I have lived on Thornbush Drive for 10 years. I grew up in New York City. My parents, who were Ukrainian immigrants, moved to the US around 1965 and settled in Staten Island during my school years. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in our amazing neighborhood.

My husband, Dennis, has revived the **happyhollowneighborhood.org** domain and is beginning to publish related neighborhood materials on the website.

