

# HILL VALLEY

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# HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for your patience with snow removal this year. We continue to look for productive ways to responsibly spend Association dollars to maintain Hill Valley as a premier place to live and raise a family. Also, keep your storm drains open. April typically provides more rainfall and drains can be covered with leaves and debris and cause local flooding. We will continue to do everything in our power to represent the best interests of our neighborhood and provide the best value for your membership. THANK YOU for being a member of Hill Valley and we welcome any feedback you would like to provide us as your board of directors!

## CITY LAUNCHES WEBSITE TO MONITOR POTHOLES

Indianapolis has created a new way for the public to track pothole reports by launching a Pothole Viewer website. During pothole-filling season, roughly March through June, the Department of Public Works sends out 10 to 15 crews daily to fill reported potholes. This month, a DPW news release said, its crews average a turnaround time of less than three days.

The new website allows users to view open pothole requests across the city or at a neighborhood level. They also can see potholes that have been filled in the past six months, color-coded by response time. Users can report a pothole or track one they reported earlier through the Mayor's Action Center by calling (317) 327-4MAC (4622) or by visiting [www.indy.gov/potholes](http://www.indy.gov/potholes).

## CITIZEN'S TRANSFER STATION

Do you ever find yourself making a trip to the landfill to get rid of heavy trash and/or debris? Save yourself 75% off the cost of going to the landfill or using a private service to haul away your items. Haul them to the Marion County Citizens' Transfer Station: 2567 S. Belmont Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46221

They are open on Saturdays from 8am to 4pm. The cost to drop-off a safely-loaded car-load is \$2.00 and the cost for a pickup truck load is \$5.00. Trailer loads are not permitted. Only regular or heavy trash items will be accepted. Items like construction materials should be reused if possible.

## 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

Newsletters will be sent out during the months of January, April, July, and October. Any news must be submitted before the end of previous month to HVHA, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis IN 46217-1744.

The Board meets the 3rd Monday of every month (except December) generally at St. Barnabas church at 7:30 p.m. The first portion of the meeting is devoted to input from visitors before the business meeting continues. Please be prepared, as there is limited time. Dates for 2013 are:

			Jun 17, 2013	Aug 19, 2013	Oct 21, 2013 **
		May 20, 2013	Jul 15, 2013	Sep 16, 2013	Nov 18, 2013

\*\*The 2013 Annual Meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2013 and is normally held at Friedens UCC.

The [Garage Sale for 2013](#) will be: June 6, 7 and 8.

**Annual Summer Social for all members & families will be Friday, August 9, 2013 starting at 5:30 p.m.**

### **HVHA HAS AN UPDATED WEBSITE AND NEW WEBMASTER**

Dave Durrett is taking on the task of webmaster and is rebuilding the website. When finished, it will have a new look and better usability.

### **HAVEN'T SENT YOUR DUES IN YET?**

That is not a problem; please send your dues to:

**HVHA**

**P.O. Box 17441**

**Indianapolis IN 46217-1744**

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

You may have up to four email addresses for delivery. Send an e-mail to [HillValleyIndy@gmail.com](mailto:HillValleyIndy@gmail.com) to add more e-mail addresses. Past newsletters are posted on our [website](#).

### **NEW RESIDENTS**

We have noticed many new residents moving into our neighborhood. We have contact information on some of you but it is very incomplete. Please contact Dave Durrett, [ddurrett@callcarpenter.com](mailto:ddurrett@callcarpenter.com), or [hillvalleyindy@gmail.com](mailto:hillvalleyindy@gmail.com) with the best way for us to address your correspondence.

