

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

www.hillvalley.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

Last month one of our board members had a complaint from a resident regarding our streets. We have tried for years to have our streets improved by the city. Obviously, there are many streets throughout the city in extremely poor condition. The streets in our neighborhood are low on the priority list. This year Union Street in East Hill Valley is on their list to be repaved. They have been very responsive when residents call regarding filling potholes. To report any specific issues, please call the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) at: (317) 327-4622.

A big *THANK YOU* to the many long standing members of HVHA! Upon reviewing our March membership report, it is obvious we have a lot of support. A larger than usual number of members sent in donations along with their \$45 membership dues to help fund our association. This verifies we still have residents who do care about our neighborhood. On the other hand, we are behind with residents renewing their membership and new residents joining our association. Please help us get back to where we need to be so we can continue to be a viable association. Every membership counts!

To those of you who have been long standing members, thank you! Your loyalty and support for your community is truly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call myself, or one of our board members if you have any questions or comments. As a reminder, board members are all volunteers. I pay my annual \$45 dues as do the other board members. We are all in this together, and together, we can keep Hill Valley the beautiful neighborhood it is.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Happy Spring to Hill Valley! We hope you all are preparing for spring, and getting out in your yards to plant grass seed, flowers, etc. Also, as a reminder, please keep your storm drains cleaned and open. Leaves and debris keep the snow melt from draining and cause ice patches on the streets. Thank you to all of you for your continued support this past year. Please complete the dues request form in this newsletter, and send in

your annual dues today!

MESSAGE FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

There are many policies you should know as home owners. According to the DPW, property owner responsibilities include:

- Working with neighbors to clear brush, debris and other blockages from neighborhood creeks and ditches
- Maintain swales (a low or hollow place especially a marshy depression between ridges) and ditches, including roadside ditches, by mowing grass to eight inches or less, and keep them free of debris. Be sure not to mow when the ground is wet to avoid rutting
- Keep storm inlet grates, driveway culverts and cross pipes in good repair and clear of debris, trash, and leaves
- Not dumping debris/yard waste in or along waterways
- Picking up after pets to avoid pet waste from entering waterways
- Use approved practices for erosion control for creeks that run through private property. To endure the specific type of practice is permissible in waterways, be sure to check with the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services at (317) 327-8700
- AND always call CITIZENS ENERGY GROUP (CEG), at (317) 924-3311 (and press *2), to report flooding on city streets and side walks or illegal dumping in waterways



SAVE THE DATE

We are please and excited to announce the date of our upcoming annual Hill Valley Picnic/Social. Mark your calendars for Friday August 2, 2019 at German Park. More info will be available on our website, and in our July newsletter. Keep your eyes out for it!



NEW RESIDENTS



We are continually welcoming new families into our neighborhood. This makes us extremely happy and pleased that you have chosen Hill Valley to reside and raise your families. Please take a moment, and contact one of the board members to give us your information in order for us to provide you with a quarterly newsletter. Please contact Charlie Eldridge at (317) 881-2718 or by email at hillvalleyindy@gmail.com to provide us with your complete information (name, address, phone number and e-mail address). Thank you for your cooperation, and WELCOME!!

GARAGE SALE DATES ANNOUNCED

We will conduct our annual garage sale this year from Thursday June 13 through Saturday June 15, 2019. A garage sale is a great way to clean up your house and make money by letting someone else buy your treasures. Your Homeowners Association hosts a community garage sale each year and any Hill Valley resident is welcome to participate. The board will post signs at our usual areas: Stop 11 Road and East Hill Valley Drive; Meridian/SR135 and West Hill Valley Drive; County Line Road and Royal Meadow Drive, and Meridian/SR135 and East Hill Valley Drive. We also provide a map with the participants that will be accessible at each of the entrances.

If you would like to participate and be included on our map this year, please contact Patty Graff at (317) 331-1481. The deadline will be Sunday June 9th. These maps will only include your address with a “star” symbol in order to help potential buyers to find you in the neighborhood. We will advertise the sale in The Southside Times. Any other questions, please feel free to contact either Patty or any other board member.



NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS



We are living in times where it is more important than ever to get to know who your neighbors are. You never know when you might need them in an emergency, etc. We need to be able to call upon a neighbor when the time arises. Please take the first step, and introduce yourselves to one another. If we all stick together, we can become our own “crime watch” group. We need to keep our eyes open to any suspicious activity around the area that we each live in. Always look over your shoulder, and if you see or hear something that looks to be “not normal,” please contact the non-emergency sheriff immediately at (317) 327-3811. You might stop an act of crime by doing this one thing, not only for yourself and your family, but also for your fellow neighbor(s). We all need to be aware of our surroundings at all times.

