



## Expanding Communication, Increasing Connectivity

Each year, Falling Waters welcomes numerous new families to our community. As we continue to grow in size, it is important that we are also expanding our methods of communication. That is why we will be releasing a monthly newsletter, in which we will share updates from the Board, invite you to collaborate in monthly activities, encourage you to share your feedback, and more!

Because Falling Waters offers such beautiful landscapes and wildlife, neighbors often find themselves excitedly updating each other about the unique bird they spotted or the new fawns that visited their yard. As we kick off this inaugural issue, we invite you to send in one photo of the wildlife you see this month for a chance to be featured in next month's issue. Birds, turtles, foxes- you never know what you might see! Simply scan the QR code on this page, click on the link below it, or copy it into your browser to submit by **November 8, 2021**. Enjoy exploring our beautiful community.



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## Cutest Pets Contest

As much as we want to further connect with our human residents, we want to hear about our four-legged neighbors too! Send us a photo of your pet this month via the QR code or link above by **November 8th**, and we will include them in the next issue where readers will be invited to vote on the cutest pet.

# Falling Waters

## Good News

We can always use more positivity in our lives! That is why this portion of the newsletter is dedicated to the uplifting events happening throughout our community.

### Annual 5K/10K Classic

The 2021 Falling Waters 5K/10K Classic commenced on Saturday, September 18 where over **one hundred** participants ran or walked to benefit the Molley Lanham Foundation, an organization that creates a safe space for survivors of homicide, in honor of the legacy homicide victim Molley Graham.



Several runners who placed in the top of their categories donated their prizes to the foundation, as did the 50/50 raffle winner!

Along the lines of coming together, this event also brought in several members of the Winamac Old Auto Club for an antique car show. Among the participants, Club VP Glen Ewen showed off his reimagined 1973 Ford LTD Police Car. Glen shared that he bought the car after a wreck and completely reconstructed it using Nipsco equipment, old toys, trophies, electronics, and various odds and ends that were gifted to him!

Guests also enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers, and booths showcasing vendors like Athletico and The Now Yoga Club, demonstrating that this event had a little something for everyone and that, like was shown with Glen's Ford, the combination of many different things can create something incredible!



Want to see more photos from this event? Just click on this link or copy it into your browser.

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Have your own good news to share? Scan the QR code or use the link on the first page by **November 8th.** ...



## Monthly HOA Update:

### **Improving Community Safety**

Earlier this year, the HOA Board began working on the North Gates Safety & Security project with Kevin DeHaan, owner of S & K Security. As of the first week of this month, this project has been 100% completed!

To help keep residents informed about all the important work our HOA Board does, and to elaborate on the benefits of this security project, Kevin DeHaan sat down for an interview for this newsletter.

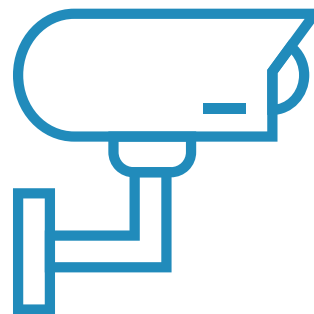
When asked about the importance of this security system for the Falling Waters community, DeHaan said that this level of security is necessary to improve the safety of our residents. He said our new system, "is designed to have control of all people coming in and out of your community," and that the system monitors "all vehicle traffic via barcode automation and closed circuit television."

The Falling Waters security system consists of barcode automation, mircom technologies for telephone entry and keyless entry, and an LTS security camera system.

These three different types of systems are used throughout the country, and can be found in government facilities, airports, schools, gated communities, and various types of industries. As the Falling Waters community grows, DeHaan said that street cameras can be added to our system to enhance security.

DeHaan shared that he feels this security system is important in our community due to "the constant flow of traffic like contractors." He said that communities like Lakes of the Four Seasons and Schilling have also invested in security systems like this because of the benefits and importance. He shared that the Falling Waters system can read the make, model, and license plate of all vehicles.

DeHaan even provided an example of how this system is already helping our community. He said, "last Saturday I was out at Falling Waters to assist Sherri Cullom (the HOA Board President) in playing back the security video since someone knocked over the South Gate mail box." Thanks to the new system, they were able to determine the time, date, driver, and vehicle make and model involved in this incident, which means that Falling Waters will not have to pay for the mailbox repairs, enabling more funding to go towards additional improvements for the community.





