

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

www.hillvalley.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

Congratulations to our Christmas lights winners! We appreciate your brightening up our neighborhood. Again, this year we had a few contenders who are not members. You MUST be a member in order to have the opportunity to win. We ended the year with membership at half of our total residents. The membership has been the same for the past two years. We appreciate all who help our community by choosing to join HVHA. Please take a moment to fill out the 2016 membership form. The dues remain at a low \$45.00 per year. The board is continuing to work on several issues that have been reported. Please know that we continue to sort out these concerns until they have been resolved one way or another. As a reminder, please call me if you have any problems with our snow removal service. Please call as soon as the problem occurs. This gives me a chance to have the driver get back to fix the issue as soon as possible. Last winter, we had several problems with snow plowed in front of driveways and blocking mailboxes. I've been assured that the service will be improved due to internal changes. Feel free to contact myself or any other board member with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick. President HVHA

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIN REPRESENTATIVE (written in Chin and in English)

Kum Thar 2016 chung ah kan lut cang i, sang chung minung kan sinak cu **March 31, 2015** hlan i sang fee \$45 peknak in kan langhter awk a si. Hi phaisa tlawmte thawh mi hin Hill Valley Home-owners Association (HVHA) nih kan sang thatnak rian a phunphun a tuan khawh lai. Check na tial tikah Payable to zawn ah **HVHA** tiah tial ding a si lai. A peknak form le cabawm umcia te hi hman ding a si. Cabawm na thlau sual zong ah **Charlie Eldridge, HVHA Membership Liaison, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis IN 46217** ah check cu kuat khawh a si ko. HVHA cu a miak-ruahchanlo-rian tuannak bu a si i, IRS nih tax lak lo ding 501-c-4 ngei in sang le veng thatnak ca i riantuan bu a si.

As we got into a new year 2016, it is very important that we show our participation in our community by paying the **annual fee \$45** before **March 31, 2016**. With this contribution, the HVHA will be able to implement many tremendous works. When you write a check, make sure to write **HVHA** in the payable to area. Please use the form le pre-addressed envelope. In case you lost the envelop, you can still send your check by writing **Charlie Eldridge, HVHA Membership Liaison, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis IN 46217**. HVHA is an Indiana not-for-profit corporation and is tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501.c.4 as a community service organization

HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

We are pleased to announce this year's winners for the Christmas lights displays.

WEST HILL VALLEY:

- 1st Place: Chris & Erin Dolson; 8110 Jeff Road
- 2nd Place: Ed & Sheryl King; 533 Mellowood Drive
- 3rd Place: Don & Cindy Hughtett; 425 W. Hill Valley Drive

EAST HILL VALLEY:

- 1st Place: Steve & Vicci Chitwood; 8211 Delaware Street
- 2nd Place: Kris & Cynthia Able; 411 Daffon Drive
- 3rd Place: Rick & Donna Clark; 8307 HiVu Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated this year! We appreciate the time and effort that you took to display your Christmas lights.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Once again, it is the time of year that we need to renew HVHA membership for our neighborhood. We probably have the lowest dues in the area. The majority of neighborhoods have MANDATORY membership dues, and boy do they charge an arm and a leg for it!! Many other neighborhoods pay \$100-\$200 per month, while we only ask for \$45 for the entire year! How many other associations include an annual picnic with amazing food, entertainment, and socialization?? Oh, and add in the fact that this includes SNOW removal which can break the piggy bank rather quickly. Start off your New Year with a positive note, and help our neighborhood to become even better than before! Please complete the attached dues form, and drop your check into the envelope provided. Don't delay, send your payment today. We appreciate and count on your support to continue to enhance our beautiful neighborhood!!

