

# HILL VALLEY

April 2015



# HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

[www.hillvalley.org](http://www.hillvalley.org)

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## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

*Dear Hill Valley Residents:*

We had a late snow season this winter. Our snow removal service company got a late start on both snow days. This was very disappointing and I do apologize to all residents. In an effort to save association funds, the board has required a 3" minimum of snow before plowing begins. The majority of contractors require starting at 2" minimum. There were a few missed courts. Also, several residents had snow piled in front of their driveways and mailboxes. In each case, I contacted the supervisor with the addresses. They returned to clear away the snow. Many of you reported back via phone calls and emails saying they did a very satisfactory job upon return. The total cost for this years' snow removal was \$13,552.50.

Just a reminder, if you are planning to move, please let one of the board members know. This information will help us keep our records updated. We appreciate your support. It takes each one of you in order to keep our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place to raise our families and/or to retire. Please help our neighborhood by watching out for your fellow neighbor. If you see any suspicious activity, please call the non-emergency sheriff at 317-327-3811.

Still not a member?? It's easy to become a member of Hill Valley Homeowner's Association. Simply complete the attached membership flyer along with your payment, and send to the HVHA. We appreciate your participation!

Sincerely,

*Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA*

## **SPEEDING IN WEST HILL VALLEY**

We have received numerous complaints of excessive speeding in West Hill Valley from Meridian Street to Rahke Road. The police have been notified and they will be issuing tickets when they are not keeping us safe solving crime. If this doesn't reduce the speeding, a 3-way stop sign may be placed at Lockwood Drive and West Hill Valley. We sincerely hope that all drivers will respect the newly placed speed limit signs of 30 mph throughout our neighborhood. We want our neighborhood to safe for everyone, especially children walking to and from school, and their extracurricular activities.

## **POTHOLES IN HILL VALLEY**

Due to the aftermath of snow removal and salt on the roads, potholes are our worst enemy. If you spot a pothole that you can put your foot in, please contact the Mayor's Action Center at 317-327-4622 or use the IndyRequest App on your smartphone to send a picture and complaint with the address of the pothole(s). At our last board meeting, we did make a list of potholes in Hill Valley and gave them to the Mayor's Liaison, Kelly Foulk.

## **ARE YOU A CHIN??**

HVHA is in need of a board member that would represent the Chin Community in our neighborhood. This would help us to understand each other's culture and background. Interested? Please call Bonnie Warrick at 317-881-2216. Thank you!

## **SPEAK UP**

Do you have a comment, compliment, or complaint? Please bring it to your HVHA board to be heard. We welcome any resident to attend our meetings to voice any issues. We meet every third Monday of each month (except December) at St. Barnabas beginning at 7:30 pm. If you have an issue and don't bring it to our attention, we won't be able to help fix it.

## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

It is a violation of zoning laws to park commercial vans and trailers in our neighborhood, whether in the driveway or on the street. Please park these elsewhere on commercial property. Incidents are being reported to the Office of Code Enforcement for fast response.

## **HVHA BOARD AT WORK**

The HVHA board felt that many of you may not be aware of the work that is being done by the board. We have added this segment to the Newsletter to keep you informed.

### **January 2015 Meeting:**

Topics of discussion were the drainage problem in East Hill Valley that has been reported to the Mayor's Action Center. Kelly Foulk, our Mayor's Liaison, was present to let us know that she is trying to expedite some sort of a short term fix until a more permanent solution is available. There was also an announcement that IMPD (Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department) would be adding 115 more police officers to the force by 2016. The board members will be driving throughout both West and East Hill Valley to report potholes and streets that are in need of resurfacing. Please feel free to send any information on damaged signs or road repairs to the "RequestIndy" app on your smartphone or you may report them to the Mayor's Action Center.

### **February 2015 Meeting:**

Steven Carr, an AT&T representative, was present at this meeting along with Matt Price, an attorney, and Greg Ewing, a land planner. These gentlemen discussed installing a new Monopole along with a 3,000 sq. ft. facility on the Perry Meridian High School property. The property is adjacent to the back yards of several homes in West Hill Valley. This proposal has been discussed by the city and Perry Township School Board. There is a great need for this Monopole to improve service and signal strength in the area. There are no set dates for this project. The representatives presented studies showing that there is no effect on property value where these Monopoles have been installed in other areas. Also, the Hill Valley Association membership has increased to 23.5% for 2015.

### **March 2015 Meeting:**

Snow removal issues were a big topic at this meeting. There was a motion passed that the board would get contract bids every three years as a rule, in order to try to get the best possible price as well as service. The next time bids will be accepted is Fall 2017. We have noticed that we are receiving many complaints from NON-members of the HVHA. We are interested in what you have to say about your neighborhood, and invite you to please attend one of our monthly meetings to discuss your concerns; however, we want you to understand that our first priority must be to serve members. We are currently at 32% for membership.