Many of our residents have formed small phone trees within their street(s), and communicate with one another when any abnormal behavior occurs. If you are interested in learning how to compile or organize such a phone tree, please call one of our HVHA board members and we will gather the information from one of the groups in our neighborhood. Please be diligent.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is a violation of the city ordinance to discharge water from sumps, pools and other sources onto the city streets and/or sidewalks? From the ordinance, “Such waste of water flowing from abutting premises upon or under a public way is hereby declared to be a nuisance and a violation of this Code.”



HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND TOXIC DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Hazardous household waste consists of items like cleaners, paint, motor oil, gasoline, batteries, weed and insect poisons that are dangerous to our environment. These items may be dropped off at any of the city's free ToxDrop sites. Residents are limited to disposing of twenty-gallons (20) of liquid waste or seventy-five (75) pounds of solid waste, per visit. Transport it in plastic crates, cardboard boxes, storage bins, or in other containers that are easy to see through and access. Waste brought in trash bags may not be accepted. Our closest drop off point is the Perry Township Government Center at 4925 S. Shelby Street. You may drop off items on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am – 2pm.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIAISON

We have received several comments concerning the membership; however, if a mandatory association is not formed at the time a subdivision or a condo project is built, and is in the covenants, it is next to impossible to make a mandatory association at that point. The only way to make it mandatory is to have **100%** agreement of all the homeowners to sign off on one. If we cannot encourage more people to join, we assure you that a drive to get everyone on board would never be successful. The simple truth is that if everyone would join, we could actually lower the dues a little.

Do you know your membership status? We have provided a list of members from 2013 on the Home Page of the website. You can very easily scan down the pages to find your name and the year of your membership if you were a member in 2013 or later (other years are not listed).

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.

2019 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 2019 are:

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

******The 2019 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.

YOU NEED A SECURITY SYSTEM

We have had vehicles broken into and some stolen plus homes have been burglarized. I have not heard of a home invasion in Hill Valley yet but more mischief and theft is coming with warm weather close.



Please leave you outside lights on at night and lock all of your outside vehicles! In addition, there are security systems that are wired into your home as well as wireless ones. Most can be monitored so a company will contact the police or fire department in case of an emergency. Motion activated cameras can be setup through you home Wi-Fi and recorded on your computer.



If you decide to get a security system, please investigate what is available first and the associated costs. You can spend as little as \$500 and the sky is the limit if you want all of the bells and whistles. There are many manufactures such as Samsung, Abode, Scout, SimpliSafe, Nest Secure, Ring, Honeywell, iSmart and Wink (this is not the end of the list). Some are easy to install so you can do it yourself and some are only available through a company and the use of professional installers.

NextDoor is actually a good starting place to see what our neighbors are using and to get recommendations. By the way, [NextDoor](#) is a local social network that may be modified so you can cut down on the number of e-mails you receive and from what areas.



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 or Call: Community Realty Group at (317) 294-2918. 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 or visit the website at www.germanparkindy.org

Michelle Butts - Real Estate - Assisting Buyers & Sellers since 2000 - "No BUTTS About It!" Call Michelle with RE/MAX direct – (317) 509-8516 or send an email to: michellerbutts@gmail.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.

Donna Christie – Notary Public – Mobile Notary Service, travel throughout the local area. Bookkeeping for small businesses. Call: (317) 373-4370 or Email: dmc.notarysvcs@gmail.com

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

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. 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 ghel@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.

Amanda Massey – Real Estate Services – Southside Specialist with Newkirk Realty (Team Foley). Call (317) 727-3053 or email at 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

Mrs. Nita Norcross, M.S. Ed - Personal Tutoring - Pre-K to college, all subjects. Email: 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).

Pat Rooney – Attorney – Corporate: organization, financing, sale, transfer, and dissolution. Commercial Real Estate: acquisition, development, leasing, and conveyance. Call: (317) 445-9956 or email at: pmrooney1@gmail.com.

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

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, & more! 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 and/or e-mail at thomas@thomasvicklaw.org.

Ceil Woodard – Women's Prison Mentor – I would appreciate your unused yarn, 3" three ring binders, pencils, stick ball point pens, and unopened toiletries or make-up. For more information, please call me at (317) 881-7464 or e-mail me at simon13@sbcglobal.net.

2019 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bonnie Warrick	President	Royal Meadow Drive	(317) 881-2216
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HVHA Membership - 2019

It's Important to You and Your Community!!

A \$45 Membership in HVHA provides:

Have you already submitted your dues? You can go to http://www.hillvalley.org/resources/Web_Mem_Post.pdf to verify your status.

- **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, June 13 – 15
 - Website - 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 is included in your dues at our **Annual Summer Social** at German Park on August 2nd.

DUES FOR 2019 \$45.00 AND ARE DUE ON June 30, 2019. We are again requesting dues this month with a due date of June 30 in order for you to receive a ticket to the summer social. Please fill out and cut off the membership form at the end of this page. **Make check payable to HVHA.** Please mail your check and this form to the address below.

HVHA, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis, IN 46217

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Name _____

Street Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY)

Telephone # _____

Number of adults at this address ____ Number of children under age 18 ____

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: June 30, 2019