SPEEDING IN WEST HILL VALLEY

We continue to receive numerous complaints from many residents in Hill Valley about the speeding problem we have continued to have for some time now. Please, **SLOW DOWN!!** We have received numerous complaints of excessive speeding on West Hill Valley Drive from Meridian Street to Rahke Road. The Mayor’s Liaison is working very diligently with HVHA, and the IMPD, in order to get this issue resolved. The city will be conducting various surveys and tests along this stretch of our neighborhood in order to get information needed to get three way stop signs installed. The police have been notified NUMEROUS times regarding the parking issues we seem to continue to experience along West Hill Valley Drive, especially at the stop signs near Rahke Road and West Hill Valley Drive. There is **NO PARKING** at any time on West Hill Valley Drive. By parking on the street, you are causing traffic jams for the school busses and emergency vehicles, as well as making it difficult for drivers to see around those cars that park near the stop sign at Rahke Road and West Hill Valley Drive. There have been several “CLOSE CALLS” of pedestrians nearly being struck due to this ongoing problem we seem to be having. We cannot implore you enough to please **DON’T** park along this street, especially at the stop signs. It is **ILLEGAL** to park at stop signs. Please think of the children, neighbors riding bikes, and those who walk their pets. Please do your part regarding these issues in order to help reduce the chances of an irresponsible driver hitting yourself and/or one of your loved ones!

SENIOR CITIZENS EXPLOITATION ON THE RISE

Financial elder abuse, broadly defined as, “the illegal or improper use of funds, property, or assets of people 60 years or older by family, friends, neighbors, and strangers,” is a serious and rising issue. Estimates of the crimes frequency vary. A survey that was completed in 2010, was focused on seniors (60+) by the non-profit Investor Protection Trust, and they projected that 1 in 5 seniors had been taken advantage of financially. Last year, a study in the Journal of General Internal Medicine, found that 4.7% of Americans (about 1 in 20) reported that they had been financially exploited in their later years. The study provided perspective: If a new disease struck the same percentage of older Americans, researchers wrote, “a public health crisis would likely be declared.”

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.

October 2015 Meeting:

This meeting was held at Friedens Church where all neighbors and members were invited to attend. We had hoped to have more members available to discuss the revitalization of Crime Watch. Currently, we do not meet the city requirements to be considered a “Crime Watch” neighborhood. Several of you have expressed an interest, but have not pursued the task. Please consider organizing a block communication network at the very least. There will be more to come regarding this issue.

November 2015 Meeting:

This meeting had a lot of information and ideas. The parking situation on West Hill Valley Drive was addressed once again, which continues to be a big problem. Chickens and roosters was another top issue discussed. It seems that many residents have chickens and roosters in their backyards. The city states there must be a permit granted in order to build a chicken coop. Chickens and/or the eggs cannot be sold as a business. In order to contact animal control about this issue as a nuisance, neighbors must log activity for a period of 2 weeks. Once this has been completed, then call animal care and control.

December 2015 Meeting:

The board did not meet this month due to the holiday. We drove around the neighborhood viewing potential Christmas lights candidates. There were some great displays, and it is always a tough decision. Please keep in mind that you must be a member in order to win. All winners will receive a gift card for dinner at a local restaurant.

2016 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 2016 are:

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

**The 2016 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 17, 2016 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.

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 317-888-9828. 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 or visit the website at www.germanparkindy.org

Michelle Butts - Real Estate - First time buyers, empty nesters, investors, "No BUTTS about it." Contact Century 21 at: 317-509-8516 or send an email to: mbutts@21scheetz.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. 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.

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

Evan Miller – Mowing – Evan is 16, and will mow grass. He is responsible and a good student. Please call: 317-416-7132.

Macy Miller – Pet Walking – Macy is 14, and will walk and/or watch pets. She is responsible and a good student. Please call: 317-416-7132.

Sue Moore- Sheltie Rescue- For information on fostering or adoption of Shetland Sheepdogs. Call: 317-885-1838, go to: www.sheltie-rescue.org or email: 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

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).

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

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, 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 and/or e-mail at 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.

2016 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

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HVHA Membership - 2016

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
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 August 5th.

Dues for 2016 are \$45.00 and are due on March 31, 2016. 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.

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Name _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____ Check Date _____

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY)

Telephone # _____ Check Number _____

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: MARCH 31, 2016