

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Hill Valley Residents:

Please join us on Friday August 7, 2026, at German Park. The gates open at 5:00 pm with food service beginning at 5:30pm. All residents who have paid their membership dues are welcome to attend. Please do not discard this newsletter if you are a paid member as it will serve as your picnic ticket which is the page with the mailing label. Please bring that page of the newsletter with you to the picnic. This verifies your dues are paid and will be counted for your attendance this year. You may also pay your membership dues at the entrance gate. If you have guests who would like to join you, they are certainly welcome. The charge for each adult guest is only \$5.00 and there is no charge for children guests. There will be fun activities for all. We have a DJ providing musical entertainment for the adults. There will be pony rides and a petting zoo scheduled from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm for the children, and the overall favorite, the bounce houses! In addition, we have a hula hoop contest every year which seems to have become an event that all picnic goers look forward to either participating in or watching the excitement. Participants win nice prizes for their talent. We look forward to a big turnout this year! See you there!

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

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President, HVHA



MESSAGE FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

There are many policies you should know as homeowners. 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 keeping 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. **There have been flooded streets lately because of clogged inlets!**
- 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 ensure 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 sidewalks or illegal dumping in waterways.

HILL VALLEY ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Hill Valley Summer Picnic is approaching fast! Mark the date on your calendars now! Be sure to bring your newsletter with the colored name label page to the picnic. This is your entry ticket for you and your family. You may bring guests to the picnic; however, there is a \$5.00 entry fee per guest who are 12 years old or older. Children under the age of 12 are free.

- **When:** Friday August 7, 2026
- **Where:** German Park which is located at 8600 N. Meridian Street.
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (*Gates will NOT open until 5:00 pm*)
- **Meal Service:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Menu:** Bratwurst (Brats), Hot Dogs, Ribeye Steak Sandwiches, Side Dishes, Dessert, Beer, Wine, Soda, and Water
- **Entertainment:** Music by a DJ
- **Activities:** Hula Hoop Contest, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, and Bounce Houses

Attention Parents: You must always watch your children during the picnic, especially when they are playing in the bounce houses and other activities. We are not responsible for monitoring them. We want everyone to have a safe, fun time. Thank you for your help!

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 requires 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!

Frieden's Church Pond Cleanup

I, Patty Graff, decided that I needed to include an article in this quarterly newsletter to recognize the **SOLE** person who has put in all his blood, sweat, and tears as well as his time and energy to do a HUGE project that was way over due to be done! I live across from the pond, and it was brought to my attention that there was only one person that has been working continually on trying to make the pond beautiful again. I reached out to him to be sure he was ok with me writing this article. His wife graciously and gratefully agreed that he needed to be recognized throughout the neighborhood.



Who is this man? His name is **Michael Sipe**, but he goes by **"Mike"**, and his wife is **Roberta**. Mike is a retired coach from Perry Meridian High School. These two people are extremely kind and caring. Mike is a very hard worker who has a heart of gold. He saw the pond slowly worsening over the last few years and finally, last fall, he made the decision to begin acting upon what needed to be done. The pond has been filled with rocks, sand, and mud over the last years. Most of this problem is because the drainpipe is slowing filling up with this debris, and there is no water flowing into the pond. The little bit of water that is in the pond is so minimal that it doesn't make a dent into what is needed for the pond to have a continuous flow. Mike worked for hours every day so that he could get over there, as well as working in the rain at times. He hand sawed the big trees growing in the middle of the pond; cut away all the weeds and brush; and he stacked all the brush into piles all around the pond. This undertaking took him from last fall until this spring. Mike's hard work is extremely noticeable and highly appreciated! He plans to do his best to maintain the weeds as best as possible by using weed killers that are safe for the little bit of animal life that is still there.

I took it upon myself to reach out to my resources to try and get the city to step in and possibly dredge the pond to clean out all the sand and debris that has slowly filled it up. I have the Mayor's Liaison working on getting some help with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike for all the days he has spent working on this project. So, Mike, THANK YOU MY FRIEND, from the bottom of my heart for this tremendous undertaking!! May God bless you always!



