

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Hill Valley Residents:

We really got hit hard January 25th. with over a foot of snow. Our snowplow service did a great job plowing our streets. They worked 70 hours to complete. The total cost was \$9,800. The cost of the snow we had in December was \$4,200. This makes the total cost we paid this past winter \$14,000. We would like to thank all our members for paying our annual membership dues. Our dues are only \$45.00 per year, yet it all adds up to be able to support our neighborhood. We truly appreciate your continued support.

Now that it is spring, the big issue is the same every year, chuckholes. I've reported many to the city for repair. Please report any that are on your street. Please contact The Mayor's Action Center at: 317-327-4622 to make a report. They will give you a case number for follow up. As we all know, it takes them time to get around to all reported. It is important to call back with your case number, as others may have called in the same location. The more reports might speed up the process. You may also use the "Request Indy" app on your smart phone to take an actual picture of the potholes you see and report them.

Recently, a pickup truck ran over a resident's mailbox and totaled it. Please slow down while driving through the neighborhood. This resident had to pay quite a bit to replace the mailbox and the pole. Two neighbors caught the hit on their ring cameras but no license plate.

As always, please call me or another board member if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President, HVHA



Remembering Ernestine....

I recently reflected on when I joined the HVHA in 2006. I had just moved into the neighborhood and had some issues that I wanted to address to the HVHA. A neighbor told me to go to a meeting to talk about it.

When I got there, all the board members warmly greeted me, including **Ernestine Nicholson**, the Secretary of the HVHA. It was at that very first meeting I attended when Steve Scheidler, President, basically roped me into joining the board. Well, I accepted, and the rest is history.

After my reflection, I immediately tried to contact Ernestine hoping to connect with her and catch up. She had retired from the board years ago after her husband had passed away, and she moved out of Hill Valley.

The board made her a lifelong member, and we faithfully mailed her a copy of our newsletter to help her stay connected to the neighborhood. When I tried to call her, the number had been disconnected. The last time I had heard from Ernestine sadly was a few years ago when she left me a sweet voicemail telling me thank you for always remembering her by sending the newsletter. She sounded so happy and loved. I tried to call her back and she did not answer back then, and stupid me did not pursue trying again.

Years went by, and then I found myself wondering how she was.

I had a bad feeling deep in my gut that she was no longer with us. I researched her name to find her obituary. My heart sank into the pit of my stomach as I read the obituary and then tears began to fall down my face as I learned that she passed away 4 years ago!! I felt so ashamed of myself for not reaching out to her sooner. We all seem to get so caught up with everyday life that we forget about those people who are alone and are so eager to have someone just simply give them a quick phone call or stop by to see them to let them know they are thought of and loved. I spoke to the board about this at our last meeting, and we all agreed that we needed to write an article about Ernestine. It was the right thing to do to honor her life in which she spent many years as our HVHA Secretary. Ernestine touched so many people in numerous ways.



Eliza Ernestine Troxell was born on March 13, 1937 on the family farm near Monticello, Kentucky. Ernestine sadly passed away on September 8, 2022 at the age of 85 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ernestine and her mother later moved to New Castle, Indiana. She graduated from Chrysler High School in 1954 and was accepted into airline training school in Kansas City, Missouri, graduating in 1955. She then worked until 1959 as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell Telephone, transferring to Indianapolis where she met her future husband Ronald H. Nicholson. They wed on July 5, 1959. Ernestine then left the workforce to raise her two children. After her children were raised, she re-entered the workforce, working in the Marion County Department of Personnel as a secretary. Eventually, she was named director of that department. She retired in 1993.

Ernestine was once a prominent figure in Indianapolis politics. She became interested in politics during the unrest of school desegregation in the early 1970's and began her political career as a precinct committee person. She later was elected many times as a delegate to state Republican caucuses and conventions. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s she was fierce campaigner, advocate, and advisor to mayors Richard Lugar, William Hudnut, and Steven Goldsmith. The Wayne Township Fire Department named her an honorary firefighter after being a leading advocate of a stronger, well-trained, and better equipped fire department.

In addition, she worked on many political campaigns for Governor Otis Bowen, Governor Robert Orr, and Senator Richard Lugar. The George W. Bush presidential campaign dispatched her to states where Bush and other high-profile candidates were struggling, seeking her campaign insights, especially her expertise on neighborhood canvassing. Ernestine was a member of Women in Service (WINS) and the Indiana Women's Republican Committee (IWRC). One of her best accomplishments was her campaign to ensure that an American flag hang in every public-school classroom in Indianapolis.

Ernestine is missed immensely! I am just sorry this was not printed when her death occurred. Thank you Ernestine for all your hard work and time you spent helping our volunteer HVHA. I know my fellow board members join me when I say what a great asset Ernestine was to all who knew her! Rest in peace my friend!

