

HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Please come!

Mark your calendar! Crime Watch Meeting
Hill Valley Estates Monday, April 21, 2003 Friedens United Church of Christ
8300 S. Meridian Doors open at 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
Crime Watch is really excited about this meeting! It promises to be very informative. Theresa R. Bowers, Perry Township Administrator, Division of Neighborhood Services, Department of Metropolitan Development will address the topic of streetlights. Ms. Bowers will present accurate information. Let's explore the possibility of streetlights in Hill Valley!

Marion County Sheriff, Frank J. Anderson
Colonel John R. Layton, Executive Officer,
have both placed the Crime Watch Meeting on their calendars.
"Only a Terrorist Threat here in Indianapolis will prevent their attendance."

Deputy Glen Gass, Lt. Albert Hauck, Deputy Darrell McGana, Deputy Steve Magnuson will represent Marion County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Section. East Hill Valley resident and Deputy Dan Kistner will also be present. Crime Watch has been assured that our questions will be answered. A Question and Answer Format will address the following topics:

- Marion County Sheriff's Department's Roll in Crime Watch and MCSD Response Time
- The October, 2002 Burglaries. Juvenile Laws.
- Speeding/Running Stop Signs/Parking Violations
- Mail Theft/Mail Vandalism - Ice Cream Vendor Trucks
- Domestic Violence
- Is there a Drug and/or Gang Problem in or near Hill Valley Estates?

Crime Watch's intent is to enlighten residents about items of interest that pertain to Hill Valley. If you have any specific questions that you would like answered, please contact:

Barb Brown: Phone 888-5456 - Fax 889-7378 - email: BEBrown317@aol.com

Thank you to all Block Captains, past and present, for the effort that they make to keep neighbors informed of "what's happening" in our subdivision. Their efforts are most appreciated by their neighbors.

CRIME WATCH NEWS

For more information or to learn your Block Captain's name, call Crime Watch Coordinators:

East Hill Valley: Barb Brown 888-5456 BEBrown317@aol.com

West of Rahke-S of Mellowood: Laurel Schiefelbein 881-8797 laurel.s@prodigy.net

West Hill Valley-East of Rahke: Joan Smith 865-7761 joanss@comcast.com

West of Rahke-N of Mellowood: Dave Turo-Shields 865-1674 dave@overcoming-depression.com

Incidents reported to Neighborhood Crime Watch Program - 1st Quarter, 2003: 1 home invasion; 4 reported burglaries, 5 larcenies involving autos, 5 larcenies not reported to crime watch but to the MCSD

6+ yard jobs, mailbox bashings

Gunshots heard (if you hear gunshots, PLEASE call 9-1-1)

BRING A DONATION for Salvation Army's "Operation Compassion from the Home Front" which provides packages for National Guard Troops who have left for active duty. Each care package contains an assortment of items: T-shirts, Socks, Ink Pens, Games, Crossword Puzzle Books, Playing Cards, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Disposable Razors, Sunscreen/Sunblock, Baby Wipes for hands & guns, Non-Aerosol Deodorant, Shampoo, Flea Collars (to use on boots, not soldier's neck) Foot Powder. Please bring all donations to the April 21st Crime Watch Meeting being held at Friedens United Church of Christ.

HILL VALLEY TEEN NAMED VALEDICTORIAN OF PERRY MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2003

From The Spotlight February 26, 2003 by Keith A. Brown

Aaron Cantrell, Perry Meridian High School senior, was introduced to the Perry Township Board of Education Monday evening by Dr. H. Douglas Williams, Superintendent. The occasion was to recognize Cantrell's exceptional talent as a Prelude instrumental finalist, an outstanding achievement.

Williams, however, took advantage of the situation to also announce that Cantrell had just been selected to be valedictorian of his high school senior class. In addition, he has been appointed as a Wells Scholar, perhaps the most prestigious academic award offered a high school senior by Indiana University. The award includes a full academic scholarship.

Aaron is the son of Paul and Kim Cantrell of Ralston Road.

Please be aware that since January, there has been a water main break, a gas leak and potholes in the neighborhoods that aren't being reported. Someone who was out walking reported the gas leak. Another person called about the water main only after they had come home hours later and saw the water still bubbling up over the street. If you see water coming up from the street or smell anything unusual, such as gas-don't assume that someone else has called about it. Give the appropriate utilities a call. They will let you know if someone else has already called and will thank you. Please report any potholes to President Olmstead at 888-5270. He is compiling a complete list of potholes

throughout Hill Valley and will send them to the Mayor's Action Center so that all of them can be fixed at or around the same time.

