



Oakland Hills

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Welcome to Oakland Hills!

Your neighbors and Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association want to say hello and welcome to your new neighborhood! We look forward to meeting you in the area or at one of our social functions.

The Oakland Hills at Geist neighborhood, nestled around Old Oakland Golf Club, stretches from 63rd Street to 75th Street, from Sunnyside Road on the west to Oaklandon Road on the east. We have 327 home sites, accessed from 7 entrances. Our neighborhood offers beautiful rolling hills, wooded areas, and an abundance of wildlife not often found in an urban setting. We get to enjoy the manicured beauty of the golf course along with the natural beauty of popular Geist Reservoir and Ft. Benjamin Harrison State Park - just around the corner and minutes away.

OHNA is a voluntary membership homeowners association, operated by your neighbors. As volunteers, we are charged with maintaining the distinctive entrance landmarks, promoting, and organizing various social functions throughout the year, and overseeing covenant compliance. Oakland Hills Street Lighting, a subsidiary of OHNA, has the responsibility of collecting and forwarding the mandatory fees for those homes in the neighborhood that have streetlights. Your support is vital to keeping our neighborhood's property values at the highest in the City of Lawrence and maintaining and nurturing the close and social relationships we all want with our neighbors. We encourage and ask for your active membership of our association. Your help, ideas, and financial support are the only ways we can continue to keep this neighborhood the same neighborhood we have chosen to make our home and to keep our property values high. Please join OHNA – we are all in this community together!

We hope you find this welcoming booklet useful as you settle into the area. Inside, you will find information about your OHNA board members. Also included is a brief history, a map of Oakland Hills, and information regarding the process for seeking approval from the association, if changes are made to the exterior of the property. We partner with Old Oakland Golf Club where we host some social functions for the community in the recently remodeled and updated clubhouse. Inside you will find information on the club, its amenities, and the various membership opportunities.

Again, welcome home!

Your Oakland Hills
Neighborhood
Association Board

A Brief History of the Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association ("OHNA")

OHNA has been in existence since 1994 and is the only organization dedicated solely to watch out for the interests of Oakland Hills residents and to bring improvements, maintenance, and upgrades to the entire subdivision.

OHNA operates through a board comprised of volunteer residents of Oakland Hills. OHNA does not engage a professional company to manage the association, but it does contract for bookkeeping services. Everything else is done by residents and neighborhood volunteers.

In 1994, an interested group of Oakland Hills residents came together through a series of informal "living room" meetings and created the Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association (OHNA), an incorporated, nonprofit organization. Oakland Hills was seven years old and only the first four phases were developed. The entrances were embarrassing, with no name signs, no landscaping, and no lighting. Weeds prospered and rubbish from passing traffic accumulated.

After OHNA became a legal entity, OHNA registered with the DMD (Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development) and began monitoring local zoning requests submitted to the city to make sure that adjoining land use enhanced home values in Oakland Hills. OHNA also had regular communications with the cities of Indianapolis and Lawrence to introduce itself and the interests of its residents. OHNA made itself known as the representative of the highest tax base property in the area and began to leverage it into enhanced city services and government attention to our local needs.

To date...OHNA has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on entrance enhancement. Thousands more have been spent on landscape maintenance, and an irrigation system has been installed at all entrances. OHNA has been continually active in representing its resident's interests in local development and enhancing the subdivision to make it a more desirable place to live. It has cultivated joint projects with the developer that enticed the developer to make additional financial commitments and subdivision enhancing projects. OHNA will continue to maintain appropriate contacts and relations with local government on issues that may impact its residents.

Resident support, through dues and donations, is what makes OHNA successful.

Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

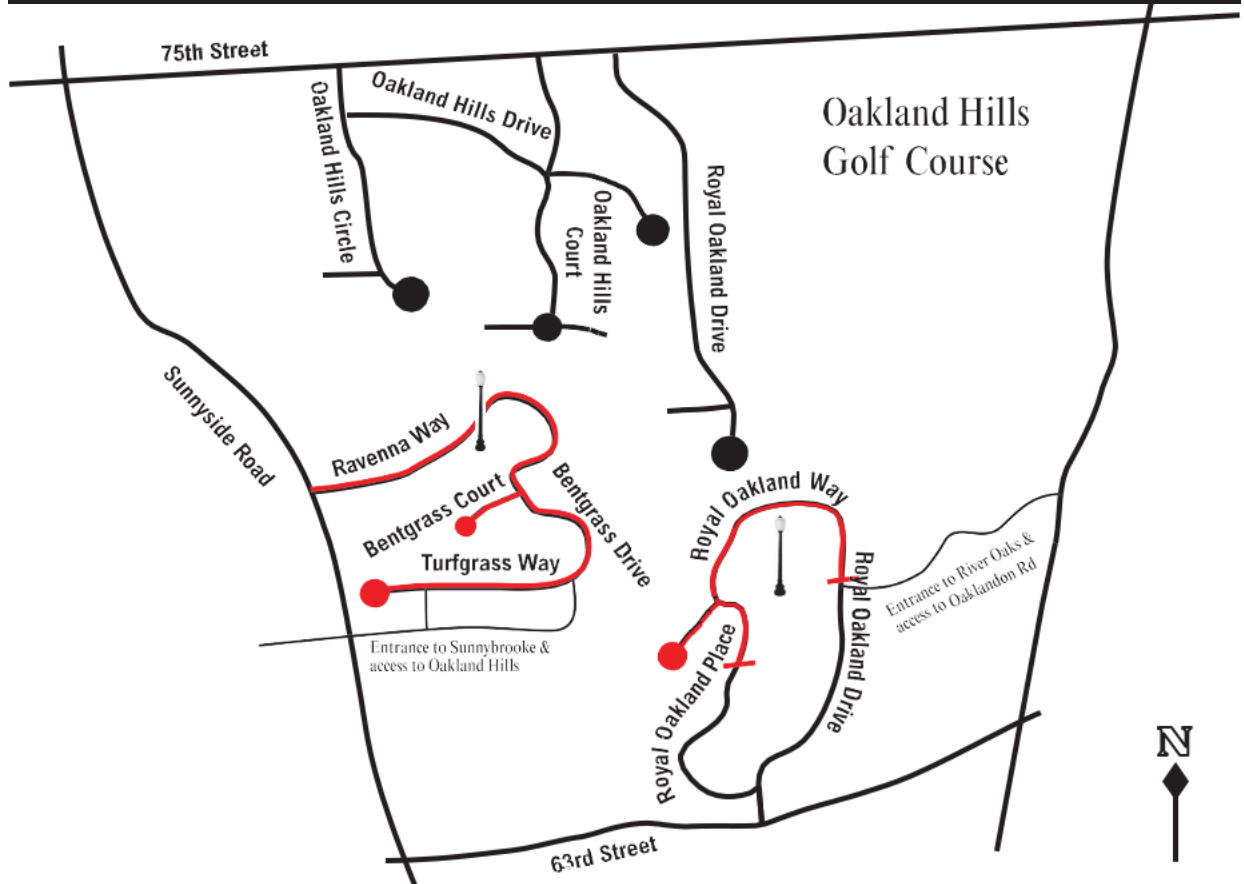
“OHNA is dedicated to the preservation of our community through beautification of the neighborhood, maintenance of architectural integrity, and promotion of interaction among members.”

Board Members

The Oakland Hills Board of Directors currently consists of the positions listed below. Residents voluntarily fill these positions and are focused on serving the needs of the community. If you have any questions about your neighborhood, or you would like to learn more about the board, please feel free to email a board member.

Person	Job Title	Responsibilities	Email
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Entrances to Oakland Hills are located off:

75th Street

Oakland Hills Circle

Oakland Hills Court

Royal Oakland Drive

Sunnyside Road

63rd Street

Oakland Hills Streetlighting Sections are highlighted in red.

