

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Hill Valley Residents:

Our annual picnic was a huge success! This was the first year we placed signs throughout the neighborhood to remind residents of the upcoming picnic. In the past, some neighbors stated they forgot about the date of the picnic. It appears the signs helped as we had 274 attendees this year. Last year we had 242 attendees. A big thank you to all volunteers who assisted us. And thank you to Nick for thinking of this incredible idea! We really appreciate all of you!

Our annual meeting for all residents to attend is scheduled for Monday, October 19th. at 7:00pm. We will meet at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in McNally Hall. We will have a guest speaker, **MIKE KALSCHEUR**, Director of Owner Relations Indiana Urban Properties. He has skills in HOA management, the stock market, taxes, real estate, college planning, and estate planning. He can talk about any of these topics. We will have an open discussion to review matters of concern in our neighborhood. We are interested in suggestions to increase membership. As a reminder, we do have two openings on the board. Please plan to attend to share your thoughts. As always, please call me or another board member if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President, HVHA

HVHA ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST



This year has flown by, and now we find ourselves at the time of year to be thinking about the Christmas Decoration Contest. In early December, a small group of our board members will drive around our neighborhood and pick our favorite Christmas decorations. If you want your display to be considered, keep your lights on after dark beginning:

Sunday December 13 through Friday December 18: Our judges will 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 the January 2026 newsletter.

First, be sure you have paid your dues, and then start planning how you will decorate your home and yard! We always look forward to seeing all of the amazing ideas everyone comes up with each year. Spread your holiday spirit and plan to participate this year! Thank you for making Hill Valley a wonderful place to live!!

FALL LEAF PICK-UP 2026

The 2026 leaf collection season is "*projected*" to begin on November 9 and conclude on December 4.

- During leaf collection season, you can dispose of 40 bags of leaves each week with your regular 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.
- Keep the leaf bags 3-5 feet away from your cart collection area and out of sidewalks and public rights-of-way.
- 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.
- Burning leaves is illegal in Marion County as it releases harmful particles into our air. Illegal burning may result in fines up to \$2,500.



STAY SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

Have a safe Halloween: wear bright, reflective costumes; walk in groups on sidewalks; cross only at corners; inspect treats before eating; and drive slowly while watching carefully for pedestrians. Keep in mind that masks can limit children's vision, and excited children may unexpectedly move away from their chaperones.



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
- 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.

GOT POISON IVY?

Leaves three, leave be! In the fall in Indiana, poison ivy plants move nutrients down to their roots, making autumn an ideal time to kill them with systemic herbicides, or you can safely remove dormant vines while wearing heavy protective gear.

- Wear heavy long sleeves, long pants, and nitrile or vinyl gloves because dead or dormant fall leaves still carry active, rash-causing urushiol oil.
- Spray actively green remaining foliage with a brush-killer or glyphosate herbicide on a calm, cool fall day. The plant will pull the chemical down into the root system.
- **Never burn poison ivy**; the smoke carries urushiol oil and can cause severe lung damage.



TRASH PICK-UP PROTOCOL

It has been brought to our attention that many residents are not following the proper trash pick-up protocol.

As a reminder:

- ✓ You must place your trash dumpster/can at the end of your driveway on the left side of your driveway (if you are standing on your driveway looking at the street)
- ✓ You must place your trash dumpster/can with the lid opening facing the street
- ✓ Please keep in mind for residents that live on courts/circles, please do not park on the street in front of your trash can. The trash collector cannot get your trash picked up with cars parked in their path on your court/circle



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!

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 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 2026 are:**

October 19	November 16	December (TBA)			

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

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.

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.

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.

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