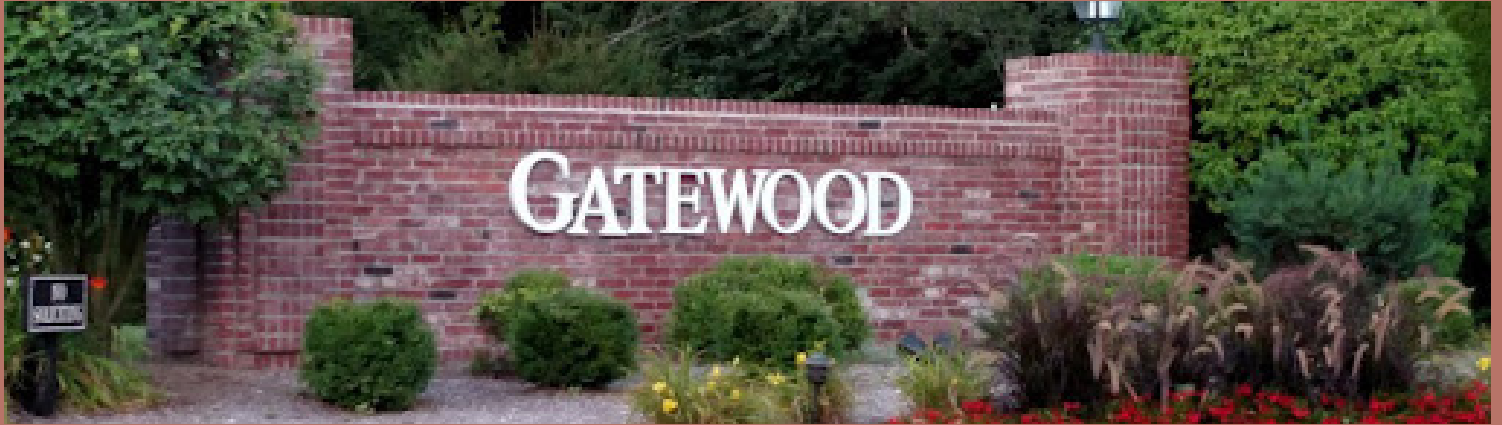


THE GATEWOOD GAZETTE



Decoding Pumpkin Buckets

On Halloween, you may notice trick-or-treaters toting around different colored pumpkin buckets. While some colors may just be festive, others have a special meaning behind them. Understanding these colors is a way we can all help families and children with special health needs navigate a night of trick-or-treating with less stress, more patience, and a lot more fun!



Blue

A blue pumpkin bucket may signify that a child is on the autism spectrum. These trick-or-treaters might not be able to make eye contact, say "Trick or treat," or tolerate wearing a costume. Be kind and patient to all who want to participate in the fun!

Purple

Purple pumpkin buckets can mean that a child is suffering from epilepsy. They may be sensitive to strobes, flickering and flashing lights that are often used in decorating for Halloween. It is important to have an easy way to quickly turn these features off.

Teal

If a child has a teal pumpkin bucket, it can mean that they are suffering from food allergies. It's always a good idea to keep a few non-food treats like stickers, pencils, bubbles, or glow sticks handy to ensure every child is included.

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Fishers Trick or Treating

Monday, October 31

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Holiday Light Contest



Thursday, December 15

Deck the halls for a chance to win big in the annual Gatewood Holiday Light Contest! Winners will be selected by the HOA Board during a drive-around on Thursday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. so be sure to have your lights on.

Fireplace Safety

While a fireplace adds warmth and comfort to a home during the colder months, safety should always be top of mind. Check out these tips to learn how to work and maintain your fireplace:

- Have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected on an annual basis, especially if you use a wood burning fireplace.
- Open the chimney flue prior to starting a fire to allow fresh air to feed flames and smoke to exit.
- Fireplaces should not be used as furnaces. Use them for a short time - no longer than 5 hours.
- Don't burn paper or use any kind of combustible liquid in your fireplace.
- During the holidays, keep the area surrounding the fireplace free from flammable objects like decorations or stockings.
- After the last fire of the season, clean out the firebox and remove all of the ash so it won't damage the masonry in the firebox during the off season.



Fishers Sesquicentennial Trail

Celebrate Fishers' 150th birthday by taking a tour of our history, culture, and community favorites on the Fishers Sesquicentennial Trail! Now through June 2023, pick up a kids or adult trail passport from any of the locations below, and begin checking off destinations as you explore.

- Fishers Parks (8100 E. 106th Street, Suite 150)
- Hamilton East Public Library (5 Municipal Drive)
- City Services Building (3 Municipal Drive)
- Ohanalulu (11640 Brooks School Road, Suite 100)
- Schoolhouse 7 Café (12125 Cyntheanne Road)
- Conner Prairie (13400 Allisonville Road)

From historic sites such as the Ambassador House and Conner Prairie, to cultural destinations such as Holland Park and the Ignite Studio, to local businesses celebrating with Sesquicentennial specials, the trail is the perfect way to celebrate Fishers. Once you complete the passport, you can turn it into the City Services Building for a special t-shirt!



Next HOA Meeting

Thursday, December 1

6:30 p.m. - Pavilion at the NPD AMP

Upcoming HOA Projects

- Information sign near the exit onto Allisonville Rd to share important dates and news like HOA meetings, garage sales, and more!
- Community library box at the pond on Gatewood Ln!

Connect With Your Community!

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Join the new **Gatewood at Fishers** group on Facebook for neighborhood news, events, updates, photos, and fun! We can't wait to see you online.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Gatewood Homeowners Association wants to hear from you! Email **Randy Collier** at rcollier@indyami.com with your questions, ideas, and suggestions.