

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

Recently, we have had several complaints from residents regarding unwanted door to door solicitors. Apparently, "No Solicitation" signs are not enforceable. Some residents feel this is intrusive or threatening in some way. The only option is to post a "No Trespassing" sign in a clearly visible location in the front yard. Hopefully, this will dissuade (at least) some solicitors. Our Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison, who works with the city, has informed us that the city is working on this issue. If you have any comments or questions, please call one of your Hill Valley board members. All board members names and phone numbers are listed on the back of each newsletter for your convenience. We are striving hard to make Hill Valley a safe place to live. In addition, we would like to welcome two new members to the HVHA board, **STEVE SULLIVAN** and **PAUL FITES**. Thank you gentlemen for joining us in our endeavor of making our neighborhood a wonderful place to live and raise our families!

Sincerely, Bonnie Warrick

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.

July 2014 Meeting: There was a neighborhood concern brought to the board about golf carts being driven by unlicensed drivers and the danger that is created by them on the streets. We ask that you please refrain from the use of golf carts in the neighborhood. It is illegal and very dangerous. The remainder of the meeting was spent finalizing the picnic plans. For those in attendance at the annual event, we hope you had a great evening.

August 2014 Meeting: We did a recap of the annual picnic, and made some notes on planning for next year's picnic. Steve Sullivan accepted a position as a board member, and we welcomed his involvement in the betterment of our neighborhood association. Planning for the meeting of members and neighbors in October was also discussed.

September 2014 Meeting: Ryan Clem, from the Mayor's office, was present to discuss the issue of solicitors in the neighborhood. As most of you are aware, there are some signs stating we are a "no solicitation" neighborhood. Several questions came to the board regarding this issue. There has been some discussion about this, and the city will let us know what we need to do if we do not want someone on our doorstep uninvited. More info is to come later.

CRIME WATCH CORNER: Home Security...Opening your door to strangers:

- Take Care...you don't ever have to open the door.
- Peepholes...to see who is there. Peepholes are recommended because the person outside doesn't know that you see him/her. Peepholes should be wide angle. If peephole is covered, do NOT open the door.
- Chain locks are not the best security due to being mounted with short screws and some have weak chains.
- Door wedges really work. A door wedge is a better alternative when you wish to open your door only a few inches to speak to a stranger. This device can be found in most hardware stores.

With Halloween just around the corner, we would like to remind parents and children to stay within the neighborhood and go only to homes you know. Make sure your child's costume is not too long to avoid tripping; make sure they can see well through masks or use make-up instead. Wear light colors and add reflective tape. ***BE SAFE, NOT SORRY!***

NEW RESIDENTS

We have noticed many new residents moving into our neighborhood. We have contact information on some of you but it is incomplete. Please contact Charlie Eldridge at 317-881-2718 or by email at celdridge11@comcast.net, or hillvalleyindy@gmail.com to provide us with your information. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOCAL HOMESTEAD CREDIT VS. STATE HOMESTEAD DEDUCTION

The mayor has proposed dropping the local homestead credit but it does not affect the state homestead deduction. The local homestead credit was in response to the property taxes before the 1% tax caps. Since the 1% cap, it is no longer needed to stabilize property tax bills (more than 80 counties have already dropped the local homestead credit). There is no effect if you are already at the 1% property tax cap. If you are below the 1% cap, the average impact will be \$1.84/month. This will not affect the \$45,000 state homestead deduction. The state deduction lowers your home’s value by 60% or \$45,000, whichever is less, for property tax purposes.

UPCOMING ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

This meeting is devoted to all members and Hill Valley residents. All are welcome to attend! The 2014 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 20, 2014 and will be held this year at Friedens United Church of Christ at 7 p.m. We will be electing board members and we will have guest speakers from the city joining us regarding various issues and offer tips. Please plan on attending this very important meeting, and bring questions and concerns about our neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the HVHA and volunteer your help. 😊

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

Want to help democracy and earn some extra money? Be a poll worker for the November 4, 2014 general election! To serve, you must be a registered voter, live in Marion County and attend training. You can sign up through this [website](#) or call their office at (317) 327-VOTE for more information. Eligible 16, 17, and 18 year-olds are also encouraged to check out the [Student Poll Worker Program](#). Interested students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, permission from their school and parent or guardian, and attend training.

