

Returning to BACK IN THE DAY living

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It's no secret that we've become a society that no longer has time, or, in some cases, the interest to socialize with our neighbors. Gone are the days when the Clevers spent a fun-filled evening with the Haskells for a fiery game of canasta. You rarely see anyone in the neighborhood reading a book outdoors or going for an evening walk. Kids no longer linger in the streets for competitive games of stick ball with other neighborhood kids; in fact, they probably don't even know the meaning of stick ball nor the neighborhood kids.

KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT

The only problem is that secretly, no matter what our age, most of us envy and long for a neighborhood that is actually focused on neighbors. Why? There might be several reasons. One, we do want to know who lives by us and who we can count on for a cup of sugar, or who can get our mail when we take a vacation. We look forward to neighborhood kids racing through the house, with that *I've been outside all day* smell. We want safe streets that discourage speeding cars and the comfort of living among families that respect one another and look out for each other.

GETTING WHAT YOU WANT

By choosing to live in an area that still offers this atmosphere, you can enjoy a community that focuses on people and how folks want to live. You can indulge in a Coolman home that's built to last in a neighborhood that is designed with the community in mind. We're talking about a place that provides the necessities and amenities that make a home - North Hampstead in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The European-Style Village, located along Calumet Avenue on the city's north side, features paired cottages, low-maintenance condominiums, and (coming soon) single family bungalows. Tree-lined streets and sidewalks are the perfect invitation for morning walks and evening strolls. Streets are designed to reduce speeds for safety and promote residential activity. Enjoy a lawn blanket read or playing with the kids at any one of its three picturesque pocket parks. And with the Flint Lake School Play-yard right next door, you'll have to coax the kids (or grandkids) to come in from playing outside.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

North Hampstead truly has something for everyone. You love the idea of a low-maintenance community, pocket parks, and tree-lined streets. But what else, you ask? Well, how about Energy Efficient homes? Appliances, including a refrigerator, stove and oven, micro-hood,

dishwasher, disposal, and washer and dryer are included in the condo and village pair homes. Residents can also benefit from the convenience of nearby restaurants and shopping located on Valpo's north side. Not to mention the new YMCA just minutes away. It's the community that has it ALL.

SEE IT AND BELIEVE IT

This Saturday, August 23rd, from 4:30-7pm, the public is invited to the **North Hampstead Picnic**. Visitors are welcome to tour the neighborhood, view the models and socialize with the neighbors. Attendees can enjoy barbequed pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and beverages and an array of side dishes provided by North Hampstead residents. Come visit and find out for yourself why North Hampstead is a real honest-to-goodness neighborhood!

PLUS - SAVE THE DATE FOR GOOD

On Saturday, September 13th, the North Hampstead team from Coolman Communities will team up with Opportunity Enterprises for a Housing Opportunities fundraiser. The organization provides safe, affordable living options for a variety of folks in need. John Seibert, Vice President of Opportunity Enterprises in Valparaiso, IN, said "What a great opportunity for us. Given the fact that the storm two weeks ago wiped out our offices, the chance to partner with Coolman in this fundraiser couldn't come at a better time." Coolman has a history of community support, and Housing Opportunities is the perfect partner for those efforts.

The public is invited to tour homes at North Hampstead from 1-4pm on September 13th. Vendors will set up shop in these homes during the afternoon and donate a percentage of their proceeds to Housing Opportunities. Some of the participating vendors include Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, and Tupperware.

For more information on this event or on the North Hampstead Picnic, please contact Kandel Baxter at 219.477.4769 or stop by the model home in North Hampstead; Tuesday – Saturday from 1-4pm. For North Hampstead information online, visit www.coolmanbuilt.com.