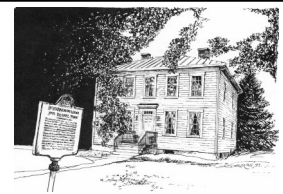


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Indian Hill Roads Named for Trees

Driving through Indian Hill is a treat any time of year. Some of the Village byways are named for species of North American trees.

Tupelo Lane is on the northeast side of North Clippinger Drive. It currently has 23 residences. Tupelo trees are of the *Nyssa* genus, of which there are 10 different species worldwide. A medium to large deciduous tree (30' to 80'), it is native to most of the eastern United States. Its name is derived from the Muskogee word for "swamp tree", and it is common in wetland areas. Able to tolerate many soil conditions, Tupelos have shiny green elliptical leaves that change to scarlet, orange, or purple during the autumn, making it a popular ornamental. Its wood is used in carving and for furniture, tools, plywood, canoes, railroad ties, crates, and boxes. Its pulp is a component of high-grade paper. Honey that is made by bees that harvest nectar from these trees is known as Tupelo Honey, prized by chefs and food connoisseurs. The musician Van Morrison's song Tupelo Honey was a tribute to his wife, and it began "She's as sweet as Tupelo Honey."



Two byways in the Village feature the Willow in their nomenclature. The circular Willow Hills Lane is located south of Indian Hill Road, and Willow Run Court is north of Wooster Pike. A deciduous tree belonging to the *Salix* genus, it has around 400 species. Native to Asia, it grows abundantly in the northern hemisphere. Willows leaf out early in spring, and their leaves are among the last to drop in the fall. Easy to grow they reach 35' to 50' tall. The Weeping Willow got its name because its leaves on drooping branches resemble teardrops, making it appear as if the tree is crying. In ancient days, Willow's bark was prized for its medicinal and herbal properties. Currently a compound from the bark (salicin) is

used in the production of aspirin. The wood is utilized for cricket bats, toys, brooms, dolls, and was used by the British during World War II to make parachute baskets because it was light weight yet strong. Willows are an important symbol in many cultures. In the US, it is associated with flexibility and endurance, but also with grief and mourning as willow trees are often engraved on tombstones. Because it is easy to root and survives tough conditions, it also is associated with immortality and rebirth.

Located on the western side of North Clippinger Drive, the Lone Oak cul-de-sac has only 4 residences. Its name derives from the Oak tree, of the genus *Quercus*. Oaks are one of the most common species of trees in North America. There are 500 species – about 90 of which can be found in the USA. Mostly deciduous, they are long-lived, large, slow growing trees with majestic canopies. Many birds, mammals, fungi, and insects shelter under the limbs of mighty oak trees or in the ridges of its sturdy trunk. Its wood is resistant to rot and water, thus it is a favorite of boat and ship builders. It is used for aging spirits like wine and beer. Also the wood is important in construction and furniture making, and as a fuel source. Oak tree nuts provide sustenance for woodland animals and were once consumed by ancient peoples. Oaks are the state tree in 6 states as well as being the official tree of Washington D.C. Throughout history the Oak tree has symbolized strength, honor, wisdom, and stability. It has been depicted on heraldry and coins. For US Armed Forces, oak leaves signify rank. Oaks are popular and common throughout the nation.