ABSENTEE BALLOT FORMS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballot application forms are available at indy.gov/ELECTION. If you plan to vote by absentee by [mail](#) or [traveling board](#), please make sure you use the correct absentee application. If you choose to vote early, you will complete an application on-site. Be sure to read the instructions and complete the application fully. Many people also think applications are kept on file from election to election. They are not! You must apply for an absentee ballot in each election. Applications to vote by mail must be received by Monday, October 27; all absentee mail ballots are due by noon, Tuesday, November 4. We strongly encourage you to submit your ballot before Election Day!

Since absentee voting rules differ for military and overseas voters, please contact our office at (317) 327-VOTE or marioncountyabsentee@indy.gov for assistance.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SCHOOLS IN INDIANAPOLIS?

- The City of Indianapolis, GreatSchools.org, and dozens of community organizations are partnering to provide school information to parents, families, and the community.
- This free guide is available at Indianapolis Kroger stores, Indianapolis Public Library branches, Indy Parks Family Centers, and HeadStart.
- You can also access this information on the website: <http://www.GreatSchools.org/Indianapolis>.

2014 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 2014 are:

Oct. 20, 2014**	Nov. 17, 2014	Dec. (No meeting)		
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REQUEST INDY MOBILE APP

Did you know that Indianapolis has created a new way for the public to track problems in our city such as potholes, stray animals, high grass/weeds, abandoned vehicles? It is a mobile app called "RequestIndy." It can be downloaded on your smart phone, and is extremely easy to navigate. It actually allows you to take a photo of the problem and send it immediately to the Mayor's Action Center. Give it a try! The URL is <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/MAC/Pages/RIMobile.aspx>

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.

Ryan Berry - Construction - 3rd generation carpenter, general contractor, handyman. Insured and bonded. Call: 317-319-7887 or go to: www.ryanberryconstruction.com

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: 317-243-3666 or go to: www.michellebutts.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!

Beth Hildebrand – Filtration Systems – Nestle Pure Life/Ice Mountain Waters/AccuPure. Residential and Business service. Mention you are a Hill Valley resident for special pricing. Contact: 513-315-2598.

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.

Carolyn Leach - Medical Bills Reviewed - Detect overcharges, errors or underpayments with resulting savings or refunds to you. Contact: 317-882-2002 or e-mail: IndyMedicalBillReview@yahoo.com

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).

Jessi Plourde – *Music Lessons* - Piano lessons. Call: 317-881-1735.

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.

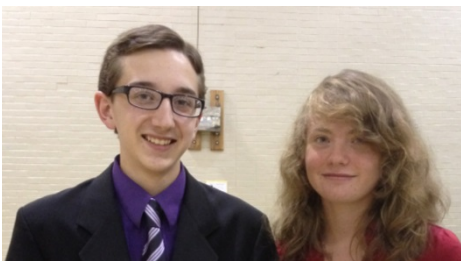
Donald A. Smith (Enrolled Agent) - *Tax Preparation and Small Business Services*- Enrolled to represent taxpayers before the IRS. Contact Don Smith: 317-736-1583 or email: donsmith9@comcast.net

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.

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.

Marcus A. Goelz and Sabrina Bruno-West - On October 6, 2014, there was a "Recognition of Excellence Reception" held at the Perry Township Education Center to honor two Perry Meridian High School students, both Juniors. Marcus A. Goelz and Sabrina Bruno-West, both earned a perfect score on the 2014 spring English ECA (End of Course Assessment) assessment test. Marcus and Sabrina are the only two students out of over 1,200 high school students in Perry Township to earn perfect scores. They are also the only two students in the state of Indiana to get perfect scores. Marcus and Sabrina were recognized by Perry Township; principal of Perry Meridian High School, Rolland Abraham; Perry Township School Superintendent, Thomas J. Little; and other Perry Township school staff. Each year, the ECA is taken by over 75,000 students in the state of Indiana. Perry Township is honored to have these two exceptional students recognized by our school district.



Marcus' mother, Patty Graff, is 1st Vice-President, Newsletter Editor and Garage Sale Coordinator on the [HVHA Board](#).

INDY’S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BACK AT A LEVEL NOT SEEN SINCE THE START OF THE GREAT RECESSION

- According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the unemployment rate in Indy/Marion County was 5.7% in August 2014, down from 7.6% in August 2013.
- 17,600 more people were employed in August compared to last year.
- Indy’s unemployment rate in August 2014 was the lowest since 2008.

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