## **2015 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 and/or residents before the business meeting continues. Please be prepared, as there is limited time. Dates for 2015 are:

			April 20	May 18	June 15
July 20	August 17	September 21	October 19	November 16	December (TBA)

\*\*The 2015 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 19, 2015 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.

## **POSITIONS TO FILL ON HVHA**

Are you retired and bored? Do you feel incomplete and want to make a difference? Then we have the answer...

Join our board and become fulfilled knowing that you are serving a purpose for your community and your self-worth. We are seeking two positions to fill on the HVHA board: **Membership Liaison and Webmaster**. Step by step instructions have been written to explain both positions. Please contact one of our board members or just come to the next monthly meeting to discuss the details. We truly appreciate all volunteers!

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Last January, six of us spent about 3½ hours assembling the newsletters (putting labels, three closures per newsletter in January, sticky dots and envelopes in the newsletter plus stamping the address on the payment return envelopes). 1,021 newsletters were assembled for the mail and were then taken to the post office the next day. **If you have and use e-mail**, please consider receiving the newsletter via e-mail instead of by snail mail. In addition to a little more content, there are intermediate updates that are made to those Hill Valley residents that have elected to receive the electronic version of the newsletter. If you would like the newsletter via e-mail, please send your contact information to [HillValleyIndy@gmail.com](mailto:HillValleyIndy@gmail.com) and you will be added to the e-mail list. If you are not a member, you can still sign up. You may have more than one e-mail address if you wish (several people already do this). No personal information is ever sold or even kept on the internet.

**MEMBERS SERVING MEMBERS** - If you are a member of HVHA and have a specialty or talent that you would like the neighborhood to know about, we would be happy to list your name, address, contact information and a description in 12 words or less about 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. The following are the current listings:

**Statia Baker-Runyan – Real Estate** – Licensed Indiana & Florida Gulf Coast. Contact [statia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:statia@sbcglobal.net) or Call: Community Realty Group at 317-888-9828. Residential and Progressive Care.

**Lisa Brinker - Event Rental Facility** - German Park: rental for weddings, reunions, business meetings, etc. Call: 317-885-0283, email [LisaB8600@hotmail.com](mailto:LisaB8600@hotmail.com) or visit the website at [www.germanparkindy.org](http://www.germanparkindy.org)

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

**John Cahill - Cahill's Lawn & Landscape** - Licensed chemical & fertilizations for lawn and landscape treatments. For most of your outdoor grounds maintenance, please call: 317-791-5186. Located at: 3501 Bluff Road.

**Chelsea Costello – Babysitting** – 14 year old in 2013, loves children. Experienced mom babysits. She has transportation. Call: 317-889-0178.

**Samantha Gee - Babysitting** – 15 1/2-year old in 2013, very responsible and mature for her age. She is a straight “A” student and loves to read to children. She has transportation. Please call: 317-882-2885.

**Dottie Hawk – Jewelry Making** – Charming, inexpensive jewelry and prayer beads made to your order. Located at: 42 E. Hill Valley Drive. Call: 317-418-2802, or order through [www.dotsbeads.net](http://www.dotsbeads.net). Come see the craft room!

**Greg Huntley Enterprises – General Contracting** – Full service General Contractor. We are prompt and courteous. For free estimates please call: 317-445-7817 or 317-859-9026 or email at [ghe1@comcast.net](mailto:ghe1@comcast.net).

**Terry Lashley - Quilts** - Make new quilts. Repair old ones. Appraisals for insurance. Call: 317-888-7554.

**Eric Lawrence - Excavating** - English Excavating, 50 yrs in business-residential and commercial. Call: 317-888-2282 or 317-784-4125.

**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)

**Amanda Massey – Real Estate Services** – Southside Specialist with Newkirk Realty (Team Foley). Call 317-727-3053 or email at [amanda@newkirkrealty.net](mailto:amanda@newkirkrealty.net).

**Toby Matherly – Home Computer Assistance** – Get the most out of your home computer! Setup, instruction, child protection. Call: 317-225-0924 or email: [tobmat@gmail.com](mailto:tobmat@gmail.com)

**Liz McColm - My Glass Fix** - One-of-a-kind glass adornments as unique as you! Email: [myglassfixinfo@gmail.com](mailto:myglassfixinfo@gmail.com) or visit the website at: [www.myglassfix.com](http://www.myglassfix.com)

**Sue Moore- Sheltie Rescue**- For information on fostering or adoption of Shetland Sheepdogs. Call: 317-885-1838, go to: [www.sheltie-rescue.org](http://www.sheltie-rescue.org) or email: [jdifflie@aol.com](mailto:jdifflie@aol.com)

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

**David H Olmstead - Insurance/Financial Needs** - For all your life and health insurance needs, annuities and health savings accounts. Contact: 317-888-5270 or 317-627-3018(cell).

**Jessi Plourde – Music Lessons** - Piano lessons. Call: 317-881-1735.

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

**Martha J. Smart - Real Estate** - For Buying or Selling a Home, Make the “SMART” Choice... Call Martha at F.C. Tucker Company, Inc. Direct: 317-319-8083 or Home: 317-889-8496.