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH NEWS (December 26, 2025 through March 31, 2026)

EAST HILL VALLEY

- Quality of Life:** 100 E. VALLEY VIEW DR
- Sexual Offense:** CORNER OF UNION/JONQUIL DR
- Quality of Life:** 8300 HIVU DR
- Property Crime:** 8200 S. EAST ST
- Home Robbery:** 8100 S. EAST ST
- Quality of Life:** 300 DAFFON DR
- Assault:** 100 E. VALLEY VIEW DR
- Property Crime:** 400 E. VALLEY VIEW DR
- Quality of Life:** 300 E. HILL VALLEY DR

WEST HILL VALLEY

- Sexual Offense:** 300 W. HILL VALLEY DR
- Theft of Vehicle:** 8200 LAURA LYNNE LN
- Property Crime:** 800 VALLEY VIEW DR
- Theft of Vehicle:** 500 W. RALSTON RD
- Theft of Vehicle:** 8400 CHEYENNE CT
- Quality of Life:** 8400 ROYAL MEADOW DR
- Assault:** 500 GRASSY LN
- Property Crime:** 8400 JEFF RD
- Assault:** 800 W. RALSTON RD

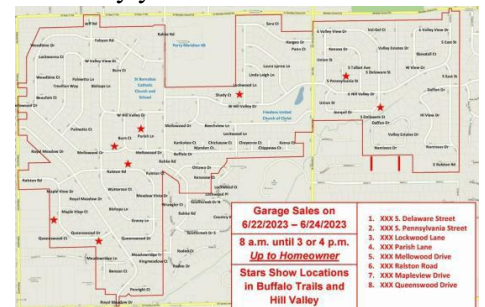


2026 GARAGE SALE DATES REMINDER

HVHA would like to remind you that the 2026 Annual Garage Sale will begin on Thursday June 18 and run through Saturday June 20. 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 Street
- 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. If you would like to participate, and be included on our map this year, please contact Patty Graff at (317) 331-1481 either by text or voicemail. The deadline will be Sunday June 14th. These maps will only include your address with a "star" symbol to help potential buyers to find you in the neighborhood; no other personal information will be included on the maps (see the small photo of the 2023 map). We will advertise the sale in The Southsider Voice. Any other questions, please feel free to contact either Patty or any other board member. Start your spring cleaning now!



HOA MEMBERSHIP DUES COMPARISON

HVHA annual dues are only \$45 per year!! This is unbelievable in comparison to the surrounding neighborhood HOA which range from minimum \$250 per month all the way up to \$500 per month and require mandatory participation while HVHA does not require that. When the math is calculated, HVHA dues cost you approximately .12 per DAY! Please consider joining today!

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. If 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 dandelion seedlings 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. Help our neighborhood look beautiful and a place that others would want to live in!

PLEASE BE ALERT TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS

We have had reports from a few of our residents about robberies in their homes. Please be sure to always check your surroundings, turn on security lights when it gets 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. Better safe than sorry!

2026 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 month. The Board meets the 3rd Monday of every month (except December) 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 2026 are:**

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

****The 2026 Annual Meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2026. It will be in St. Barnabas Catholic Church **at 7:00 pm** in McNally Hall.**



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 is 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

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

Charlie 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* – RON/Virtual Notary and Apostille Services. Call: 317-373-4370 or Email: Donna@ChristieNotary.com.

Eli Goff – *Flooring* – Family Owned & Operated; In Business for over 40 Years. Flooring, Custom Showers, Countertops, Cabinets, Window Treatments, Rug Binding, Drywall & Paint. Call: 317-782-1213 or visit: mainstyleflooring.com.

Dottie Hawk - *Jewelry Making* - Charming, inexpensive jewelry and prayer beads made to your order. Located at: 42 E. Hill Valley Drive. Hawkdottie@gmail.com, Call: 317-418-2802. Come see the craft room!

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.

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).

Karen Rodriguez - *Quilting* - Grandma's Attic Quilt Company and Mercantile. Quilts, Quilting Services and Crafts.

Please call: 317-250-3537.

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

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

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.

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.

2026 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bonnie Warrick	President	Royal Meadow Drive	(317) 691-3624
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Nick Brown	Member	Talbot Avenue	(407) 921-7422
Delia Novak	Mayor’s Liaison	E. Washington Street	(317) 429-7807
Paul Annee	City County Council (West)	E. Washington Street	(317) 523-5056
Derek Cahill	City County Council (East)	E. Washington Street	(317) 296-3419

HVHA Membership - 2026

It's Important to You and Your Community!!

A \$45 Membership in HVHA provides:

Have you already submitted your dues? 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: **June 18 - June 20, 2026**
 - Website - www.hillvalley.org
 - Annual Meeting of Members in October
- **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 Friday August 7th, 2026.

Have you already submitted your dues for this year?

Please go to

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DUES FOR 2026: \$45.00 AND ARE DUE ON June 30, 2026. Please 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 *****