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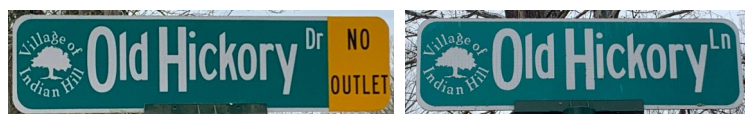
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**Buckingham Lodge
1861**

Indian Hill Roads Named for Trees

Driving through Indian Hill is a treat any time of year. Houses are nestled in its beautiful landscape which continues to reflect the rural legacy of its past. Many curves in the roads have tree tunnels with majestic canopies of old growth forests. Some of the Village byways are named for species of North American trees.



Access to Old Hickory Lane is from Camargo Road, and Old Hickory Drive is a cul-de-sac on the south side of the lane. A deciduous hardwood, the Hickory tree is known for its strength and durability. It has a broad canopy and reaches towering heights. Its compound leaves as well as its distinctive bark and nuts provide attractive foliage and aesthetic interest in all seasons. The bark color (dark gray or brown) and texture are unique with ridges and rough furrows. There are 18 species of Hickories, with 12 native to North America. Its wood is thick, sturdy, and resilient to strain. Tool handles, furniture, floors, and cabinets made of Hickory last for many years. Most Hickory nuts are edible, nourishing, and nutrient rich. Most famous of these is the pecan. Hickory wood is popular for grilling meats, particularly Southern barbeques. Besides its practical benefits, the Hickory tree is remarkable for its natural beauty and visual spectacle.



Located on the south side of Shawnee Run Road between Camargo and Miami Roads, Shawnee Pines is a quiet drive with eleven residences. Worldwide there are 120 species of Pine Trees, and each one has unique characteristics. They are evergreen conifers – plants that have seed cones and bundles of needles rather than the leaves commonly found on deciduous trees. The needles are in bundles of 2, 3, or 5. Pines range in size from dwarves to giants. Some have edible nuts, seeds found within the cones (sometimes called pignoli), and these are culinary enhancements to such dishes as pesto, salad, and desserts. The needles and resin have vitamins and are sometimes consumed as medicinal aids. Pine is valued for its lumber and utilized often in construction and woodworking, and in earlier times, as masts for seagoing vessels. Pine trees symbolize endurance, longevity, and strength. They can withstand harsh conditions. During the holiday season, Pine trees, with their vibrant green foliage, represent hope and renewal. They are revered throughout history and vital even today.



A relatively new street, Walnut Woods first appeared in the 1989-90 *Indian Hill Directory*. North of Annesdale Drive, it has seven homes. Walnut trees are valued for their vigor and hardiness. They are appealing with their lush canopies and stunning rugged bark, which make an impact in any landscape. Ecologically, Walnut trees provide shade, and are a food source and habitat for wildlife. They even host moth and insect species which provide food for native birds. These deciduous trees can grow up to 130 feet at maturity and have broad compound leaves. The most common species in the U.S. is the English or Persian Walnut. The edible seeds are kernels inside an outer shell and thick husk. They contain antioxidants and can be eaten raw or cooked in gastronomic treats. An interesting tidbit is that the seed itself resembles the human brain with its grooved surface and complex folds and creases. Walnut wood has a unique grain pattern, and is used in fine furniture, intricate paneling, musical instruments, and rifle and shotgun stocks. One of North America's most esteemed trees, the Walnut is adaptable, robust, has multiple functions, and supports local ecology in many ways.