

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

www.hillvalley.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

The topic of our membership was discussed at our last board meeting on November 19, 2018. Resident membership has consistently dropped the past few years. In 2013, we were at 53% membership, currently we are at 44%. This is the lowest ever in the history of Hill Valley Homeowners Association. It is very disappointing for myself and the other board members.

One board member suggested we may have to dissolve due to lack of participation. The suggestion was if it lowers to 40%, we would have no choice but to cease to exist. That thought shocked me. If that happened, who would take care of serious issues that arise?

For example: On September 16, 2018 a vehicle crashed into the East Hill Valley island. The sign was destroyed along with damage to the landscaping. Dave Ritchie and myself started the process. First, we had to get a police report, take pictures of the damage, then contact the driver for his insurance information, contact his insurance carrier, much time filling out forms, getting bids from contractors, sending more pictures, and going back and forth with the insurance contact. In the end, we were fortunate that the driver had insurance which paid the claim. By the way, the driver was not hurt, only a few bumps and scratches. If the driver didn't have insurance, the association would have had to pay. The total cost was \$4,452.03. If there was no association, how would these repairs have been made with no one in charge of problems or incidents? In less than six weeks, replacement and repairs were complete. This is just one most recent responsibility we accomplished.

We have no intention of dissolving our association. Since the subject was brought up, I thought it should be addressed. We need your support. Please consider paying your membership dues. Our goal is to keep Hill Valley a well maintained and safe community. As a reminder, board members are all volunteers. I pay my \$45.00 per year dues as do the other board members. To those of you who have been long standing members, thank you. Your loyalty and support for your community is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year 2019! We hope you all had a delightful Holiday and a Happy New Year. It's again that time of year to keep your cars and other vehicles off the street when there is snow forecast so the snow plows can get through. Also, 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. It is now time to renew your support-our envelope is enclosed.

SNOW REMOVAL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Did you know that your Hill Valley Homeowners Association is responsible for plowing snow from most of the streets in our neighborhood? No tax dollars are spent and the city is not responsible for plowing our neighborhood streets. The City of Indianapolis customarily has provided snow plowing for limited areas in and around our Hill Valley Homeowners Association area. This includes the loop on Rahke Road, West Hill Valley Drive between Rahke Road and Meridian Street, East Hill Valley Drive, and East Street from East Hill Valley Drive to Stop 11 Road.

As a service to owners who live within other parts of the Hill Valley Homeowners Association's area, the Association has made arrangements with a private snow removal firm for them to plow streets in Association areas that the City does not plow. We hire private companies to plow our streets. These contractors generally plow *if the snow depth exceeds 3"*.

When snow is forecasted, the contractors have told us they need you to remove your vehicles from the street and park them in your driveway, especially in courts or cul-de-sacs. Leaving your vehicles in the street only complicates, and can even prevent plowing. This can also invite having plowed snow packed up against the street side of your vehicles. Please let us know as soon as possible if there is any problem with the service we are receiving from our contractors. Contact the Bonnie Warrick at (317) 881-2216.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

It is our pleasure to announce the winners for the 2018 Christmas Lights Contest. The board wholeheartedly enjoys driving around the neighborhood to view and witness the beauty that is displayed throughout our neighborhood! There were numerous light displays to choose from this year, and to consider for our winner list. Unfortunately, we had to eliminate many displays because those homes were not members of the association.

WEST HILL VALLEY

1st Place: Colby & Bridget Arnold
1st Place: Jack & Theresa Warner
2nd Place: Bobby & Jennifer Eichholtz
2nd Place: David & Suzanne Carlson
3rd Place: Al & Karen Rodriguez
3rd Place: Chris & Erin Dolson

EAST HILL VALLEY

1st Place: Cin Cin & Hram Hiel
2nd Place: John & Beth Parsons
3rd Place: Siang Bik & San Myint

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 Charlie Eldridge at (317) 881-2718 or by email at hillvalleyindy@gmail.com to provide us with your complete information. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

If you have a live tree this year and want to recycle it, the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) and Indy Parks are accepting live Christmas trees at multiple drop-off points throughout the city for recycling. Now through Thursday, January 31, 2019, residents can drop off live trees at nine different locations.

Trees must be free of ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, and all other decorative materials. Trees can be dropped off at designated drop-off points in the park from dawn to dusk. Drop off locations are as follows:

- Broad Ripple Park (1610 Broad Ripple Avenue)
- Ellenberger Park (5301 East St. Clair Street)
- **Garfield Park (2432 Conservatory Drive)**
- Gustafson Park (3110 Moller Road)
- Krannert Park (605 South High School Road)
- Northwestway Park (5253 West 62nd Street)
- **Perry Park (451 East Stop 11 Road)**
- Riverside Park (2420 East Riverside Drive)
- Sahm Park (6801 East 91st Street)



NEW MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTED

Mayor Joe Hogsett announces the newest Mayor's Liaison for our district, Perry Township. Please welcome MJ Dunne. MJ is very excited to hold this new position. She is genuinely concerned about our neighborhood and wants to put her efforts into helping us more with issues that we cannot address.

