HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

www.hillvalley.org
Editor: Patty Graff

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

In January, a resident who lives in East Hill Valley called me to report lots of trash in the island. I drove over to check it out. This resident was justified in their concern as it really did look unsightly. I picked up all the beer bottles, soda cans, papers and fast food boxes along with miscellaneous other small items. Afterwards, I checked the west island. There was only a few items of trash there, barely noticeable. This makes me think that some residents are picking up trash. It would be greatly appreciated if residents would help us keep the islands free of trash. If you happen to drive by and see something significant, please stop and pick it up. It really is a shared responsibility for all neighborhood residents. Please help us keep the island entrances looking nice.

While in East Hill Valley, I saw the city workers filling potholes. I stopped to thank them for doing a good job. Those guys got a big smile on their faces and thanked me for stopping. If you know of a pothole that was missed, please call the Mayor's Action Center at (317)-327-4622. As of today, as I write this message, there are still numerous potholes in West Hill Valley.

The city is constantly busy with multiple problems and repairs, and I'm sure they will get to West Hill Valley as soon as they possibly can.

I want to personally thank you all residents who have paid their membership dues. We truly appreciate your support. Please call myself or any board member if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA

CORONAVIRUS: GETTING HELP IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Hello residents of Hill Valley. This is Patty (Editor and Vice-President of HVHA). I felt that we needed to reach out to all of Hill Valley residents to send some encouraging words and information of how to get help. It would be easy to just ignore it and not talk about it, but that is not the answer. What is the answer, you ask? We all need to acknowledge that Coronavirus a/k/a Covid-19, is here and we all need to do our part to help stop the spread of this nasty disease. Please, I implore you all, to please stay home if at all possible, practice safe hygiene habits, and keep up with the current information about the virus.

The biggest reason I wanted to include a message about the virus is because I'm extremely passionate about people, especially our neighbors in Hill Valley. In my opinion, our neighborhood is a great big family, and I want to help in any way I can to make this difficult time a little bit more bearable and hopeful. If you are homebound, in isolation, or whatever reason that enables you from being able to get groceries or medication, please reach out to your next door neighbor, or any neighbor near you to ask for help.

Those of you with computers, laptops, and smart phones probably already know about the outpour of people in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods, who have posted on the "Nextdoor" app. These neighbors are offering to go to the grocery store, pharmacy, etc. for anyone who is unable to do so themselves. I realize that not everyone has access to specific electronics which is why I wanted to include this message in this newsletter.

Finally, there is power in prayer. We all need to be faithful, positive, and hopeful in order to get through this pandemic. Help uplift your neighbors either with kind words, or ask what you can do for them. Take it one day at a time, and help all the people that you can.

IF YOU CAN HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR



Are you available to help your neighbor? Please email me at pattylg1966@yahoo.com, and provide me with your name, phone number, street address, email address, and times you are available to help out. I plan to compile a spreadsheet of this information. I will then have information available if someone calls or emails for help but can't walk to their neighbor's house to ask for help, or doesn't have their neighbor's phone number or name in order to ask for help.

WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP TO GET GROCERIES, ETC.

Are you disabled? Homebound? In isolation due to Coronavirus? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call me at (317) 331-1481 or email me at pattylg1966@yahoo.com, immediately. I can get in touch with someone on your street to help you.





U.S. CENSUS

Every 10 years, everyone living in the U.S. is required by the U.S. Constitution to be counted. The count is used to divide the house seats by population. The count is also used to distribute more than \$675 billion of our tax dollars each year to communities across the nation. The census records data specific to individual respondents are not available to the public until 72 years after a given census is taken, but aggregate statistical data derived from the census are released as soon as they are available.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Open Board Seats – we currently have a couple of open board seats available. You would be elected at the October

Annual Meeting (One meeting a month on the 3rd Monday of the month). If you are interested in participating, you may be appointed to the board at any board meeting.

Membership Chairman – this person would ideally like record keeping. It would entail keeping records of members who pay dues, depositing membership money at our bank, checking the post office box for correspondence, helping us determine who gets an invitation to the Summer Picnic (only paid members get an invitation) and keeping the



board informed of our membership progress throughout the year. You will be using MS Access to maintain the database and continuing instruction will be provided.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIAISON

We have received several comments concerning the membership; however, if a mandatory association is not formed at the time a subdivision or a condo project is built, and is in the covenants, it is next to impossible to make a mandatory



association at that point. The only way to make it mandatory is to have 100% agreement of all the homeowners to sign off on one. If we cannot encourage more people to join, we assure you that a drive to get everyone on board would never be successful. The simple truth is that if everyone would join, we could actually lower the dues a little instead of raising them. There were 48.9% of the total residents that paid their dues and became members in 2019 and we are hoping for more in 2020.

Do you know your membership status? We have provided a list of members from 2013 through 2020 on the Home page of our website or you can <u>click here</u>

to download a copy. 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.

