

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents,

The next meeting for HVHA is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7 p.m. at St. Barnabas Catholic Church. This meeting is also our Annual Meeting. The location has changed from previous newsletters this year. It WAS planned to be at Friedens UCC. It has NOW been changed to St. Barnabas Catholic Church where we hold our monthly board meetings. We have a guest speaker, Paula Barnes from IMPD (Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department) Southwest District. She will present a Crime Watch presentation. I'm sure she will be happy to answer any questions you might have. All residents are invited to attend.

I would like to thank Lisa Brinker, German Park manager, for all her assistance over the years with our HVHA Annual Picnic. Lisa is retiring in November. Her daughter, Becky Brinker Rankin will take over her position. She announced that on October 25 and 26, the park will be having a Pumpkinfest fundraiser. They will be selling hot dogs, chips, pizza, soda and much more. It will be a family oriented event with trick or treat stations for the kids, bounce houses and Halloween games. Friday hours will be 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Please call myself or another board member if you have any questions. As a reminder, all residents are always welcome to attend any of our monthly board meetings. We meet the third Monday of the month at St. Barnabas. 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

Good Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods

On Monday October 21, 2019, the Hill Valley Homeowners Association along with Paula Barnes, Crime Watch Specialist from IMPD, will have a presentation on the Crime Watch program available to all Indianapolis neighborhoods. Years ago, we had a very active Crime Watch with several blocks having a block captain and a very efficient method in which to notify neighbors of potential crime, and/or danger in the area. Please join us to learn about what we can do to keep our neighborhood a safe place to live and raise our families.



BURGLAR PREVENTION



Always be cautious, and go with your gut if you feel like something is not right. Be safe, and call the non-emergency police if you suspect ANY suspicious behavior on your street or your neighbor's house. Burglars can vary in age and what they are looking to steal. Sometimes burglars are just kids being dared by other kids to steal something. Either way, we need to be on guard and pay attention to things that are not normal. Any burglars will go through neighborhoods looking for uncut lawns and stuffed mailboxes; this tells them that no one has been in that home for a period of time, and this gives them every reason to break into that home. In the evening, they look for darkened houses or lights that have been left on too long. Let's NOT give them any

leverage to make you the next victim of burglary. Here are some simple tips to follow each day:

- 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
- And watch out for your neighbor as well

UPCOMING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

It's almost that time of year again! Time has flown by this year, and now we are announcing information about this year's HVHA Annual Christmas Decoration Contest. This will take place in December. Be sure to have your lights on every evening during the week of December 16th through the 20th. Your HVHA board members will be driving through both East and West Hill Valley to judge all lights/decorations that are lit. We have divided Hill Valley into East (East Hill Valley), Northwest (North part of West Hill Valley), and Southwest (South part of West Hill Valley) sections for the judging. We will be awarding prizes for first, second, and third place winners in each section. Please remember that if you placed in a specific spot last year, you cannot place in that same spot again. For example, if you placed first last year, you cannot place first this year; however, you can place in second or third. This gives everyone the chance to place in one of the spots. Plan ahead and get your displays out early. We look forward to seeing all of your beautiful lights and décor that brightens up our neighborhood!



FALL LEAF PICK-UP

The dates for the leaf collection for 2019 have not been posted yet; however, based on the previous years, it should begin sometime in early November and continue through early December. Last year, they would take up to 40 bags of leaves will be picked up each week free of charge. For more accurate instructions, and to get the exact dates, please visit: <https://www.indy.gov/activity/leaf-collection-season>.



SNOW!

With all of the hot and warm weather, it seems to be too early to bring up this subject. However, did you know that your Hill Valley Homeowners Association is responsible for plowing snow from the streets in our neighborhood except for 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? No tax dollars are spent and the city is not responsible for plowing our neighborhood streets. We hire private companies to plow our streets. While we have had only a one snow over three inches last year, some in the past were unbelievable. If there is snow forecast, 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

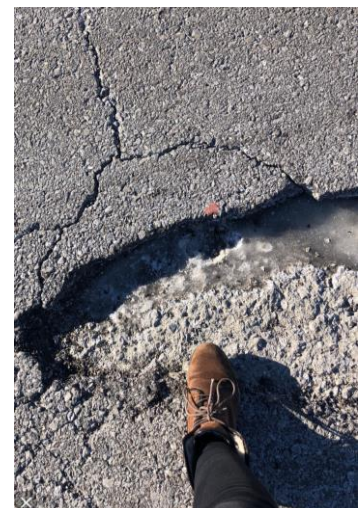
vehicle plowed in on the side of the street. Courts are always a problem because the streets have to be plowed first. Then the trucks have to find a place to stash the court snow without blocking the street or the driveways.