Hill Valley Homeowners Association Board of Directors
Meeting Dates

As members, you are welcome to attend these meetings and voice your thoughts. If you would like to be included on the agenda, please call David Olmstead. HVHA meets the 3rd Monday of every month (except December) at St. Barnabas church at 7:30 p.m. The first 20 minutes will be devoted to grievances, etc., before the business meeting continues. Please be prepared, as there is limited time. Dates for 2003 are as follows:

April 21 August 18
May 19 September 15
June 16 October 20

July 21 November 17

Indianapolis" ToxDrop program will accept household hazardous waste at the Perry Township Government Center at 4925 Shelby St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

If you would like your newsletter sent via e-mail, and have not already been receiving it in this format, please contact Martha VanBuskirk at coltfan1@att.net or by phone at 859-0262.

HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2003 EXECUTIVE BOARD

David Olmstead	President	S. East St.	888-5270
Steve Scheidler	Vice-President	S. Pennsylvania	881-1558
Ernestine Nicholson	Secretary	Lockwood Ln.	865-0787
Joan Smith	Treasurer	E. Hill Valley Dr.	865-7761
John Renault	Member	Parish Ln.	888-9607
Frank Hogan	Member	W. Valley View	888-6540
Pat Finke	Member	Laura Lynne Ln.	881-8594
Linda Mershon	Member	Ottowa Dr.	881-9751
Martha VanBuskirk	Member	Narcissus Dr.	859-0262
Pat Reece	Immediate Past-President		

Income and Expenses through March 2003

Membership Income 473 to date	\$11,825
Interest	\$116
Cash reserves Used	\$951
Total Income	\$12,892

Snow Removal	\$12,034
Newsletter	\$687
Other expenses	\$171
Total Expenses	\$12,892

From The President's Desk

I am so happy that the snow is finally gone, but unfortunately to the tune of over \$12,000. I was quite busy fielding the calls this season, as did other board members. Having seen for myself streets that got nothing done and damage to lawns- we (your board) are in agreement that changes need to be made. Consider this a notice that we are opening the bidding process up with specific requirements. Some considerations are to bring onboard two contractors (East and West) with a guaranteed number of trucks. If you know of contractors please have them contact me for specific requirements. My number is 888-5270. My goal is to put in place a contract that is complete, flexible, and reasonable. If there is someone who would like to be on a committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the board, please get involved-the time is now.

Additional effort was put forth by affected homeowners as well as the board to get lift station 21 repaired and upgraded as well as get with the engineering firm to validate that there is a problem that needs attention by the city with our sewer/drainage infrastructure.

Last year we successfully defended our neighborhood and prevented another commercial development that would NOT have added any value to our area. The developers is in the process of developing the area for a housing development and guess what that means- more personal property taxes in the coffers for all sorts of township use. Properly used, taxes can be a good thing. Like you, I want to minimize my obligation when possible, but still, if you want services you must pay. Streetlights have been an issue for many years and originally HVHA agreed to put some lights up in 1969 with the understanding that they would revert back to the city in five months. It wasn't until 1999 that this was accomplished. I have been doing research to determine what other associations are doing. The average cost per household runs from \$100/month to \$400.00/year with the association having the ability to place a lien on unsuspecting homeowners home. One pulled her associations billing for lights to inform me that their most recent billing was \$1500.00 for one month. This association has only 108 homes. HVHA couldn't begin to support that in the current voluntary environment we work in presently. WE (HVHA) can only raise membership fees. Please be aware our (HVHA board) focus is to benefit as much of the membership as possible. Personal interests affecting individual members are considered if it will benefit the ENTIRE area.

In closing, I want to say that if your board were using tax dollars I would bet

on our ability to be the caring voluntary stewards that we have been now, as well as that of our predecessors. Please be aware that you can get up out of the foxhole and become a participating member of the best (note I didn't say perfect) voluntary homeowners association board. I am ending my term at the end of this year and as I look back at my/your board's accomplishments, please try and do better. The bar is high and dedicated members are needed.

REMINDER-The spring garage sale dates are June 5,6,7. The Summer Social is set for August 15th.