

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

www.hillvalley.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

We certainly have been very fortunate this winter. I measured each snowfall with the highest amount at 2 ½ inches. Since we have a 3 inch minimum requirement, there was no need to call our snow removal service. Only two residents called inquiring about snow removal. I'm pleased that we were able to save some HVHA funds.

Recently, several residents have called to report that they were moving or a new neighbor has moved into a home on their street. I appreciate these phone calls very much. This gives me the opportunity to visit these addresses to get current homeowners' names to update our records. Please continue to let myself or another board member know when you are moving.

Again, I want to thank all members for your continued support. Please keep us informed with any issues or concerns that we might be able to help you with. The dues remain at a low \$45.00 per year, and has been the same for the past two years. If you have not paid this year, please drop your payment in the mail. We appreciate all who help our community by choosing to join HVHA.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA

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

Kum 2016 ca HVHA fee (\$45) cu a si ning ah cun March 31 hlan ah pek ding a si nain a luan cang, ti a um lo, tlai man liam a hau lo i, pek khawh a si rih ko. Kan umnak sang hi sang nuam sang him siter kan duh cio ahcun hi fee pek hi a biapi tuk, ti zaangfah te in theithiam hna usi.

The HVHA annual fee (\$45) was actually scheduled to be paid by March 31, but it can still be paid, there is no late fee at all! Please let us understand that our desire to make our neighborhood a nice and safe place should always be accompanied by the annual fee.

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. 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 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 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.



SPEEDING IN WEST HILL VALLEY



We are still receiving a number of complaints from Hill Valley residents in regards to the speeding up and down West Hill Valley Drive. IMPD and the Mayor's Liaison still continue to work on this issue. Since the election, we have been waiting to hear if we will keep our current Mayor's Liaison, Kelly Foulk. We will keep you informed as soon as we know for sure what is going to happen. Kelly has worked very hard to help our board and our neighborhood with many issues. The city will be conducting various tests of our neighborhood in order to get information needed to get three way stop signs installed. The police have been notified NUMEROUS times

regarding the parking issues we seem to continue to experience along West Hill Valley Drive, especially at the stop signs at

Rahke Road and West Hill Valley Drive. There is **NO PARKING** at any time on West Hill Valley Drive. By parking on the street, you are causing traffic jams for the school buses and emergency vehicles. There have been many "CLOSE CALLS" of pedestrians and residents riding bikes, nearly being struck due to this ongoing problem we seem to be having. Please **DON'T** park along this street, especially at the stop signs.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

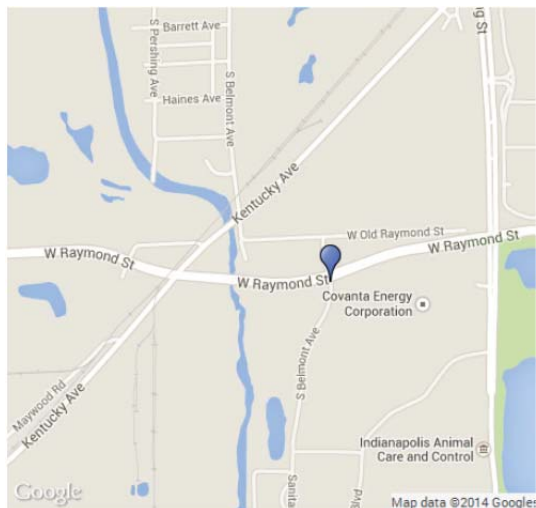
To find out if you have paid, we provide a list of the dues that have been processed on the website on the homepage. Just [click on the link](#) and scroll down to your name to see the last year in which you are current. If your name is not on the list, you have not been a member since 2013. We have always preferred to get the dues processed in the first quarter of the year; however, the real deadline is June 30th. We will send all of the members (as of June 30th) the July newsletter with the ticket enclosed for the Summer Social (picnic) and if your dues are not paid, you will not get a ticket. Of course you can always pay your dues at the gate. 😊

It is the time of year that we need to renew HVHA membership for our neighborhood. We probably have the lowest dues in the area. The majority of neighborhoods have MANDATORY membership dues, and boy do they charge an arm and a leg for it!! Many other neighborhoods pay \$100-\$200 per month, while we only ask for \$45 for the entire year! How many other associations include an annual picnic with amazing food, entertainment, and socialization?? Oh, and add in the fact that this includes SNOW removal which can break the piggy bank rather quickly. Start off your New Year with a positive note, and help our neighborhood to become even better than before! Please complete the attached dues form on the last page and drop your check into an envelope. Don't delay, send your payment today. We appreciate and count on your support to continue to enhance our beautiful neighborhood!!