WEBSITE TO REPORT POTHOLES

Indianapolis has created a way for the public to report potholes with the Mayor's Action Center website. The website allows users to open pothole requests across the city. Users can report a pothole or track one they reported earlier through the Mayor's Action Center by calling (317) 327-4MAC (4622) or by visiting indy.gov/activity/report-potholes.

REQUEST INDY MOBILE APP

Did you know that Indianapolis has created a way for the public to report and 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! There is more information at <https://www.indy.gov/activity/requestindy-help> and links for instructions for [Android](#) and [iPhone](#).



ITEMS FOR THE 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 HillValleyIndy@gmail.com and we will try to publish it as submitted. If we have questions or concerns, we will contact the author as necessary. Please use our email.



TASKS THE BOARD MEMBERS DO

Here is the list of various responsibilities that the HVHA Board Members do. Some of these tasks are monthly, some are quarterly, and some are annually.

Update membership lists; deposit all checks at bank; reply to emails from residents; send email updates; review contracts for snow removal, German park, and insurance; visit new residents to attain names for newsletter mailings; respond to snow removal phone calls, and contact the contractor; write minutes for each meeting; post



and track expenses; write checks to pay expenses; post monthly reports; compose and edit newsletter quarterly; take newsletter to printer; assemble newsletters; order food for annual summer social; order entertainment for annual summer social; purchase paper goods for annual summer social; judge Christmas decorations and lights; respond to phone calls from residents with issues or complaints; work with MJ Dunne, Mayor's Liaison, on individual residential issues; hire local landscaper to maintain East and West Hill Valley entrance

islands; prepare garage sale maps; call newspaper to advertise for garage sale; put garage sale signs out and take them down; work at annual summer social; recruit boy scouts to work at annual summer social; arrange locations for meetings at St. Barnabas and Friedens Churches.

TRASH FACTS

Here is some general information to remember regarding trash pick up:

- Trash is collected on assigned collection days based on your address.
- Up to 2 heavy trash items are collected each month on designated heavy trash days.
- You can find your trash collection day information at:
<http://maps.indy.gov/GovProfile/>
- All trash must be bagged for pickup in 10-15 gallon bags.
- Trash should then be placed at the curb or alley before 7 a.m. on pickup day.



You must divide your trash between "Residential" and "Heavy Trash". Here is the differences:

Residential

- *Food Waste
- *Bottles
- *Metal Cans
- *Paper/Plastic Goods
- *Cloth
- *Tires without rims
- *Shrubby cuttings, small limbs, sticks, & carpet pieces (must be tied in bundles no more than 3 ft x 3 ft)
- *Corrugated containers and cardboard boxes (flattened, emptied, and tied in bundles)

Heavy Trash

- *Mattresses
- *Tires with rims
- *Appliances (without Freon-gas refrigerant): stoves, water heaters, & water softeners
- *Furniture: couches, chairs, desks, and tables
- *Lawn mowers (must be drained of all oil and gas)
- *Disassembled bicycles and swing sets
- *Television shells with all tubing removed
- *Large yard waste: tie limbs, shrubby cuttings, etc. in bundles no larger than 3 ft x 3 ft (each bundle counts as one heavy trash item)

NEIGHBORHOOD DRAINAGE

Please help us keep your storm drains open. The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) is asking residents and property owners to do their part to rake leaves away from the curb and regularly check and clear storm inlets. There are more than 10,000 miles of drainage facilities in Marion County. Approximately 6,000 of those miles are on private property; for these property owners, drainage responsibilities include clearing storm inlets. For further information, please call the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4622 or visit www.indy.gov/dpw

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:

October 21	November 18	December (TBA)
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**The 2019 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019 and will be held this year at

St. Barnabas Church 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 stacia@sbcglobal.net 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 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.

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: 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 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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