There are over 1100 homes in Hill Valley. Our Homeowners Association arranges for snow plowing and a quarterly Newsletter to inform everyone what is coming up next, including zoning bulletins. We have an annual social for all members that includes a full meal with beverages, recreation for the children, and live music. We have a website, [www.hillvalley.org](http://www.hillvalley.org), where you can find a map of the neighborhood, special events and announcements, past Newsletters, important area phone numbers; and, alerts on new issues and an e-mail link to notify us of any problems or neighborhood news.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION** –We are always looking for volunteers to help us with a variety of activities. If you are interested in helping with one of the activities listed below, please call Steve Scheidler at (317) 881-1558 and we would welcome your assistance:

Summer Picnic – We have opportunities to volunteer to serve drinks or food, cook, help with checking neighbors in at the event, etc. This is a one time commitment for no more than four hours on Friday, August 9, 2013.

Membership Chairman – this person would ideally like record keeping. It would entail keeping records of members who pay dues, depositing membership money at our bank, checking the post office box for correspondence, helping us determine who gets an invitation to the Summer Picnic (only paid members get an invitation) and keeping the board informed of our membership progress throughout the year. (Minutes a week from your home) (MS Access)

Crime Stoppers – we are actively looking for street/block captains that can communicate with your neighbors about crime in the area and work with local law enforcement officials to keep us all safe. (Time commitment varies)

Newsletter – We always seem to need help assembling our quarterly newsletter. (4 times a year in the months of January, April, July and October)

Landscape Watering – since we have made an investment in our entryways to our subdivision, we will be actively watering the new plants to make sure they get a good start. (When it's dry, we were hauling over 150 gallons of water each week to the new plants at the entryways)

Open Board Seats – we currently have a couple of open board seats available. You would be elected at the October Annual Meeting. (One meeting a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

### **QUOTE**

Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. - *Steve Jobs*

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SOLICITATION**

Has someone knocked on your door trying to sell you something? Our neighborhood has a no solicitation policy. Since we have no solicitation signs posted in our neighborhood, this is an enforceable offense with the Indianapolis Metro Police Department. Please call the non-emergency 911 number, which is (317) 327-3811. Realize that this will be a lower priority run, but is still a police run.

## **INDIANAPOLIS/MARION COUNTY SERVICES - [WWW.INDY.GOV](http://www.indy.gov)**

Indianapolis/Marion County is the twelfth largest city in the United States, and it is by-far one of our country's most livable big cities. For those who reside and work here, Indianapolis has a quality about it that makes even the heart of a bustling downtown feel like home. Visitors are drawn from all over the globe to enjoy our top-notch professional sports venues, a thriving convention industry and numerous cultural attractions. And when they arrive, they too experience the Hoosier character and hospitality that make Indianapolis special.

Do you have questions about or need to request a city service? Do you need street or sidewalk repairs? Maybe you need to talk to our County Assessor or Treasurer about a property tax bill or want to learn more about our Chin neighbors moving in to our housing addition? All of these and MANY more services are available at [www.indy.gov](http://www.indy.gov). Need information about trash pick-up, neighborhood support programs, courts, recreation opportunities, taxes, locally elected officials, voting places and voting eligibility, local parks, education and job opportunities . . . the list is immense. Take advantage of this website to improve your property and benefit from the many resources available as a resident of Marion County.

Our local liaison for the Mayor's Office is Gary Loveless. Gary regularly attends our homeowner's board meetings and helps us bring resources for our neighborhood and township. If you would like to contact Gary Loveless directly, he may be reached at [gloveless@indygov.org](mailto:gloveless@indygov.org) or (317) 833-4938.

**MEMBERS SERVING MEMBERS** - If you are a member of the Association and have a specialty or talent that you would want your neighborhood to know about, we will be glad to list your name, address, contact information and a description in 12 words or less of your business or craft. There will be no charge but no special wording or art treatment. This is information, not advertising, and a service to all members of HVHA.