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF TRASH PICK-UP IN MARION COUNTY.

Prior to the mid-70s, many people had a 55 gallon drum in the backyard where they burned a lot of trash and leaves. In the early 70's, more information was available on the need to recycle and to stop open air burning. To accomplish this widespread trash pick-up became available to all of Marion County. Residents were encouraged to recycle and small containers were made available or could be purchased to sort trash for pick-up. Containers were different colors to help determine the type of trash that went into each container (i.e. glass or metal, etc.). This method was never very successful because it was very labor intensive for apartment residents and home owners. The need to have multi-colored sorting bins in one's house or apartment created a host of problems. Public trash receptacles were labeled but often ended up containing a wide variety of trash items.

To seek information on possible solutions for these issues, a member of the Indianapolis City-Council went to the state of Washington to observe a mass-burn operation that was state of the art and being acclaimed as the wave of the future. Washington State was considered a leader in the "green" movement and had tested and pioneered many new ideas for dealing with urban trash removal.



That person returned and held county-wide meetings to explain how the Washington State system worked. It was a controlled mass-burn operation that produced clean ash and steam. The steam could be off loaded and used to heat commercial buildings as well as used for manufacturing. The ash could be used as land fill and was clean enough to build on in future years. At this time, Marion County collected enough trash every 3 days to fill the Indianapolis City County Building from basement to roof (30 stories). The trash that was collected (30 stories of it) was being dumped into landfill sites.

Along with the support of the Mayor of Indianapolis, the City-County Council voted to develop a mass burn operation for Marion County. Once that was in operation, Marion County residents were able to combine trash into a single stream for automated processing by Covanta. That trash is dumped at the Covanta Indianapolis Inc. on Harding St. just south of Raymond St. to be processed.

Mayor Hogsett has cancelled the contract for that service and is seeking input for the development of a new system of trash pick-up and disposal. Very little detail is available at this time, but one suggestion is that residents might have to keep different color clear trash bags and sort all the trash prior to pick-up. Any trash bag determine

to have the wrong items would not be picked up. This method will require all home or business trash to be presorted.

We do not know what the solution to this is or what will be proposed by the mayor, but do think that we all should seek answers and stay informed. Our city-county councilor is a place to start as well as the trustee. The more we ask questions and seek to have a say in this very important decision, the more we will have a solution that serves the greater good of the community. Your Hill Valley Homeowners Association will pass along more information as it is available.

The contact for the Mayor's office who is taking information on this issue is aliya.wishner@indy.gov.

DELETE QUICKTIME FROM YOUR PC IMMEDIATELY, GOVERNMENT ADVISES

Do you still have QuickTime for Windows on your PC? Get rid of it, pronto.

That's the advice coming from the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT), following an "urgent call to action" by cybersecurity firm Trend Micro. *The version of QuickTime on Apple computers is not affected.*

Please check out this information here. At first, I thought this was a hoax but I believe it is real.

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 check your surroundings at all times, 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. Better safe than sorry!

LETTER OF TESTAMONY FROM A HILL VALLEY RESIDENT

I have lived in Hill Valley since 1987, and have always been a paying member of the HVHA. The small amount we pay is a fantastic value, because I know people who pay a month what we pay a year. I was shocked when I learned that we barely have over 50% participation. Recently I was notified by the HVHA board concerning the plans of PMHS (Perry Meridian High School) football field and stadium renovation/expansion. For those who are not aware, PMHS plans to install an artificial turf to the existing field along with new bleachers, a concession stand, and restroom structure. In doing this, several mature trees will be removed and the offset tennis court will be moved directly behind some homes' fence line. As the precise plans of PMHS keep changing, our board has been trying to minimize the negative effect to our neighborhood. Issues like this, along with snow removal are the types of things that are dealt with behind the scenes. I have started attending the monthly meetings and plan on becoming a board member. We have a great neighborhood and homeowners' association. You can help keep it that way by paying your \$45.00 yearly dues.

PERRY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM

Perry Meridian High School will be getting a rebuilt football stadium and bleachers. The project has been in the works for some time, and many issues have come up. Your HVHA is working with Dr. Little to help facilitate the new construction while protecting the privacy of our neighborhood. Dr. Little has made some changes to help protect trees and plant new trees and shrubs to provide a buffer between the athletic field and the neighborhood. For more information, you may visit our website at www.hillvalley.org.

