HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents,

A resident called in May regarding a white Chevy pickup truck following a UPS delivery truck in West Hill Valley. Our resident stated the young men in the truck were casing homes to steal packages. We've all heard on the news the term "Porch Pirates." Please be aware as no neighborhood is exempt from this type of criminal activity.

Please remember to call the Mayor's Action Center at: 317-327-4622 with any complaints regarding pot holes, sidewalk repairs, or other issues. DPW was in our neighborhood on June 8th, filling pot holes. The more residents who call in the sooner they will be completed. When I called on May 14th, regarding the super huge pot hole at Railroad Road and Royal Meadow Driver, there had only been one report turned in to the center.

Please join us on Friday, August 2nd for our annual summer picnic at German Park. The gates open at 5:00 pm with food service starting at 5:30pm. All residents who have paid their annual membership dues are welcome to attend. You may also pay membership dues at the gate. Please bring your picnic ticket that is included in this newsletter if you have paid your dues. There will be many fun activities for all. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors!

As always please call myself or another board member if you have any questions or concerns. On behalf of the board members, we want to thank you all for your support.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Planning something for your yard? Will it affect the neighborhood? Will it be too close to the neighbor's swing set, fence, dog, yard, etc.? How will it look when it is finished? Do you have a play set in the front yard (or side yard if you live on a corner lot) that presents an eyesore? How about a garden or an old vehicle that is not used much? In short, how does your property look? Think about how it would look to you if you were coming into the neighborhood for the first time with the intention of purchasing a home. Please use some common sense when taking care of your property; perhaps it will encourage your neighbor to do the same.

CRIME WATCH CORNER

Be Safe, Not Sorry. During the summer months, burglars go through neighborhoods looking for uncut lawns and stuffed mailboxes. In the evening, they look for darkened houses or lights that have been left on too long. Don't tempt a thief:

- Lawn mowers, weed eaters, tools, grills and bicycles are best stored out of sight.
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows and doors.
- Never leave a note on the door such as "Gone Shopping."
- Think ahead and have your keys ready to enter the house or start the car.
- Remember to report any suspicious cars or activity

2019 PERRY AQUATIC CENTER SCHEDULE

Perry Aquatic Center is open Memorial Day through first week of August and is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6:00 PM. Perry Park also has 2 shelters, 4 tennis courts, basketball court, and soccer field. They also sell dog park passes for the Smock Bark located at the corner of Sherman and County Line Road. It is located at 451 E. Stop 11 Rd. and you can contact them directly at (317) 865-1833.

OPEN BURNING

The open burning of limbs, twigs, and branches which does not create a nuisance or a fire hazard and which is attended by a responsible person at all times until completely extinguished is allowed for residents (but not leaves) originating on their lots, but only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Burning shall be more than fifteen feet from any building, in a noncombustible container, well vented and with enclosed sides, a bottom and a mesh covering with openings no greater than 1/4 inch. If such fire creates a health hazard, it must be extinguished. *This information is take from the Indianapolis - Marion County, IN Municipal Code, Sec. 511-703.*

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.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIAISON

Do you know your membership status (paid or not paid)? We have provided a list of members from 2013 through 2019 on the Home and Member Benefits page of the website. You can very easily scan down the pages to find all of the member's names and the years of their membership if they were members either this year or previous years (years before 2013 are not listed).

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

You may have multiple e-mail addresses for delivery (work, home, others in the family, etc, several people already do this). Send an e-mail to HillValleyIndy@gmail.com to add more e-mail addresses or to sign up. Past newsletters are posted on our website HillValley.org. If you use e-mail, please consider receiving the newsletter via e-mail instead of by snail mail. In addition to a little more content, there are intermediate updates that are made to those Hill Valley residents that have elected to receive the electronic version of the newsletter. The mail list will always be blind so others will not see your e-mail addresses. If you are not a member, you can still sign up. No personal information is ever sold.

YOUR BOARD WORKS FOR YOU

You get a lot of mileage from your board members. <u>All are volunteers</u> and try to make life better for the entire neighborhood. We spend your modest dues very carefully. In addition to managing the snow removal that the city does not do, we have a free annual picnic with "the best ribeyes ever!" This is according to visitors and longtime members.

- Every year, there are people trying to convert nearby residential property into commercial businesses. We go to bat for you before the zoning boards, liquor control boards, and code enforcement, and we get them squashed at 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 the 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 that we can't yet imagine. We follow up on all of these issues with contacts in the mayor's office, and various city and state departments. Some we can solve quickly while other issues drag on but we keep at it, and it's all for YOU!
- We try to contact every family that is moving into Hill Valley with copies of our current newsletter, and a resource guide for the neighborhood.
- We promote a garage sale every year in June and put out maps of the neighborhood with the locations marked with a star (*sorry*, *addresses only*, *no names*).
- We have an annual Holiday Decorations Contest every Christmas season.
- We communicate with you four (4) times a year with a newsletter, maintain www.hillvalley.org with alerts, board member and government contacts, neighborhood maps, contest winners, and a convenient list of current members so you can see if your dues are current. In both the newsletter and the web site, we publish Members Serving Members. This listing offers services that might be useful to our neighbors.
- We meet every month except December, and we have an open forum for any neighbor to come and offer suggestions, bring problems to our attention, or anything else tht is on your mind.

Thank you for joining the Homeowners Association, and please encourage your neighbors to do the same!

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 2018 are:

^{**}The 2019 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019 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:

Stacia Baker-Runyan – *Real Estate* – Licensed Indiana & Florida Gulf Coast. Contact <u>statia@sbcglobal.net</u> or call: Community Realty Group at 317-294-2918. Residential and Progressive Care.

Becky Brinker-Rankin - *Event Rental Facility* - German Park: rental for weddings, reunions, business meetings, etc. Call: 317-885-0283, email beckyparklady@outlook.com or visit the website at www.germanparkindy.org

Michelle Butts - *Real Estate* — Assisting Buyers & Sellers since 2000 - "No BUTTS About It!" Call Michelle with Re/Max, direct: 317-509-8516 or send an email to: michellerbutts@gmail.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.

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

Mrs. Nita Norcross, M.S. Ed - *Personal Tutoring* - Pre-K to college, all subjects. Email: <u>profnorcross@gmail.com</u> 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, new 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.

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