

# HILL VALLEY

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# HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

[www.hillvalley.org](http://www.hillvalley.org)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

We sent out an email update last month to all residents who receive their newsletter via email. I wanted to share this information to all residents. Several East Hill Valley residents have pointed out the deterioration of Delaware Street over the bridge. Paul Annee, our city county councilor, was instrumental in getting Dan Parker, the head of DPW to attend this meeting. Dan reviewed the way funding for our street repair is designated. As we all know major streets take priority. Standing water is an extreme problem whenever it rains. The drains become clogged with debris and the flooding affects the other streets in the area also. Many residents pointed out it is almost too dangerous to drive on. Dan expressed his desire to make this happen. We are confident he will make every effort to get this project on the priority list.



HVHA welcomes any members who would like to volunteer to be on the board. We invite anyone interested to attend a board meeting. We meet at St. Barnabas every third Monday each month, except December, at 7:30pm. Currently, we are in need of two more members.

Please call myself or another board member if you have any questions or concerns. On behalf of the board members, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely, Bonnie Warrick

## CITY-COUNTY COUNCILORS' DISTRICTS TO CHANGE

Democratic leaders of the Indianapolis City-County Council will introduce proposed new council districts. The districts, *if approved*, would take effect for 2023 city elections. The existing Council members are Councillor Jared Evans: District 22 and Councillor Paul Annee: District 23. We are all now in District 23 and it will be split as shown on the drawing with Council 22 on the west side of Meridian and Council 23 on the east side. This has not been passed but it is most likely since the City-County Council has a Democrat majority. If it is passed, it will stand for ten years before the redistricting is done again in accordance with the State of Indiana statutes. [Click here for the full 2024 proposed map.](#)



## HELPING REDUCE CRIME IN OUR AREA



We have had reports from a few of our residents about burglaries in their homes and break-ins of vehicles that are parked in their driveways. Please be sure to always check your surroundings, turn on security lights at dark, trim any large and bulky bushes near any windows, keep your garage doors shut if you are not going to be near or in them, and always be aware of unfamiliar people coming to your door. If you have any suspicion of a potential crime, please call 911 immediately to have it checked out.

Get to know your neighbors and exchange phone numbers in case of an emergency. We have a few areas in Hill Valley in which some of the residents on various streets have formed their own "neighborhood watch" by conversing with their fellow neighbors on a regular basis in order to stay aware of any potential problems or crimes. Think about possibly forming something similar to this for your street or area. Not only is it helpful for emergencies, but it helps to get to know your neighbors. If you witness a potential crime, please call 911 immediately. Always be alert to your surroundings! It's better to be safe than to be sorry!



## **FREE LISTING IN THE MEMBERS SERVING MEMBERS SECTION**

Do you have a specialty, talent, or business that you would want your neighborhood to know about? We will be glad to list your name, address, contact information and a description in 20 words or less in both the newsletter and on the HVHA Website. Please send an e-mail to us for free placement with a category for the information.

## **GARAGE SALE DATE REMINDER**

Our annual HVHA Garage Sale will begin on Thursday June 16 and go through Saturday June 18. A garage sale is a great way to clean up your house and make money by letting someone else buy your treasures.

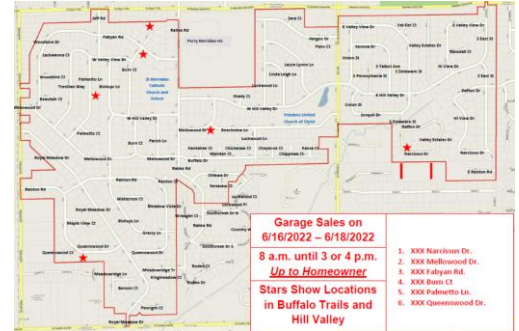
Your Homeowners Association hosts a community garage sale each year and any Hill Valley resident is welcome to participate regardless if you are a member or not. There is no charge to participate.

