

# Callan Drive

## NEWSLETTER

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### Neighbors shouldn't be strangers

Hello, Callan Drive neighbor!

A community is defined by communication and common interest. One would think that by my living in such close proximity to my neighbors that I would have at least talked once with everyone on our street. My family and I have lived on Callan Drive for nearly four years and we know only a handful of our neighbors. It is so easy to get caught up in work, family, and trying to unwind that getting to know my neighbors was always pushed to a lower priority on the *To Do* list.

Sure, we're all busy with work, activities, parenting, and other things that create a hectic schedule but I remember a time when neighbors were a type of extended family. If you saw someone needing a hand, you lent it. If someone had a concern, you talked to each other about it. You had genuine interest in each other's well-being. You looked out for one another. A community provides a sense of security, trust, support, and assistance.

### "Uh-oh, I sense a pitch coming on"

Don't worry; this letter isn't some ploy to get you to invest time or money into anything. The entire purpose is for us to start talking to one another, get to know each other, and try to gain some of that long-forgotten sense of community that has been lost in the hectic, time-consuming, always-connected lives we lead.

Regardless of politics, religion, race, disability, nationality, or any other aspect, we're all residents of Callan Drive. This is our home. That home should be more than just the four walls of our houses; our home should be the place where we have connection, which includes having familiarity and good relationships with the residents up and down Callan Drive. There is no motivation behind this effort other than getting to know each other and fostering that sense of community.

### Plans and ideas

A small number of us Callan Drive residents have started planning a social event so that everyone on our street can have an opportunity to meet each other and start getting to know each other, or know each other better. We have yet to determine the exact time and place but we're hoping to do it this month and maybe even having a small barbeque for a bit of enticement. If getting to know

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your neighbors is not of interest to you, that's perfectly fine. We respect that as everyone is free to live as they want. However, if this community building effort sounds interesting to you, please see the attached form. We're looking into ways of developing methods communication and notifications for Callan Drive, so we'd like to know if you have ideas or requests. Look for more information from us in the near future on the event and our community building effort.

Thank you for reading this introductory newsletter! We hope to hear from you soon!

## Who is this person?

I'm Phil Stanley. I live at 5105 Callan with my wife, son, daughter, and dog. I grew up in rural southwestern Indiana where the proximity to neighbors was measured in miles, not feet.

I studied to be a music teacher at Indiana University, served a brief time in the U.S. Army, and, somehow, landed in a career of information technology, software development, and technical writing, which took me to Colorado for 12 years. We've lived on Callan Drive since November, 2011.

My hobbies are...wait, I have kids. Do I even have hobbies anymore? Okay, my **interests** are trivia, movies, many different kinds of music, high-performance cars, and all things related to computers.

If you see a gray-haired, 6'8" guy on Callan Drive, please wave and say, "Hi, Phil!" I'd love to meet you.

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## Callan Drive neighbor information form

<b>Name (First, Last)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	_____ Callan Drive
<b>Level of interest</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> - I love the idea! Count me in! <input type="checkbox"/> - That might be good. I'd like to know more. <input type="checkbox"/> - I don't want to participate but I'll read your newsletter. <input type="checkbox"/> - Leave me alone already!
<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>Home phone</b>	
<b>Mobile phone</b>	
<b>Neighborhood topics or concerns that you want to discuss</b>	