**Donald A. Smith (Enrolled Agent) - Tax Preparation and Small Business Services**- Enrolled to represent taxpayers before the IRS. Contact Don Smith: 317-736-1583 or email: [donsmith9@comcast.net](mailto:donsmith9@comcast.net)

**Terry Snyder - Handyman Work**- Tree trimming, small demolition, handy work tasks, small fence repair, decks, pergolas, retaining walls. Call: 317-339-8145 (cell).

**Cecilia Tolan - Special Made Items** - I make custom-made appliance covers, basket liners, and much more! Please call: 317-865-9518.

**Thomas A. Vick – Legal Services** – Wills, Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Revocable Living Trusts. Contact: Thomas Vick on the web at [thomasvicklaw.org](http://thomasvicklaw.org) and/or e-mail at [thomas@thomasvicklaw.org](mailto:thomas@thomasvicklaw.org).

**Ceil Woodard – Women’s Prison Mentor** – I would appreciate your unused yarn, fabric, greeting cards, and unopened toiletries or make-up. For more information, please call me at 317-881-7464 or e-mail me at [simon13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simon13@sbcglobal.net).

**INDY DESIGNATES 120 ACRES,**

**PLANTS 11,000 TREES FOR WETLAND RESTORATION AT EAGLE CREEK PARK**

INDIANAPOLIS – Recently named a Top 10 City for Wildlife by the National Wildlife Federation, Indianapolis will designate 120 acres of land and plant 11,000 native trees for wetland restoration at Eagle Creek Park in the next two months. The project is coordinated by the City's Land Stewardship team, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Sustainability, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Eagle Creek Park is home to both rare and common animals and plants," says Indy Parks Director John Williams. "This wetland restoration will restore what was once farmland to a natural area that will provide wildlife habitat for generations to come."

During the next two months, a project area at the southeast corner of Eagle Creek Park will be selectively cleared, planted with seedlings, and protected with a temporary fence. The fence will keep new tree and shrub seedlings safe from over-browsing animals for a period of three years. It will be constructed to leave a trail corridor for park visitors and wildlife to continue to pass through the area. This first phase of the project will be funded and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Several park trails will be temporarily rerouted while workers clear and plant the project area, located just north of 56th Street and west of I-465. Park visitors should look for detour signs on the Orange and Green trails.

After the 3-year phase of vegetation control, the protective fence will be removed, and the longer process of ecological restoration will begin. The City's Land Stewardship team hopes that the recovery process will bring back a natural ecosystem called 'flatwoods' to the park. The ongoing project will provide additional breeding habitat for wildlife which have been on the decline throughout the eastern United States due to habitat loss. The restoration will also reduce storm water discharge, leading to a decrease in downstream flooding and an increase in overall water quality.

The 120 acres of land dedicated to wetland restoration is in addition to approximately 620 acres already in management at Eagle Creek Park to maintain and restore native, natural features. The park's programs also include many environmental education opportunities at its Earth Discovery Center and Ornithology Center.

Visit [indy.gov/eaglecreek](http://indy.gov/eaglecreek) or call (317) 327-7148 to learn more about Eagle Creek Park educational programs and upcoming conservation opportunities, such as the Great Indy Cleanup at Eagle Creek Park on Saturday, April 11.

**2015 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Bonnie Warrick	President	Royal Meadow Drive	317-881-2216
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***\*\*\*Garage Sale dates for 2015 will be Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>.***

***HVHA advertises the neighborhood garage sale in the Southside Times newspaper.***

# HVHA Membership - 2015

**It's Important to You and Your Community!!**

**A \$45 Membership in HVHA provides:**

**SNOW REMOVAL** - the city does not plow any of our side streets or courts  
**SAFETY COORDINATION** - working with the Metropolitan Police Department  
**ADVOCACY:** Zoning Issues, Traffic Control, Street & Sewer Repair, etc.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Quarterly Newsletter  
Advertising and maps for the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale  
Website - [www.hillvalley.org](http://www.hillvalley.org)  
Annual Meeting of Members in October

**NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION** – Holiday decorations contest

**Food, beverages and family fun** - A meal and recreation for all members and their families at our **Annual Summer Social** at German Park on Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Dues for 2015 are \$45.00 and are due on April 30, 2015.** Please fill out and cut off the membership form at the end of this page. **Make check payable to HVHA.** Mail your check and this form in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. In case you mislay the envelope, here is the name and address:

**Charlie Eldridge, HVHA Membership Liaison, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis IN 46217.**

**Hill Valley Homeowners Association is an Indiana non-profit corporation and a community service organization.**

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This check is for the \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) and \_\_\_\_\_ is for a donation to the HVHA. It is always assumed that the dues payment is for the year in which it is made unless indicated otherwise. **\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH\*\*\***

**PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT BY: APRIL 30, 2015**