

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It will soon be dues time again. They went up a little bit this past year but will stay the same, \$30, for 2011. Our lead articles try to let you know what that small amount of annual dues does for you and your neighbors. Please be aware of the action the board is considering about plowing the courts that have no members. We want to continue being a good neighbor to everybody and hope we can get everybody's cooperation in doing that. Please keep your ears open for snowstorms and park off the street so we can get the streets clear for everyone. Happy holidays, Steve

SNOW!

Did you know that your Hill Valley Homeowners Association is responsible for plowing snow from the streets in our neighborhood? No tax dollars are spent and the city is not responsible for plowing our neighborhood streets. We hire private companies to plow our streets. We hope our dues are enough to continue to do the job. While we have had only a few storms each year, some we had were unbelievable. Last year in one storm we had to plow from 3 a.m. until midnight. Two years before the ice was so bad the trucks broke blades and transmissions.

- If there is snow forecasted, please park your vehicles in your driveway. Parking in the driveway speeds up the plowing so our streets are open faster and it keeps you from getting your vehicle plowed in on the side of the street.

Courts are always a problem because the streets have to be plowed first. Then the trucks have to find a place to stash the court snow without blocking the street or the driveways. The board is considering not plowing those courts where there are no members. Those who pay the modest dues can be disgruntled with others who get a free ride. We would like your feedback on this issue before the snows come. Please contact a board member with your opinion.

YOUR BOARD WORKS FOR YOU

You get a lot of mileage from your board members. All are volunteers and try to make life better for the entire neighborhood. They spend your modest dues very carefully. In addition to managing the snow removal that the city does not do, they throw a free annual picnic with "the best rib eyes ever!" according to new visitors and long time members.

- Every year we have opportunists trying to convert nearby property into commercial business. We go to bat for you before the zoning boards, liquor control boards and code enforcement and have squashed every attempt.
- You call us with all sorts of problems - commercial trucks and trailers parking overnight and on weekends, abandoned and inoperable vehicles, flooding, clutter in creeks and culverts, unsafe intersections blocked by trees and bushes, illegal fences, unleashed animals, illegal businesses in residential homes, health and safety issues due to trash or unkempt yards, unfenced swimming pools - and more we can't yet imagine. We follow up on all of these with contacts with the mayor's office and various city and state departments. Some we can quickly solve - others drag on but we keep at it.

- We try to contact every family moving into Hill Valley with copies of our newsletter and a resource guide for the neighborhood.
- We promote three garage sales every year in June, July and August and put out maps of the neighborhood with the locations and special items for sale.
- We have an annual Holiday Decorations Contest and two or three lawn and garden beautification contests, depending on the weather.
- We communicate with you four times a year with the Newsletter, maintain a Web Site round the clock with alerts, event calendar, board member and government contacts, neighborhood maps, and contest winners. In

- both the Newsletter and the Web Site we publish a list of members who offer services that might be useful to their neighbors.
- We meet every month except December and have an open forum for any neighbor to offer suggestions, bring problems to our attention, or anything else that is on their mind.

Thank you for joining the Homeowners Association and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

BOARD VACANCIES

We have one more vacancy on the Board. We have a good time working together at the monthly Board meetings and the Annual Summer Social. There are some tasks that need to be done in between but not overwhelming. It feels good to be able to serve our wonderful community. Please give a few hours a month to our very special neighborhood.

The last Board meeting for 2010 will be 7:30 pm on November 15, 2010 at St Barnabas Church.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Beginning Monday, November 8 through Friday, December 3, up to 30 bags of leaves will be picked up each week free of charge. In hand collection areas, residents may set out up to 10 bags of trash each week. When setting out items for pick-up, residents should ensure that trash is separated from leaves. In 96-gallon cart collection areas, all leaves must be bagged and placed at least three feet away from the cart in order to allow DPW trucks to service the cart.

Additionally, all trash must fit inside the cart. Trash outside the cart will not be taken during leaf collection season.

Residents should take special care to ensure that sewer inlets and drainage pipes are kept clear of leaves and debris to avoid serious drainage and flooding problems.

Because leaves can be recycled into a useful end product, DPW composts collected leaves and makes them available to the public free of charge. As a reminder, it is illegal to burn leaves in Marion County.

CHRISTMAS-SEASON DECORATIONS CONTEST

We will be judging the annual Christmas-Season Decorations Contest of members' homes in December. You will receive a postcard in late November with the exact information. Prize categories should be the same as last year: Through the Eyes of a Child; The Reason for the Season (Traditional); and Most Original and Artistic.

MEMBERS SERVING MEMBERS

If you have a specialty or talent that you would want your neighborhood to know about, we will be glad to list your name, address, contact information and a description in 12 words or less of 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 and other residents.

Alex Kitchel – BABYSITTING - Passed YMCA safe-sitter course. Age 14. Contact 885-6172

John H. Renault - French tutoring and teaching. French/English and English/French translations. 8342 Parish Lane; phone: 317-888-9607; renaultjohn@sbcglobal.net

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

Donald A. Smith, Enrolled Agent - Tax preparation and small business services. Enrolled to represent taxpayers before the IRS. Contact Don or Joan Smith, 317-736-1583 or donsmith9@comcast.net

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Ms. Rona - Certified dog groomer. Call 985-3242 or visit my salon at Barkesellers Dog Hotel, 8809 Madison Ave.

Joan Smith - Small business bookkeeping using QuickBooks or spread sheets. Reasonable rate. 736-1583 or e-mail joanss@comcast.net

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Emily Hensley, - Educational and fun children's books through home parties, 937-1481 or e-mail emahh1@yahoo.com

John Roeder – HEDGE TRIMMING - Five-years' experience. Contact 437-7107 or e-mail john123072@sbcglobal.net

Sue Moore - Sheltie Rescue>- For information on fostering or adoption of Shetland Sheepdogs www.sheltie-rescue.org or e-mail jdifflie@aol.com or call 885-1838

Natalie M. Amos & Frances Trusty – Independent Univera Associates and nurses. Discover the power of nature and how it can improve your health. www.startlivinghealthytoday.myunivera.com or call 657-3934.

Barbara Thomas - Childrens' Art Class - Experienced artist teaching children's drawing classes in home. Call 882-4812 or email bthomas988@juno.com

Terry Snyder- Handyman Work Tree trimming, small demolition, handy work tasks. Contact 339-8145

Eric Lawrence – Excavating - English Excavating, 50 years in business-residential and commercial. Contact 888-2282 or 784-4125

David Hoyt – Finance – Free interest rate quote for your safe money. Call 882-3676 or visit www.hoytfinancialgroup.com. Office at 8130 S Meridian Street.

NEWSLETTER

We would like to see our quarterly publication become more of a neighborhood newsletter, but we need your help. We would welcome suggestions, comments and other newsworthy items that you feel would be of interest to your neighbors. The HVHA does reserve the right to edit such submittals for clarity and conciseness. Please submit your articles to any HVHA board member and we will try to publish it as submitted. If we have questions or concerns we will contact the author.

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