Section 6: Part of Royal Oakland Place and Royal Oakland Way (Lots 190-219)

Section 7: Royal Oakland Drive (Lots 220-250)

Section 8: Turfgrass Way (Lots 261-293)

Section 9A: Bentgrass Drive (Lots 294-303)

Section 9B: Bentgrass Court and Bentgrass Drive (Lots 304-312)

Section 10: Ravenna Way (Lots 313-344)

Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association – OHNA

Board Meetings

OHNA Board Meetings are usually held at the Old Oakland Golf Course Club House at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. All OHNA members are welcome to attend. However, it would be best to contact a board member to verify specific date, time, and place. An annual meeting for the general membership is held in March or April.

OHNA Website – www.ohna.org

The OHNA website contains contact information and other useful documents. If you have questions regarding this website, you may contact the OHNA Webmaster, Bryce Williams (thebryceswrite@gmail.com).

OHNA Membership and Dues

OHNA Membership dues are collected annually for each calendar year. The dues are \$205 per year and are invoiced in January. OHNA is a voluntary association that depends on the support of residents. Membership dues are used to maintain the landscaping at all entrances, which includes walls, irrigation, lighting, grass cutting, and plantings, as well as social functions within our community.

Oakland Hills Streetlight Division

Streetlights are mandatory in Sections 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B, and 10 of Oakland Hills, and the Lawrence City code requires the lights to be maintained by a neighborhood association. OHNA has agreed to administer the maintenance through the Oakland Hills Street Lighting, (OHS), a Division of OHNA. Each lot in these sections is billed annually for the costs associated with managing the streetlights maintenance and paying the electric bill. This assessment is mandatory and separate from your OHNA dues. The map in this booklet identifies the streetlight sections. The assessment is \$50 for OHNA members and \$55 for non-members. Invoices are usually mailed in June. Failure to pay the assessment by the time required will result in a lien being placed on your home.



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What can I do if my streetlight(s) are out or need service?

Go to [AES Indiana](http://www.aesindiana.com) to report the problem. You will need to provide the nearest house address in relation to the light pole and the number on the pole.

AES typically responds within 5 days of a reported issue.

Only certain sections of OHNA have streetlights. If desired in other sections a vote by residents of that section would be necessary. The standards for such referendums vary.

What can I do about potholes/road issues?

We all can report issues or request assistance with potholes or road repairs in our neighborhood on the city's website: <http://www.cityoflawrence.org/report-street-issue>

What do I need to do if I want to make changes to my Property?

All changes or alterations to properties within the Oakland Hills subdivision, except for a few types of changes, must receive approval from the Oakland Hills Architectural and Development Committee PRIOR to their start. See pages 9 – 11 of this booklet or visit our website to download an application at <https://www.ohna.org> under Architectural Guidelines.

Unfortunately, the OHNA board and property owners have no authority over the owners of vacant lots and/or unoccupied homes. We all can report issues or request assistance with standing water or overgrown grass, by calling the Department of Public Works for the City of Lawrence at (317) 545-8787. (<http://www.cityoflawrence.org/code-enforcement>)



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

When does the OHNA Board Meet?

OHNA Board Meetings are usually held at the Old Oakland Golf Clubhouse at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

Does OHNA have social events?

Occasionally OHNA has social events. *Stay Up to Date and join the [OHNA FacebookGroup](#) - Check out OHNA Scheduled Events at www.ohna.org*

Does OHNA own any property?

No – OHNA does own Christmas decorations, signs and display boards.

What does maintenance of the entrances include?

Maintenance of entrances includes irrigation, lighting, planting, mowing, trimming and masonry. Regular coordination is required between the Township, contractors, OOGC and OHNA. Quotes and bids are obtained, discussed, and approved by the OHNA Board.

Where can I get copies of the OHNA covenants?

Covenant documents can be downloaded from the OHNA website. Covenants vary among the 10 sections of OHNA. Links to the covenants will be provided upon move-in by OHNA and should be provided by realtors during the closing process.

Can Oakland Hills residents use the golf course cart paths?

OHNA is fortunate to have such a beautiful private course in our neighborhood. During hours of operation only Old Oakland Golf Club members are allowed on the course.