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  
Meridian/SR135 and East Hill Valley Drive***

We also provide a map with the participants' addresses that will be accessible at each of the entrances. Only addresses, not names, will be included on these maps. The maps will include your address with a "star" symbol to designate your location for potential buyers to be able to find you in the neighborhood.

If you would like to participate, and be included on our map this year, please contact Patty Graff at (317) 331-1481 either by voicemail or text message by Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will advertise the sale in The Southside Times. Any other questions, please feel free to contact either Patty or any other board member.



## **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER WITH HILL VALLEY**



here for you!

*If you are reading this online*, would you like to receive the HVHA Newsletter via e-mail? If you would, please send an e-mail with your name, street address, and the e-mail address(es) where you want the newsletter sent. Send the e-mail to [HillValleyIndy@gmail.com](mailto:HillValleyIndy@gmail.com) and you will no longer get the newsletter via the postal service. Past newsletters are posted on our website. Be sure to visit our website to read about the history of our neighborhood, what we do on the board, and to get to know our board by reading each of our profiles. We are

## **WHAT TO DO ABOUT POTHOLES**

When you see a pothole, please jot down the location of damage/potholes, deterioration info, and take a picture of it. Then you can report it by completing a request to let the proper people know about it. You can download the app in your cell phone app store. It's called "REQUEST INDY." The app will guide you through each step. You will receive a confirmation at the end of the request to keep for reference. On a computer or smart phone, you can also go to <http://maps.indy.gov/RequestIndy/>, which is preferred over calling simply because when you call, there may be long wait times. If you only can make calls, then you may do so by calling (317) 327-4622. Please write down the case number for follow-up. Please note, if the city doesn't know about the pothole issues, then they will not fix them. Don't assume that one of your neighbors have already notified the city about the pothole that you just hit! The more requests they receive for the same issue, the more likely it will be fixed much faster. Crews have filled more than 118,000 potholes thus far this year!



## **CONSTRUCTION SEASON**



As strip-patching (closing down a driving lane and resurfacing an area that is normally one lane wide) and other road construction begins this season, DPW (Department of Public Works) encourages drivers to give construction crews the space they need. Drivers should watch for orange barrels and cones, slowing down through construction zones and using caution around workers. By the way, the state law requires you to slow down and/or move over for construction areas,



or emergency lights (Orange, Red, or Red/Blue). The speeding fines through construction zones is extremely expensive!

**LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING**

Spring is upon us, so 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 weed 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.



**MESSAGE FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

There are many policies you should know as home owners. According to the DPW, property owner responsibilities include:

- Working with neighbors to clear brush, debris and other blockages from neighborhood creeks and ditches
- Maintain swales (a low or hollow place especially a marshy depression between ridges) and ditches, including roadside ditches, by mowing grass to eight inches or less, and keep them free of debris. Be sure not to mow when the ground is wet to avoid rutting
- Keep storm inlet grates, driveway culverts and cross pipes in good repair and clear of debris, trash, and leaves
- Not dumping debris/yard waste in or along waterways
- Picking up after pets to avoid pet waste from entering waterways
- Use approved practices for erosion control for creeks that run through private property. To endure the specific type of practice is permissible in waterways, be sure to check with the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services at 317-327-8700
- AND always call CITIZENS ENERGY GROUP (CEG), at (317) 924-3311 (and press \*2), to report flooding on city streets and side walks or illegal dumping in waterways

**INDY PARKS IS HIRING!**

Indy Parks is looking to fill over 400 positions for the summer season. We have everything from lifeguards and day camp counselors, to food program monitors and cashiers. The starting pay is \$10.00 per hour and up with lifeguards starting at \$13 per hour. That’s great money and great opportunity. This year we are offering a early bird sign up bonus. More information on the right-hand side of this page and at [parks.indy.gov](http://parks.indy.gov).

**Early Bird Sign-on Bonus:** New employee will receive a \$200 bonus for 100 hours worked. To be eligible, candidate must submit all hiring paperwork and be registered for all required trainings by **April 9, 2022**.