GARAGE SALE DATES ANNOUNCED

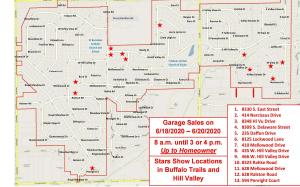
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We will conduct our annual garage sale this year from Thursday June 18 through Saturday June 20, 2020. A garage sale is a great way to clean up your house and make money by letting

someone else buy your treasures.

Your Homeowners Association hosts a community garage sale each year and any Hill Valley resident is welcome to participate. The board will post signs at our usual areas: Stop 11 Road and East Hill Valley Drive; Meridian/SR135 and West Hill Valley Drive; County Line Road and Royal Meadow Drive, and Meridian/SR135 and East Hill Valley Drive. We also provide a map (similar to the image to the right) with the participants' addresses that will be accessible at each of the entrances.

If you would like to participate, and be included on our map this year, please contact Patty Graff at (317) 331-1481. The deadline will be Sunday June 9th. These maps will only include your address with a



"star" symbol in order to help potential buyers to find you in the neighborhood. We will advertise the sale in The Southside Times. Any other questions, please feel free to contact either Patty or any other board member.

LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING

Spring is upon us, please keep your lawns and landscaping maintained. Most folks in our neighborhood work really

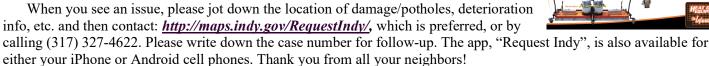


hard to maintain their yards. We ask all homeowners to keep the dandelions down, and not let the seeds spread to other yards. If you are one of the homeowners with a good growth, *please mow often*. As long as you catch the yellow blossoms before they mature into white seeds, you will be able to stop the weeds from spreading. Set your 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.

POTHOLES

The City of Indianapolis has some new equipment that can make permanent repairs in cold weather. DPW is soon planning to deploy two new infrared P200 asphalt heaters by Heat Design Equipment, Inc., capable of raising pavement surface temperatures such that asphalt can be easily worked and re-compacted to repair crumbling road segments. The new heating process will be most effective when hot-mix asphalt is available to add additional material as necessary to level out a roadway. More information on the P200 infrared heater is available at the manufacturer's website.





The Spring Marion County SWCD Newsletter is now available!



Spring is here and we have news and ideas for you. Check out our new native species program, natural lawn care ideas, updates on the Lower Fall Creek Watershed Management Plan, invasive species highlight, staff changes and native plant sales in our area. To download your copy of the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter, click here.

<u>DPW REMINDS RESIDENTS OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROTOCOLS</u> <u>AMID STAY-AT-HOME MEASURES</u>

Solid waste guidelines:

- Make sure all trash is secured inside trash bags and placed completely inside your 96-gallon trash cart. Bagging trash items significantly reduces the possibility of litter.
- Do not place extra trash bags next to your cart. They will not be collected.

Recycling guidelines:

- Do not bag recyclables for curbside pick-up or for direct drop off at regional sites. Bags used to contain recyclables can get caught in and stall sorting machinery, and therefore bags of recyclable materials will not be accepted for processing.
- Make sure recyclables are rinsed and dried.
- In an effort to save space in transportation containers, please break down any cardboard boxes that are being recycled.

Heavy Trash pick-up is being suspended from March 30 through at least April 10 to offset additional collection amounts. Residents should not place any heavy trash items, such as furniture, next to their trash cart, as these will not be serviced.

2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

(Subject to change due to the social distancing, please call a board member to verify if you are planning to attend)

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 2020 are:



			April 20	May 18	June 15
July 20	August 17	September 21	October 19	November 16	December (TBA)

^{**}The 2020 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 19, 2020 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 <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: <u>michellerbutts@gmail.com</u>

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!

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.

Lynn M. Moore – *Professional Alterations* – Providing professional alterations, including bridal & prom, and house cleaning services for over 20 years. References available. Call Lynn Moore at: 317-525-6334 or email at: lynnmooretherunner@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. **Miranda Tworek** - *Essential Oils* - Interested in learning more about everyday use of essential oils? Contact with questions: 812-720-0317 or email at: Miranda@wintergreenwellness.com

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 thomaswicklaw.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.

2020 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bonnie Warrick	President	Royal Meadow Drive	(317) 881-2216
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HVHA Membership - 2020

It's Important to You and Your Community!!

A \$45 Membership in HVHA provides:

Have you already submitted your dues for this year? You can go to http://www.hillvalley.org/resources/Web Mem Post.pdf to verify your status.

- 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 in June
 - Website www.hillvalley.org
 - ➤ Annual Meeting of Members on October 19th
- **NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION** Holiday decorations contest

FOOD, BEVERAGES AND FAMILY FUN - A meal and recreation for all members and their families is included in your dues at our **Annual Summer Social** at German Park on August 7th

DUES FOR 2020 ARE \$45.00 AND ARE DUE ON June 30, 2020. 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 the address below.

HVHA, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis, IN 46217

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PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT BY: June 30, 2020
In order to receive a ticket to the Summer Social (picnic)