Covenants and Architectural Guidelines

NOTE: The full covenants and architectural guidelines are available on the OHNA website at www.ohna.org.

The Architectural Review Committee is responsible for the coordination of the Architectural Guidelines and Covenants. This committee has created a set of architectural and development control guidelines that are available online at the OHNA Website: www.ohna.org under the “Covenants” tab on the home page.

NOTE: All changes to the exterior of your house and property must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee before work begins. OHNA is currently responsible for all covenant compliance on all improvements other than new home construction.

Oakland Hills Architectural and Development Control Guidelines

ALL changes or alterations to properties within the Oakland Hills subdivision must receive approval from the Architectural Review Committee PRIOR to their start. Oversight of these Guidelines, and review and approval of all applications, will be done by the Architectural Review Committee of the Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association, Inc. The exceptions (where Architectural Review Committee approval is not required) are set forth in the Guidelines in residence paint/stain color, roof material replacement, mailbox replacement, and property maintenance issues of a general nature. An “Architectural Review Committee Improvement Application” form can be found at the website www.ohna.org.

To receive official approval from the Architectural Review Committee, your application must be completed and submitted PRIOR to planned construction or alteration. This form must be received by the Architectural Review Committee at least 14 days prior to any anticipated start date. The Architectural Review Committee strongly encourages you NOT to sign a contract for initiation of planned work, or to engage in any agreement where the denial of your Architectural Review Committee Application might result in the loss of a deposit or down payment. The Architectural Review Committee bears no responsibility for residents who lose such deposits if the Architectural Review Committee Improvement Application was not completed or not received within the appropriate amount of time.

NOTE: The Old Oakland Golf Club will have final approval on projects located adjacent to or within sight of the Old Oakland Golf Course.

NOTE: In addition to the Oakland Hills Architectural and Development Control Guidelines, projects submitted to OHNA on an Improvement Application are also subject to the requirements of the City of Lawrence.

All contractors working in Lawrence must be licensed by the city to seek permits for projects. Do-it-yourselfers must have permits as well, but electrical or HVAC projects require the use of a licensed contractor. Permits are required for most of the types of projects included in the Oakland Hills Architectural and Development Control Guidelines.

Failure to seek appropriate permits and licenses can result in a stop-work order requiring that all work must immediately cease. Following a stop-work order hefty fines will be imposed by Lawrence (five times the permit cost plus a \$500 fine and/or up to \$2500 fine for ignoring the stop-work order). OHNA strongly recommends that the homeowner visit www.cityoflawrence.org/public-works/permits-guidelines or call (317)545-8787 before undertaking any project to ensure that all appropriate permits/licenses are acquired before projects begin.

Homeowners also need to be mindful of utilities requirements when digging for landscaping, fencing, and many other projects. At least 48 hours before digging homeowners need to call the "Call Before You Dig" hotline at 8-1-1 or fill out an online request at www.811now.com so that appropriate utilities surveys can be completed before digging begins.

Approval must be obtained for the following improvements:

- *FENCING*
- *MINIBARNS, DOG KENNELS/HOUSES, ARBORS, & AWNINGS*
(Minibarns, storage sheds, and other accessory structures such as dog houses and kennels will be denied unless they can be placed under a deck and not easily seen)
- *DECKS & PATIOS*
- *PORCHES, SCREENED-IN PORCHES, ROOM & GARAGE ADDITIONS*
- *GAZEBOS*
- *PLAYHOUSES*
- *PLAY STRUCTURES*
- *SWIMMING POOLS, POOL FENCING, & POOL HOUSES*
- *BASKETBALL GOALS/COURTS*
- *ANTENNAE: TV, RADIO, & SATELLITE*
- *LAWN ORNAMENTS*
- *LANDSCAPE DESIGN/BEDS EXCEEDING 40% OF FRONT/BACK YARD*
- *TREE PLANTING & REMOVAL*
- *PERMANENT & TEMPORARY SIGNAGE*
- *LIGHTS*
- *DRAINAGE*
- *RETAINING WALLS*
- *DRIVEWAYS*

ONCE AGAIN, THE SPECIFICS OF APPROVALS NEEDED AND THE APPROPRIATE FORM FOR SEEKING APPROVAL FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ARE FOUND ON THE OHNA *website: www.ohna.org*.