**NOW HIRING AT POOLS FOR SUMMER**

**Lifeguards: Start at \$13/hr**  
**Cashiers: \$11/hr**  
**Pool Managers: \$14.50/hr**

Sign-on bonus up to \$200. Guidelines apply.

1. BETHEL PARK
2. BROAD RIPPLE PARK
3. BROOKSIDE PARK
4. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK
5. EAGLE CREEK BEACH
6. ELLENBERGER PARK
7. FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK
8. GARFIELD PARK
9. GUSTAFSON PARK
10. INDY ISLAND AQUATIC CENTER
11. NORTHWESTWAY PARK
12. PERRY PARK
13. RHODIUS PARK
14. RIVERSIDE PARK
15. SAHM PARK
16. THATCHER PARK
17. WILLARD PARK

Apply Now! [parks.indy.gov](http://parks.indy.gov)

**2022 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. **Due to the Global Pandemic, we are uncertain of meeting places. We will pass along information as we know what is happening.** 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 2022 are:**

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

**\*\*The 2022 Annual Meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2022. The location will be determined closer to the event due to the Global Pandemic.**

## **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 20 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:

**Becky Brinker-Rankin - *Event Rental Facility*** - German Park: rental for weddings, reunions, business meetings, etc.

Call: 317-885-0283, email [beckyparklady@outlook.com](mailto:beckyparklady@outlook.com) or visit the website at [www.germanparkindy.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:dmc.notarysvcs@gmail.com)

**Colin Koons – *Family Law Lawyer*** – Custody, Divorce, Parenting Time, Child Support, Guardianship, Adoption. Contact

Colin at: 317-721-8044 or email at: [colin.koons@cox-koons.com](mailto:colin.koons@cox-koons.com).

**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](mailto: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).

**Suzanne Roell-Carlson - *Real Estate Services*** - Call or text Suzanne at Smart Choice Realtors at 317-506-2530 or email at [suzsold@aol.com](mailto:suzsold@aol.com).

**Martha J. Smart - *Real Estate*** - 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.

**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](http://thomasvicklaw.org) and/or e-mail at [thomas@thomasvicklaw.org](mailto:thomas@thomasvicklaw.org)

**Judith Villegas – *Certified Healing Touch Practitioner*** – Formerly at St. Francis hospital pain clinic and spine center. Please call or text: 317-413-8692. Address: 8332 Parish Lane. Website: [www.healingtouchprogram.com](http://www.healingtouchprogram.com).

**Staci Von Horten – *Real Estate*** – Here to help you when you are ready to sell or ready to buy, or both! Call: 317-645-8121 or email: [staciavh@gmail.com](mailto:staciavh@gmail.com).

## **2022 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Bonnie Warrick	President	Royal Meadow Drive	(317) 691-3624
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Paul Annee	City County Council	Washington Street	(317) 523-5056

# HVHA Membership - 2022

**It's Important to You and Your Community!!**

## **A \$45 Membership in HVHA provides:**

- **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, June 16-19, 2022
  - Website - [www.hillvalley.org](http://www.hillvalley.org)
  - Annual Meeting of Members on October 18<sup>th</sup>
- **NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION** – Holiday decorations contest; Entrance Island Maintenance

**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 on August 5, 2022.

*Have you already submitted your dues for this year?*

*Please go to*

*[http://www.hillvalley.org/resources/Web\\_Mem\\_Post.pdf](http://www.hillvalley.org/resources/Web_Mem_Post.pdf) to verify your status.*

**DUES FOR 2022 ARE \$45.00 AND ARE DUE ON MAY 31, 2022.** 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**

*Please Cut Here*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY)

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults at this address \_\_\_\_ Number of children under age 18 \_\_\_\_

This check is for the \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) and \_\_\_\_\_ is for a donation to the HVHA. It is always assumed that the dues payment is for the year in which it is made unless indicated otherwise.

**\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH\*\*\***

**PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT BY: MAY 31, 2022**

**In order to receive a ticket to the Summer Social (picnic)**