

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

www.hillvalley.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

HVHA MEMBERSHIP IS DOWN! Many residents have expressed their disappointment with the low membership. Several residents have stated that they are annoyed because they are paying for the benefits of all residents. Please help support your neighborhood. The annual dues are only \$45.00 for the entire year. This is extremely reasonable considering that other neighborhood associations charge \$100+ per MONTH. We are only asking for \$45.00 for the YEAR. If you break it down by the month, it would be just \$3.75 per month. What a deal! You won't find that anywhere else. Please join today!!

Do you want 3-way stop signs installed at the intersections of Mellowood Drive and Trevellian Way AND at the intersection of West Hill Valley and Lockwood Lane? No response is needed. If you do not want one or the other, please call Bonnie Warrick at 317-881-2216 to voice your opposition or mail us your negative vote.

The HVHA Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, August 7, 2015 at German Park. Please join us for an evening of great food, entertainment, and fellowship amongst neighbors from 5 to 9 pm. There will be pony rides and activities for the children. Please bring your invitation that is enclosed in your July newsletter. You may pay membership dues at the gate.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick President HVHA

WELCOME TO THE BOARD!!

HVHA is pleased and excited to welcome two new board members!! First, **DAVE RICHIE** is our new *WEBMASTER*, and **THLASUI TLUANGNEH** (we just call him **SUI**) is our new *CHIN REPRESENTATIVE*. Thank you both for joining us!!

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

May 16, 2015 tiang ah Hill Valley sang um inn zate zat 1114 a si i, Chin inn zat cu 50 hrawng kan si. Sang nuam a si khawhnak ding ah Hill Valley Homeowners Association (HVHA) cu 1969 ah khan rak dirh a si. Sang dang ah cun sang chung i zohkhenhnak ah tiah phaisa tam ngai an i khawl nain Hill Valley cu kum khat ah \$45 te lawng khawlh a si. Kan hnulei May thla tiang ah khan inn 500 fai lawng nih membership fee an pek i, inn 600 fai nih membership fee an pe lo. Nikum 2014 ah cun 46.8% nih an pek i, tu kum ah cun 40.9% lawng nih an pek rih ruang ah chungtel fee a pe mi kan zor tinak a si. Kan sang Board rianuantu hna thawng in an website ah Chin miphun inn zeizat kan si le kan inn address le membership fee a pe le pe rih lo list zong hmuh khawh dih a si i, a pe mi kan tam ngai ruang ah lunglawmh awk ngai a si. *There are 1114 homes in Hill Valley area, including about 50 Chin homes. The Hill Valley Homeowners Association (HVHA), established in 1969 for the welfare of the residents, is collecting just \$45 for this year as a membership fee while other neighborhood associations charge \$100+/month. According to a report last May, only just more than 500 homes paid membership fee and more than 600 home did not. It was disappointing to know that membership is down to 40.9% compared to 46.8% last year. Due to the efforts of the Board, one can easily see through the website how many Chin families live in the area, with their addresses and their payments of the annual fee, and it was encouraging that most of the Chin families paid their annual fee.*

Kan sang Hill Valley hi sang nuam si seh, ti cu kan duh cio ruang ah le, kei zong an ka chimh an ka sawm ruang ah, Hill Valley sang um Chin miphun khat le khat kan i pehtlaih khawh dih naklai an board ah volunteer in member ka si ve cang lai. A herh ning in Lai ca le phone le email in thawng kan i thanh lengmang lai. Membership fee cu atu zong ah pek khawh rih a si ko. August 7 (Friday) hi zanlei 5pm in 9pm tiang German Park (South Meridian lam kam) ah kum dang i an tuah tawn bang HVHA sang picnic a um lai. Sang chung khuasa vialte sawm kan si. Cu ah cun kal khawh le membership fee zong cu pek khawh a si. Hill Valley kong i bia hal awk silole chim awk na ngeih poh ahcunrocungpa@gmail.com silole 317-238-9546 ah chawnh khawh, text message kuat khawh a si. Kan sang Hill Valley hi hmun nuam ah ser zungzal ko usi.