MJ urges us to please reach out to her at any time if we have a question, concern, or idea, or if she can be of assistance whatsoever. She can be reached by email at MJ.Dunne@Indy.gov or by phone at: Office: (317) 327-5110 | Cell: (317) 429-7807.

MORE ROUNDABOUTS BUT NOT IN PERRY TOWNSHIP... YET

Join DPW staff at a public meeting on January 17 for the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback regarding plans to construct 4 roundabouts at various intersections in *Franklin Township in 2019*. They will be located at Arlington Ave / Edgewood Ave, Franklin Rd / Edgewood Ave, Franklin Rd / Thompson Rd and Arlington Ave / Shelbyville Rd.

There will be a public open house on January 17, 2019, from 5:30 PM to 7 PM Franklin Central High School Cafeteria - Door 1 if you are interested.

All DPW meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed, or for more information, please email DPWEngineering@indy.gov or call 317-327-2315.

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS

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 **(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).

If you see a crime actually in progress, please call 911 to report it. 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.



BARKING DOG(S)



Do you have a dog that is barking the first thing of a morning or the last thing at night? A barking dog is a problem for your neighbors who are attempting to sleep or even watch television and it is in violation of the city ordinance.

Howling, yelping, barking prohibited [This site gives you the city ordinance](#) that covers animals frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, screeching, other vocalization or otherwise shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to persons in the vicinity. Go to the [Mayor's Action Center](#) to file a complaint.

A person who violates any provision of the ordinance can be punished as provided in [Section 103-3](#) of the ordinance. A fine is not be less than \$25.00. Continued violations may also subject the owner to impoundment of the animal.

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:

January 21	February 18	March 18	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.

POTHOLES

Is it too early to talk about potholes? With winter approaching, we will have potholes in our streets again. Do you know of any damaged streets? Please jot down the location of damage - potholes, deterioration, etc. - and contact the [Mayor's Action Center](#) (preferred) or by calling (317) 327-4622. Please ask for a case number for follow-up. *Thanks from all your neighbors.*



DUES REQUEST

If you have already paid your dues for 2019, please ignore the dues request on the last page. Some have paid ahead and we thank you for your dues in advance. If you don't know if your dues have been paid, [click here and look up your name](#). Also, we are mailing a paper copy of the newsletter to everyone with a preaddressed envelope for your convenience.

MARION COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Join us to celebrate conservation at the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting!

The SWCD holds annual meetings to report activities, financial affairs, elect supervisors, and to provide a space for Marion County residents to engage.

We are excited to welcome guest speaker Alena Jones, co-founder and COO of the Bellfound Farm, an initiative of the Women's Fund of Central Indiana. The Bellfound Farm is a developing urban farm with a mission to provide at-risk young women wraparound supports to help them reach long-term economic security.

[Click here to register](#) for this free meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR INDIANAPOLIS SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Nominations for the second annual Indianapolis Sustainability Summit must be [submitted online](#) now through March 1, 2019.

The Indianapolis Sustainability Awards are designed to inspire innovation, showcase impact, reward leadership and promote education around the principles of sustainability. Five awards will be given to highlight transformative work by a business, institution, nonprofit, or individual that integrates the three pillars of sustainability into their work. All organizations and individuals are encouraged to submit a nomination for others, as well as nominate themselves.

The 2018 Indianapolis Sustainability Summit was the first event of its kind in our city. Hosted at IUPUI on March 28, 2018, the inaugural summit brought together more than 350 community leaders, residents and students for a day of workshops, networking, and inspiring community action.

Interested? There is much [more information online here](#).



WHAT IS ON THE TOP OF THE MONUMENT?



Liberty, Victory or simply “crowning figure” is standing atop the monument in the center of Monument Circle. The current administration has done a great job of taking the likeness, added a bit of color, put the date that the City of Indianapolis was established and added Indianapolis to make the image portion of the letterheads. Under INDIANAPOLIS will be the name of the office (Mayor Joe Hogsett, Department of Public Works, Business & Neighborhood Services, etc.).

She is facing south with a sword in hand in case the South were to rise again (that is said with tongue in cheek because I really do not not know). The [history of the victory sculpture is found here](#).

Recognized as one of the world's outstanding monuments, the structure has come to symbolize both the City of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana. The [Soldiers & Sailors Monument](#) is Indiana's official memorial to the Hoosiers that served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Frontier Wars and the Spanish-American War. Did you know that the monument is only fifteen feet shorter than the Statue of Liberty?

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 - 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.

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 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

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

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

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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
 - 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 March 31, 2019. 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 _____ 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, 2019