



## July 13, 2023 Questions & Answers

### Streets/Utilities

**Q:** There were multiple questions submitted regarding the streets and sidewalks in Geist Valley Estates. The residents wanted to know:

- **When will the Geist Valley Estates (GVE) neighborhood streets/curbs be placed in the City of Lawrence budget to be repaved?**
- **When will the GVE sidewalks be placed in the budget to be repaired or redone?**
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**A:** *Repaving of GVE will be included in the 2024 Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) applications. If approved, paving will be completed in the summer/fall of 2024. As part of the paving projects all broken and damaged sidewalks and noncompliant ADA ramps will be replaced.*

**Q:** I live in Geist Valley Estates (75th Street between Sunnyside and Oaklandon). I have lived here since October, 2002...21 years. During that time, I have contacted the City of Lawrence multiple times about the lack of a storm drain and the downgrade of the cul-de-sac, where my home sits. During heavy rains, water sits for days, and during snow melts, ice and water run off stays for weeks (sometimes all winter if several snows) at the end of the driveway and around the mailboxes. Furthermore, the snowplows, push the snow into the cul-de-sac, making water and ice permanent. One year, I did reach a city engineer who acknowledged the issue but seemed helpless to provide a solution or resolve.

**A:** *The cul-de-sac does not have storm drainage. We will look at addressing this the best we can during the paving project.*

### Other

**Q:** What can be done with rental properties or other properties which are not kept up? Homes with multiple families living in a three-bedroom home? Homes with multiple families living in a three-bedroom home? Business with multiple or large vehicles that are in a residential area that block sidewalks and park in unpaved or non-stoned yards? Many of these items used to be addressed by zoning.

**A:**

- *Please report concerns to the City of Lawrence's Department of Public Works via the form on the website which can be found under the "How Do I...?" section or click on the following link: [Code Enforcement | City of Lawrence, Indiana](#).*
- *There are no ordinances governing how many people can stay at a house, however, if it's unsafe please report your concerns to the Marion County Department of Health.*
- *There are no City or Zoning ordinances restricting people to park in non-paved or non-stoned areas. However, they are not supposed block sidewalks. If they do call the Lawrence Police Department non-emergency number at 317-545-7575 to report it.*