As it is every resident's desire to keep Hill Valley peaceful and nice, and as I was requested by some Chin residents and board members, I will be a volunteer board member to work mostly for the Chin people. We will have more contacts now with one another not only in printed materials, but also via phone and/or email. If you haven't paid your annual fee, you can still do it. There will be an annual HVHA picnic held on August 7 (Friday) from 5pm till 9pm at German Park (along the South Meridian Street) and we all are invited. You can participate there and you can also pay your annual fee there. If you have any questions or concerns, just send your email to rocungpa@gmail.com or call or send a text message at 317-238-9546. Let us keep our Hill Valley a great place!

WHO ARE THE CHIN??

The Chin and Karen are Burmese-American people who have escaped persecution and death in Burma (Myanmar). Read about them on the HVHA website at hillvalley.org.

POSITION 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 one position: **Membership Liaison**. Step by step instructions have been written to explain the position. Please contact one of our board members or just come to the next monthly meeting to discuss the details.

SPEEDING IN WEST HILL VALLEY

SLOW DOWN!! 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. We want our neighborhood to be safe for all, especially children walking to and from school, and after school activities.

DISTRICT MEETING INFO

There has been talk of a new stadium to be built at PMHS. Go to the HVHA website as information becomes available.

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.

April 2015 Meeting:

We appreciate all of the neighbors that have been at the board meetings recently bringing concerns to us. The major issues brought to the board at this meeting included parked cars causing obstruction when trying to pull out of neighborhood streets, speeding, illegal golf carts and the need for more stop signs throughout the neighborhood. There was also a concern about a fence that was built, and is causing drainage issues to the neighbors' yard and standing water which is a breeding ground for mosquitos. Please continue to let us know what is going on. The board is interested in our input.

May 2015 Meeting:

As you have seen in the newsletter, we have been asking for a representative from the community to help us communicate with the Burmese or Chin neighbors. Our wishes were granted with the addition of Mr. Thlasui Tluangneh who has offered to assist us in the translation of information. Mr. Ken Milone was also present to show us his neighborhood watch that he has set up on his street in order to notify neighbors of crime or possible incidents in the neighborhood. Please watch for a letter that you may receive asking for your contact information as we are trying to find block captains to follow Ken's lead.

June 2015 Meeting:

The annual garage sale took place the first week of June with very good feedback. Several of the board members are starting a door to door membership drive. If you know of a new neighbor that has moved in, please contact Bonnie Warrick. Dave Richie has agreed to be the HVHA webmaster, helping us with the HVHA website. Dave is a Hill Valley resident, and has 25 years of IT experience. The board was informed of 4 cars that had been broken into on Mellowood Drive, and a mini barn was also robbed. Please be vigilant in leaving your outside lights on, installing motion detector lights, and keeping your home and vehicles locked.

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:

July 20	August 17	September 21	October 19	November 16	December (TBA)
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**The 2015 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 19, 2015 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.

GARDEN IN THE FRONT YARD?

Many of us have gardens in the back yard, but most do not have them located anywhere else. The City of Indianapolis ordinances do not prohibit gardens in the front yard but is it wrong? Not if it is kept very small and neat. If you grow a few things in your flower bed plus they are low growing and small, they will look fine from the street. As soon as the items have been picked, cut the plant off so it doesn't look dead from the street. Remember, if your yard is not kept clean, neat, and attractive from the street, the property value of your neighbors will suffer.

DANDELIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Do you remember looking at your neighbor's yard last spring at the very prolific dandelions? If you are one of the homeowners with a good growth, please mow often. As long as you catch the yellow blossoms before they mature into white seeds, you will be able to stop the weed from spreading. Set the lawn mower to prevent it from cutting the grass lower than 2 to 2 ½ inches, since longer grass will block out the sunlight needed for dandelions to grow. Merely mowing down the dandelion will not permanently kill the dandelion, but it will keep it from spreading to your neighbor's yard.

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 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

Liz McColm - My Glass Fix - One-of-a-kind glass adornments as unique as you!

Email: myglassfixinfo@gmail.com or visit the website at: 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 or email: jdiffie@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.

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.

2015 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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
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 7th.

Dues for 2015 are \$45.00 and are due now. 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 to:

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

Hill Valley Homeowners Association is an Indiana not-for-profit corporation and is tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501.c.4 as a community service organization.

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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 NOW