

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

A resident requested we report information about the attendance at our annual summer picnic in the newsletter. I'm sure many others are curious about the numbers. This year we had 263 attendees. This number includes guests and children. Last year we had 302 attendees. Everyone had a great time! Several mentioned that the ribeye steaks were the best ever. I definitely agree with that statement. The ribeye steaks always make a lasting impression on picnic attendees!

The next meeting for our HOA is scheduled for Monday October 16th. at 7:00pm. We will meet at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in McNally Hall. This meeting is our annual meeting welcoming all residents to attend. The Indianapolis Fire Department will give a presentation on Fire Safety. The representatives include: ***Division Chief Michael Beard, Chief Aleatha Henderson, and Project Manager Fire & Life Safety, Ar'Cheya Davis.*** This meeting is focused on resident participation. It will start off with a pop quiz about fire safety. They will finish by opening the floor for questions and concerns. I believe this meeting will be very informative for all residents. We hope to have a large attendance. Please mark your calendars, and plan to join us!

As always, please call me or another board member if have any questions or comments. On behalf of the other board members, we thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, HVHA President

MESSAGE FROM OUR FORMER CHIN REPRESENTATIVE (written in Chin and in English)

(Chin) Kan sawm lo mi khual cu hi hnu thla hnih-thum ah a kan leng hoi cang lai. Kan sang hi sang nuam sang him a si khawhnak ding ah kan lam pawl a thian a biapi tuk. Cu snow thianhnak ding ah kum khat ah \$45 te kan thawh a biapi chinchin. Tu kum 2015 chung i hi fee a pe rih lo mi poh pek zau i zuam hna usi.

(English) The guest we did not invite will soon be visiting us once again. To have a clean and safe roads in our neighborhood this snow season, it is very important that we pay our annual fee of \$45. If you have not paid the annual fee, please do so urgently. *We would also like to have a Chin representative on the HVHA board.*

Click [here for some information](#) about the Chin and to get a better understanding.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

Can you believe we are talking about Christmas decorations already? This is one of our favorite times of year. A small group of board members/volunteers will drive around East and West Hill Valley, and pick our favorite Christmas decorations.

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas and the Holiday Light contest are to take place. We have divided the neighborhood into areas. Board members each have an area to judge.

If you would like your display to be considered, please have your lights on after dark between **Sunday December 17 through Friday December 22** for our judges to view, and make their final choices. Once the winners are chosen, each winner will receive gift cards from local restaurants if they have a paid membership in the HVHA. The winners will be announced in January 2024 newsletter. So start planning how you will decorate your home and yard. We look forward to driving through the neighborhood to see your holiday spirit!



FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Beginning about the second Monday in November through about the first Friday in December (the city has not announced their schedule yet, but we will announce it on an e-mail update when it is announced), up to 40 bags of leaves can be picked up each week free of charge. When setting out items for pick-up, residents should ensure that trash is separated from leaves. All leaves must be bagged and placed at least three feet away from the trash collection cart, off of sidewalks and public rights-of-way, in order to allow trucks to collect your trash. Place leaves in large plastic trash bags, and place the bags on the street by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Residents should refrain from using paper bags as they deteriorate and fall apart in wet weather.



Leaf season is a great time to clear your nearby storm drain inlets and keep them maintained to prevent drainage and flooding problems. **Burning LEAVES as well as TRASH, is illegal** in Marion County as it releases harmful particles into our air. Illegal burning may result in fines up to \$2,500. Never rake leaves into the street. Leaf season is a great time to clear your nearby storm drain inlets and keep them maintained to prevent drainage and flooding problems.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER WITH HILL VALLEY



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LIFELONG HVHA RESIDENTS SHARE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD EXPERIENCE

I, Patty Graff, had the pleasure of sharing some quality time with a life-long couple who live here in Hill Valley. I spent a significant amount of time talking to **SARAH & BILL LINDLEY** at our annual HVHA Picnic. I came up with an idea to feature these two wonderful people in our newsletter, and they happily agreed! The three of us thought this would be a great idea to possibly promote residents to reconsider being members if they are not yet, by hearing their positive thoughts and feelings about living here in Hill Valley.

SARAH & BILL LINDLEY

Sarah and Bill Lindley moved into Hill Valley in 1972 on Ralston Road. Sarah and Bill have three grown children, and all of them went to Perry Meridian High School. Bill is a retired pharmacist who previously worked and owned Community Medical Center Pharmacy that he purchased in 1988. Later in 2008, he sold the business and retired.

These two sweet and loving individuals have been attending our HVHA annual picnic for as long as we have been hosting it! Living in Hill Valley gives them that “feeling of family” by being in this neighborhood. Hill Valley is like a small community of its own. There’s a sense of closeness amongst the residents, and everyone cares about one another. We need to strive at bringing this “family feeling” back into our neighborhood. The next time you see a neighbor, stop and say hello and introduce yourself! I want to thank Sarah and Bill for allowing me to publish their story and picture. Thank you, Sarah and Bill!



SNOW!

Did you know that your Hill Valley Homeowners Association is responsible for plowing snow from most of the streets in our neighborhood? No tax dollars are spent, and the city is not responsible for plowing our neighborhood streets. The city streets are plowed by the city. These include Rahke Road to West Hill Valley Drive and East Hill Valley Drive/East Street to Stop 11



Road. We hire private companies to plow all other streets in our neighborhood. We have not had snow heavy enough to plow for the last few years and we have been able to build our reserve. It takes two inches of depth in several locations before we call our snow removal contractor.

If there is a 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 must be plowed first. Then the trucks must find a place to stash the court snow without

blocking the street or the driveways. As usual, the board is always considering not plowing those courts where there are no members. Those who pay the modest dues are always disgruntled with others who get a free ride. Please consider joining the association to avoid this problem!

SUB ZERO WEATHER REMINDER

As a reminder, the City of Indianapolis has passed a law for all Marion County residents regarding their **pets**. It states that all pets need to be inside their owners home when the temperature reaches 20 degrees or below. There have been several cases of pets who have frozen to death outside. Please keep your pets inside during the extreme cold weather.

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS

We cannot emphasize this too much. We truly all need to be aware and vigilant in regards to our surroundings in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, we are living in a world of violence and destruction. There have been quite a few break-ins, vandalism both car and home, mailbox blown up, etc. Please look out for your neighbor and call the police immediately if you suspect any foul play. Many of our residents have formed small phone trees within their street(s) and communicate to one another when any type of abnormal behavior arises. If you are interested in learning how to compile or organize such a phone tree, please call one of our HVHA board members and we will gather the information from one of the groups in our neighborhood.



2023 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 the 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 2023 are:**

October 16	November 20	December (TBA)			

THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023.



The Fire & Life Safety Division of the Indianapolis Fire Department has compiled data on Indianapolis neighborhoods and is making an effort to attend various Neighborhood Association Meetings. They hope to gather community feedback as supplemental information for our community risk reduction efforts.

Ar'Cheya Davis, the Project Manager of the Fire & Life Safety Division; the Division Chief, Michael Beard; and the Director of Public Education Chief, Aleatha Henderson of the Indianapolis Fire Department plan to attend our Annual Meeting on Monday October 16th. at 7:00pm. They will have about one-half hour presentation for us. Since they are gathering community feedback, perhaps we can learn from each other.

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 or visit the website at www.germanparkindy.org

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Eric Lawrence - *Excavating* - English Excavating, 50 yrs in business-residential and commercial.
Call: 317-888-2282 or 317-784-4125.

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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

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.

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