**Mrs. Nita Norcross, M.S. Ed - *Personal Tutoring*** - all ages (Pre-K thru college) and subjects. Contact [profnorcross@gmail.com](mailto:profnorcross@gmail.com)

**John H. Renault** - French tutoring and teaching. French/English and English/French translations. 8342 Parish Lane; phone: (317) 888-9607; [renaultjohn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:renaultjohn@sbcglobal.net)

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**Michelle Butts** - First time buyers, empty nesters, investors "No BUTTS about it" Contact Century 21 (317) 243-3666 or [www.michellebutts.com](http://www.michellebutts.com)

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**DeAnne Milliken** - Creative memories. I organize pictures into photo safe albums for long term preservation. Call (317) 881-2444 or e-mail [demilliken@yahoo.com](mailto:demilliken@yahoo.com)

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**Jerry Brown - *Indy Guitar Builder*** - Full service building, repair, restoration, and appraisals. Call (317) 881-0585, e-mail [Indyguitarbuilder@yahoo.com](mailto:Indyguitarbuilder@yahoo.com), or go to <http://www.indyguitarbuilder.com>

**Carolyn Leach** - MEDICAL BILLS REVIEWED - Detect overcharges, errors or underpayments with resulting savings or refunds to you. Contact (317) 882-2002 or e-mail [IndyMedicalBillReview@yahoo.com](mailto:IndyMedicalBillReview@yahoo.com)

**Sue Moore** - Sheltie Rescue>- For information on fostering or adoption of Shetland Sheepdogs [www.sheltie-rescue.org](http://www.sheltie-rescue.org) or e-mail [jdifffie@aol.com](mailto:jdifffie@aol.com) or call (317) 885-1838

**Don & Elizabeth Harmon** - Tax Service - H&R Block Associates (317) 887-8200 or fax (317) 877-8452

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**2013 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Steve Scheidler	President	S. Pennsylvania	(317) 881-1558
Patty Graff	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	E. Hill Valley Dr	(317) 331-1481
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**GARAGE SALE TIME**

Dates for our 2013 community garage sale are: June 6, 7 and 8. Garage sales are a great way to clean up your house and make money letting someone else buy your treasures. Your Homeowners Association hosts a community garage sale each year. Any Hill Valley resident is welcome to participate. We will post signs at the entrances of our addition and print flyers with addresses in our neighborhood who are participating in the garage sale. Please contact Patty Graff at (317) 331-1481 and let her know you will participate if you would like to be included on the flyer.

**INDY PARKS NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER**

Indy Parks and Recreation employs about 320 seasonal lifeguards and pool supervisors to operate our 20 aquatic facilities. Lifeguarding is a great job for high school and college students, teachers looking for summer employment, or older adults looking to become more involved in their community. Interested applicants may apply online. Indy Parks’ lifeguards are trained and certified using the StarGuard certification program which covers lifeguarding skills, water rescue techniques, First Aid, and CPR. The 3-day training is completed at Indy Parks’ internal training facility and is available almost every weekend from now until the beginning of summer break. Successful completion of the course not only includes proof of competency in water rescue techniques, but also includes having an A+ attitude, being on time, and showing maturity, responsibility and respect. Applicants should possess an outgoing personality along with excellent customer service skills, and enjoy working with children, parents and co-workers.

To qualify, applicants must be at least 16 years old, a Marion County resident, able to pass a swimming test consisting of a 200 yard swim using front crawl or breast stroke, one minute tread with hands out of the water, and successful retrieval of a 10-pound diving brick from 10 feet of water. Working hours and conditions can vary throughout the summer.

Apply online at [www.indy.gov/jobs](http://www.indy.gov/jobs) or call (317) 327-1470 for more information.

## **DPW REPORT FOR PORTIONS OF PERRY TOWNSHIP**

Restrictions have been removed until construction resumes in the Spring of 2013 on Emerson Avenue from I-65 to Shelbyville Road. Speed limit during construction is 30 MPH and regulatory sign have been posted. \

Restrictions will be in place on Morgantown Road and County Line Rd for tree clearing in preparation for intersection improvements. *This may be the roundabout or traffic signals that were promised a year or so ago with Railroad Rd and County Line Rd. as well. Nothing has been said about latter.*

Lane restrictions are in place along Madison Avenue and East Street from Troy Avenue to Hanna Avenue through July 2013.

Restrictions may be in place around 9th Street and Thompson Rd. while traffic improvements are underway.