## From the Desk of the President

Maintaining active communication with all Falling Waters community members is one of the top priorities of the Falling Waters HOA. To keep residents informed about everything the Board has been up to, HOA Board President Sherri Cullom has put together the following update:

"Our HOA has had a busy year. I am lucky to be surrounded by a strong, volunteer board of directors. We have been able to implement noticeable changes that will help the safety and security of all residents. The board's goal is to improve the collective quality of life in Falling Waters. We live in the community, talk with our neighbors and gather a point of view of what people want. We then attempt to move in that direction, while paying attention to what the governing documents designate, and do our best to try to balance the two.

The front (South) gates are now being closed Mon- Fri and open on Sat and Sunday between 7am to 5 pm. The developer asked for the gates to be open on the weekends to help with lot sales. I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we increase the times that the gates are closed. We have had a lot of visitors having to learn the entry system. The rear (North) gates are now accessible by residents only.

The speed bumps that have been put in also are helping with the speeding problem. These bumps are year round and can be driven over by the snowplows.

There has been an uptick in building. That is great news! It means more neighbors to enjoy our beautiful subdivision.

Together, we can protect your biggest investment, maintain your property values and sustain the integrity of your community. "

*~Sherri Cullom*

# Falling Waters

## We Want to Hear from You!

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## Did you Know....

Falling Waters has its own website!!

When you visit our site, you will find:

- Our covenants, policies, & construction requirements
- The request for HOA approval form
- How to contact your HOA Board through email

If you register as a user you will also get private access to all of our financials and meeting minutes. This is a great resource to answer the many questions that you may have!

Visit [www.fallingwatershoa.com](http://www.fallingwatershoa.com) today!

## HOA Meeting Update

The November HOA meeting is **November 10th at 6:00 p.m. at The Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**, located at the corner of 100 South and County Line Road. Please plan on attending the meeting for a review of the proposed 2022 annual budget.

## Coloring Contest

Sometimes we all need to de-stress! Check out two great opportunities to unwind and even connect with your family. Submit your completed coloring pages via the submission link or QR code by **November 8th** for a chance to be featured in the next issue.

Click [HERE](#) or copy the link below to access the children's coloring page for October.  
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Click [HERE](#) or copy the link below to access the adult coloring page for October.  
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## Important Legal Notice

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The Board of Directors of the Falling Waters Conservancy District is inviting candidates for membership on the Board of Directors of the Conservancy District to file nominating petitions pursuant to I.C. 14-33-5-3. Three at large directorship positions will be voted upon at the 2022 annual meeting of the Falling Waters Conservancy District. One position is for a two-year term, one position is for a one-year term, and two are for a four-year term, currently vacant. Interested and qualified applicants for directorship positions are invited to submit a nominating petition signed by at least five (5) freeholders in good standing from the District. A candidate must be a freeholder from the District or the nominee of a corporate freeholder. The nominating petitions must be filed pursuant to the provisions of the Indiana Conservancy Act before December 1, 2021. Nominating petitions can be filed by mailing them to the mailing address of the attorney for the Falling Waters Conservancy District which is P.O. Box 980, Cedar Lake, Indiana 46303. Nominating petitions that are mailed are valid only if delivered or postmarked before December 1, 2021, and if the envelope has sufficient United States Postage and is addressed to the aforementioned address. Please notate which director position (term of years) you are interested in.

To be qualified to hold the position of director, an individual must be qualified by knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to the development of the district. A nominee need not be a petitioner for establishment of the district. A nominee does not have to be a resident of the area of the district from which nominations are invited but must be a freeholder.

Board of Directors Attorney  
Falling Waters Conservancy District

## Someone You Should Know...

Kayla Vasilko is the Editor and lead writer of the monthly Falling Waters newsletter. She graduated in 2021 with a B.A. in English Writing and Honors with highest distinction and a certificate in Writing for New Media from Purdue University Northwest. Kayla has published academic research in the disciplines of English, psychology, history, veteran studies, and community outreach with Purdue University and Johns Hopkins University.



Currently, Kayla works as an instructor of communications at Purdue University Northwest while earning her M.A. in Communications. When she is not working with students, Kayla enjoys grant writing for community organizations such as the Independent Cat Society, Students Helping Ignite Needed Esteem, Actively Moving Forward, the Porter County Veterans Treatment Court, and the Graduate Association of Leaders.

Kayla has lived in the Falling Waters community for fifteen years with her parents and sister, and treasures the kind and supportive residents that comprise Falling Waters. She volunteered to take on this newsletter project after witnessing a need for increased communication in the community.

### Community Showcase

Falling Waters is full of incredible people and families who are making positive changes for Northwest Indiana every day. We want to showcase these stories in our newsletter! Nominate someone you know for a showcase by **November 8th**. **Just** copy the link below into your browser, or scan the QR code.



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