To: Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association

From: Old Oakland Golf Club Management Team

Date: January 2024

Re: Old Oakland Golf Club Update

Old Oakland just completed a very successful 2023 and would like to thank the OHNA residents that have supported the club with their membership. We know there are other options in our area, and we will always do our best to ensure you are satisfied with your club experience. In January 2024, Old Oakland is undertaking Phase I of a major capital project which includes the renovation and expansion of the men's and women's locker rooms and administrative offices. This project is expected to be completed in May 2024. Phase II which will include a kitchen expansion as well as an expanded patio with fire pits and bocce ball courts is slated for 2025.

Golf Course and Golf Path Access

We recognize that many of you purchased your homes in Oakland Hills due to the proximity of the golf course. However, Old Oakland Golf Club is a privately owned, members only facility and not affiliated with Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association. Old Oakland Golf Club wants to be a good neighbor and does allow pedestrian access to Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association residents during non-golfing hours for cart path use only. Due to safety concerns, we restrict access between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Considering golf traffic will always have priority, we request that if you see golfers in the area you are walking to please take precautionary measures to avoid injury from misguided golf balls. In addition, Old Oakland prohibits the use of bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or any other vehicles except for golf cars owned and operated by Old Oakland members. Pets must always be on a leash, and owners are expected to clean up after them.

Membership Opportunities

We would like to welcome all our OHNA neighbors to consider the benefits of membership to our wonderful golf and social club. We are committed to providing outstanding service every time you visit the club. With all the improvements and planned activities, Old Oakland Golf Club has become the best private club value in Northeast Indianapolis. For membership information or to schedule a tour, please contact our Membership and Marketing Director, Sarah Lobe, at 317.823.4791 ext. 101, or sarah@oldoaklandgolfclub.com. We value our relationship with the Oakland Hills Neighborhood Association and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Sincerely,

Scott Nelson, General Manager
Scott@oldoaklandgolfclub.com

HISTORY OF LAWRENCE, INDIANA

Since it served as a wilderness stop along a Native American trail in 1823, Lawrence, Ind., has played many roles and has evolved into an important destination community in northeast Marion County.

The municipality was platted in 1849 as a triangular tract bounded by 42nd Street, Franklin Road and Pendleton Pike. It was then called Lanesville. Other names subsequently were tried, including Jamestown after the founder James White. In 1866, the Marion County Commissioners approved the name Lawrence – also the name of the surrounding township – after the naval hero of the War of 1812, Capt. James Lawrence, who is remembered for the command, “Don’t give up the ship!”

In March 1901, Lt. Col. Russell B. Harrison came to Indianapolis to bury his father, President Benjamin Harrison. Here, the younger man learned about the War Department’s decision to close the Indianapolis Arsenal, which had supplied munitions to Union troops during the Civil War. (During the Civil War, the arsenal was located near the Statehouse; it later was moved to Woodruff Place, on the near east side of Indianapolis.)

The president’s son persuaded the War Department that Indianapolis deserved a military presence to commemorate the arsenal’s role in fighting slavery and maintaining the Union. In 1904, the War Department purchased land on the northeast side, nine miles from downtown. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated Fort Benjamin Harrison, which would serve as a troop reception center, classroom and soldier support facility during all major military conflicts from World War I to Desert Storm.

In 1929, the residents of Lawrence — then about 600 — voted to make their village a town. By 1940, the population had grown to 1,048; by 1950, Lawrence had 1,999 residents. A special census in 1956 showed 7,863 residents, and talk began of incorporating as a fifth-class city.