## **ROAD SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS**

By Bonnie Hensley, IFD Public Information officer

Spring vacations are quickly approaching and many of us will be hitting the open road. From carrying your passengers safely to avoiding the dangers of drowsy and aggressive driving, be aware of your surroundings and get everyone back home again safely.

### **Distracted Driving**

Engaging in any activity that could divert your attention away from the primary task of driving safely creates a hazard. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says there are 3 main types of distraction: Manual, Visual and Cognitive. While driving, texting (illegal in Indiana), reaching for or talking on cell phones, smoking, eating, children or pets in the car, loud music, and any number of other distractions can lead to devastating consequences. Be alert and aware. Pull off the road temporarily if something is more important than driving.

### **Drowsy Driving**

NHTSA estimates that fatigue, whether from medications or lack of sleep, causes at least 1,500 fatalities and 40,000 injuries annually. In fact, one in every six deadly car crashes results from a fatigue-impaired driver. Recognize the warning signs – lane drift, difficulty keeping your eyes open, bobbing head to name a few - and do the right thing. Have a designated driver if you know you are overtired or on medication that may affect your alertness. Park the car and have a nap. These basic rules also apply to the leading cause of death for Americans 17-24 years old – drunk driving. It's all about acknowledging the dangers and being aware that most auto accidents are avoidable.

### **Aggressive Driving**

Aggressive driving is a traffic violation. Tailgating, excessive speeds, weaving through traffic, running stop lights and signs, etc. all fall into the category of aggressive driving. Aggressive driving accounts for more than half of all traffic fatalities according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Aggressive driving can sometimes lead to road rage which can be a criminal offense. Gesturing can lead to physical confrontation, assault and even murder. There are more drivers on the roads than ever before, so obey posted speed limits and keep to the right if you are a slower driver. If you are cut off, do not confront the other driver. If you are being chased, drive with the flow of traffic and call 911 if possible.

### **Kids in Cars**

Indiana law requires people, whether they're in a car or truck, to wear a seat belt. Children younger than 8 must be restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat. Children 12 and younger should not sit in the front seat. In 2011 the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a new policy which advises parents to



keep their child in a rear-facing car seat until age 2, or until they reach the maximum height and weight limit for their seat. It also advises that most children will need to ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until they have reached 4 feet 9 inches tall and are between 8 and 12 years of age.

Contact the Riley Automotive Safety Program at IU Health at:  
1 - 800 - KID - N - CAR or (800) 543-6227  
or visit [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org) for questions about car seats.

The Indianapolis Fire Department and Firefighters Survive Alive! (327-7956), in partnership with SafeKids.org and the Marion County Health Department (221-3145) offers free car seat fittings and inspections by appointment. Car seat inspections are free unless it is determined that a replacement seat is needed. Replacement seats are usually available at cost and can be provided at no cost with proof of financial need. Local hospitals, many police and fire departments, some AAA offices and others offer the same services. [Find Child Passenger Safety Inspection Stations near you.](#)

### **ASK THE EXPERTS: THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE**

Our new series will feature a panel of experts discussing health care reform and the Affordable Care Act's impact on businesses - from small organizations to large corporations. If you've got questions, they have answers! Make sure you're armed with the latest information straight from the experts' mouths.

Ask the Experts: Health Care Reform  
Thursday, May 30  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Indianapolis Public Library - Central Branch

**REGISTER NOW**

What you will gain:

- The who, when and how of health care reform and the Affordable Care Act
- Corporate exchange vs. government exchange
- Best wellness programs to implement

### **FREE LUNCHEES IN BEECH GROVE**

Since Beech Grove has torn up Main St. to redo it all, the businesses there are hurting. Main Street is closed, requiring the new "streets" of North Alley and South Alley. If you are willing to put up with the inconvenience, most businesses there are willing to reward you in some way. Napoli Villa, the authentic Italian restaurant is offering Buy One Get One free lunches from 11 to 2 daily with purchase of two soft drinks in April and May. Other businesses are also offering promotions, so please patronize them during this very low income construction time.