RECYCLE BIN AT FRIEDEN'S CHURCH PARKING LOT

I (Patty Graff) received a call from a board member at Frieden's Church asking if I could please put a paragraph in our newsletter regarding the **paper** recycling dumpster they have in their parking lot. There has been a multitude of TRASH and HOUSEHOLD GOODS that are being thrown in this recycling bin. This is NOT a dumping location. Most of the board members are older and are physically getting INTO the dumpster to clean it out. They cannot continue to do this! The church PAYS monthly and they pay per ITEM. This was originally started because the church was trying to do something good for the environment, the community, and to recycle **paper**; however, it is getting way out of control! They also must haul away all of the items that are NOT supposed to be in the bin, and this costs time, energy and money. If you have household goods, etc. that you need to dispose of, simply call the Mayor's Action Center to set up a pickup date, and PLEASE stop dumping things into this recycling dumpster. Also remember NOT to throw personal documents with pertinent information in there; the **papers** DO NOT get shredded because this is NOT a shredding dumpster. Please be mindful when putting your **paper** in this dumpster. Thank you!

QR CODE FOR THE HVHA WEBSITE

A QR Code for the HVHA Website has been developed for your use.

1. **Open the camera:** Open your phone's built-in camera app.
2. **Point and Focus:** Hover your camera over the QR code so it is clearly visible within the frame.
3. **Tap the Link:** A pop-up notification or yellow dialogue box will appear with a web link. Tap it to open the content.



DOES MY DOG HAVE TO BE ON A LEASH IN PUBLIC?

Does a dog have to be on a leash in public in Indianapolis?

Are there laws about dogs being off leash in parks or neighborhoods?

These are great questions surrounded by some confusion. In Indianapolis/Marion Co., IN, "Animals" section offers requirements (the links refer to the City of Indianapolis - Marion County, IN Code of Ordinances). [Sec. 531-102](#) states that animals at large are prohibited, with various penalties depending on the circumstances. What does "at large" mean? [Sec. 531-101](#) explains that "At large means not confined without means of escape of any portion of the animal's body in a pen, corral, yard, cage, house, vehicle or other secure enclosure, unless on a leash and under the control of a competent human being."

What does "under control" mean? The definition of an animal being "monitored" in [Sec. 531-101](#) goes on to offer a bit more help: "Monitored means that the animal is controlled by means of a leash or other device held by a competent person, subject to the provisions of sections [531-401](#) and [531-728](#), which animal is sufficiently near the owner or handler as to be under his or her direct control and is obedient to that person's command."

Click on the link under the picture or on the picture for more information on that particular attack. It is interesting that many insurance companies will not insure a home or renters if they own certain breeds of dogs. The list includes Pit Bulls, Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chow Chows, Wolf Hybrids (Dogs bred with wild wolves), Presa Canarios, Akitas, German Shepherds, Siberian Huskies, Mastiffs, Bullmastiffs, Great Danes, and Cane Corsos. This is not an exhaustive list and the average dog bite claim payout is roughly \$69,272.

For your dog's safety, the Humane Society of Indianapolis strongly recommends that you keep your dog leashed on walks and while spending time in parks and other public places. Few dogs come to their owners every time when called, and sometimes the lure of a running squirrel or another smaller dog is more attractive than your most heartfelt "Come back, Lassie!" It's also important to note that no matter how friendly your dog is off-leash, other leashed dogs might not take kindly to an impromptu greeting from a free-roaming stranger - and the last thing your dog wants during a walk in the park is a bite on the neck from a larger dog!



Dog rips toddler's front teeth out during attack

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AND UPDATES

Please save your Hill Valley Homeowners Association some postage by agreeing to receive the HVHA Newsletter and periodic updates via e-mail. Please send an e-mail with your name, street address, and the e-mail address(es) where you would like the newsletter sent. Send your e-mail address to HillValleyIndy@gmail.com and you will no longer get the newsletter via the United States Postal Service. Instead, you will receive it in your e-mail inbox. In addition, you will receive updates as they become available (usually one every month or two but more if something is going on that requires more).

You may have multiple e-mail recipients (home, work, spouse, etc.) and you do not have to be a member to sign up. You may also view past newsletters that have been archived and posted on the [website](#).

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 prior.

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:**

July 20	August 17	September 21	2026 Annual Meeting, October 19 **	November 16	December (TBA)
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**** The 2026 Annual Meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2026. It will be in St. Barnabas Catholic Church in McNally Hall @ 7:00.**



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, e-mail 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 e-mail 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 e-mail: 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!

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