Morris Settles, the first mayor of Lawrence, served the city for 24 years, 1960-1983. Settles predicted a clash of interests between the large and small cities within Marion County. In 1969, Indianapolis and Marion County adopted a unified government structure. Lawrence was one of four “excluded cities,” so it retained its city government, though its citizens were given the right to vote for the mayor of Indianapolis and their representatives on the Indianapolis/Marion County City-County Council as well as the Lawrence mayor and other elected officials.



Lawrence began a new chapter in 1991, when the Base Realignment and Closure process earmarked Fort Harrison as one of many military bases across the country that would be closed. Closure came in 1995, but redevelopment of the fort has taken hold in a major way. The state of Indiana took ownership of 1,700 of the fort’s 2,500 acres to develop Fort Harrison State Park, The Fort Golf Course and the State Park Inn. Lawrence continues to have a strong military presence led by the more than 4,000 employees at the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Center, Lawrence’s largest employer. The Army Air Force Exchange Service built a post exchange and commissary at the former post in 2007 and the Indiana National Guard Lawrence Armory opened its Readiness Training Center there in 2011. Under construction is a new Armed Forces Reserve Center, with the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, where more than 1,200 reservists will participate in drill each month. The City of Lawrence and the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority, work together to redevelop the fort as a mixed-use village town center for Lawrence.



Hello from Lawrence!

I am thrilled and honored to embark on this new journey to serve our city as Mayor. Our first month has been off to an exciting start, with new hires and appointments, as well as the welcoming back of many familiar faces that have served our city for years.

During the last year, many of you may have heard me say “It’s time!” To me, that turn of phrase has meant so many things in so many contexts. It means it’s time to bring new, forward-looking leadership to our city. It’s time to take the momentum of the past administrations and move forward to achieve our goals. And of course, it’s time to unite our city and make sure we are connected on a deeper level than ever before.

It’s time to offer an example of leadership that understands that the power of elected office, put to its highest and best use, brings more and different people in, instead of keeping them out. It’s time to demonstrate that power, put to its greatest purpose, empowers others—even, and sometimes especially, when those “others” don’t look like we do, or love like we do, or think or worship or even vote like we do. It’s time to live out the promise of being a welcoming, inclusive community. With the challenges we face as a city and community, we know one thing for sure—it’s time we come together and work hard to make Lawrence a better place to live, work, and raise our families. I accept that charge as a humble, servant leader, and I promise you I won’t let you down. Here’s to the beginning of a new work in progress—one that will strive to serve all and welcome everyone. I know we can achieve great things when we work together.

All the best,
Deborah Whitfield
Mayor, City of Lawrence

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Lawrence Resources

Have questions or need help on anything related to the city of Lawrence? Call or use the website above.

The Greater Lawrence Township Area is one filled with thriving neighborhoods and friendly neighbors dedicated to maintaining its reputation as a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. The Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce works to make this livability possible by successfully collaborating with various business and community partners to advance the local economy. Lawrence residents are well known throughout the community for being engaged, service-oriented, and festive—after all, the annual Lawrence 4th Fest hosts the only 4th of July parade of its kind in Marion County and has become a time-honored pastime for thousands of Hoosiers like myself. Exciting traditions like this demonstrate why Lawrence is a great home for many and a wonderful destination for others to visit, play, shop, see and do. Lawrence is filled with residents, organizations, and businesses that make it an integral part of Marion County.



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Greetings!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Lawrence Township Schools! We are the fifth largest school corporation in Indiana, serving over 16,000 students and 2,400 employees.

Our school corporation has a history of academic excellence and a reputation as a leader in K-12 education. While we are proud of this heritage, our work is ongoing and ever changing because students and families deserve progressive learning communities where innovation and critical thinking are encouraged and valued for both students and staff. As a result, our efforts are focused on providing school environments where all students are encouraged to reach their potential academically, socially, and civically. We are committed to excellence. Every student. Every day.

We invite you to learn more about our people, curriculum, athletics, performing arts, and programs starting with the Early Learning Centers and continuing through the high schools and Center for Innovation and Technology. There are so many choices for our students; the only limit is time. I am proud to serve the patrons of this community in developing and preparing our young people for their futures.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Shawn A. Smith
Superintendent of Schools

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