2016 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. 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 2016 are:

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

*The 2016 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 17, 2016 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.

This year's Annual Hill Valley Garage Sale will be held on Thursday June 10, Friday June 11, and Saturday June 12, 2016. Be sure to contact Patty Graff at 317-331-1481 by Monday June 6 if you want to be

included on the garage sale map. We changed the dates from the first week of June to miss the Memorial Day holiday.

It is unfortunate that the Southcreek annual garage sale is a week later than ours. I was just reminded about their dates (I knew what their dates were in February and forgot about them) and our newsletter is already printed. I believe it would be well to try to coordinate the dates next year and advertise together.

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 12 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:

Statia Baker-Runyan – Real Estate – Licensed Indiana & Florida Gulf Coast. Contact statia@sbcglobal.net or Call: Community Realty Group at 317-888-9828. Residential and Progressive Care.

Lisa Brinker - Event Rental Facility - German Park: rental for weddings, reunions, business meetings, etc. Call: 317-885-0283, email LisaB8600@hotmail.com or visit the website at www.germanparkindy.org

Michelle Butts - Real Estate - First time buyers, empty nesters, investors, "No BUTTS about it." Contact Century 21 at: 317-509-8516 or send an email to: mbutts@21sheetz.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.

Chelsea Costello – Babysitting – 14 year old in 2013, loves children. Experienced mom babysits. She has transportation. Call: 317-889-0178.

Dottie Hawk – Jewelry Making – Charming, inexpensive jewelry and prayer beads made to your order. Located at: 42 E. Hill Valley Drive. Call: 317-418-2802, or order through www.dotsbeads.net. Come see the craft room!

Greg Huntley Enterprises – General Contracting – Full service General Contractor. We are prompt and courteous. For free estimates please call: 317-445-7817 or 317-859-9026 or email at ghe1@comcast.net.

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.

Amanda Massey – Real Estate Services – Southside Specialist with Newkirk Realty (Team Foley). Call 317-727-3053 or email at amanda@newkirkrealty.net.

Toby Matherly – Home Computer Assistance – Get the most out of your home computer! Setup, instruction, child protection. Call: 317-225-0924 or email: tobmat@gmail.com

Evan Miller – Mowing – Evan is 16, and will mow grass. He is responsible and a good student. Please call: 317-416-7132.

Macy Miller – Pet Walking – Macy is 14, and will walk and/or watch pets. She is responsible and a good student. Please call: 317-416-7132.

Sue Moore- Sheltie Rescue- For information on fostering or adoption of Shetland Sheepdogs. Call: 317-885-1838, go to: www.sheltie-rescue.org or email: jdifflie@aol.com

Mrs. Nita Norcross, M.S. Ed - Personal Tutoring - all ages (Pre-K thru college) and subjects. Contact by email: profnorcross@gmail.com

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John H. Renault - Tutoring - French tutoring and teaching. French/English and English/French translations. Call: 317-888-9607 or email: renaultjohn@sbcglobal.net. Address: 8342 Parish Lane.

Pat Rooney – Attorney – Corporate: organization, financing, sale, transfer, and dissolution. Commercial Real Estate: acquisition, development, leasing, and conveyance. Call: 317-445-9956 or email at: pmrooney1@gmail.com.

Martha J. Smart - Real Estate - For 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.

Donald A. Smith (Enrolled Agent) - Tax Preparation and Small Business Services- Enrolled to represent taxpayers before the IRS. Contact Don Smith: 317-736-1583 or email: donsmith9@comcast.net

Terry Snyder - Handyman Work- Tree trimming, small demolition, handy work tasks, small fence repair, decks, pergolas, retaining walls. Call: 317-339-8145 (cell).

Cecilia Tolan - Special Made Items - I make custom-made appliance covers, basket liners, and much more! Please 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.

Ceil Woodard – *Women's Prison Mentor* – I would appreciate your unused yarn, fabric, new greeting cards, and unopened toiletries or make-up. For more information, please call me at 317-881-7464 or e-mail me at simon13@sbcglobal.net.

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HVHA Membership - 2016

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
Website - www.hillvalley.org
Annual Meeting of Members in October

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION – Holiday decorations contest

Food, beverages and family fun - A meal and recreation for all members and their families at our **Annual Summer Social** at German Park on August 5th.

DUES FOR 2016 ARE \$45.00 AND ARE DUE ON JUNE 30, 2016 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A TICKET TO THE SUMMER SOCIAL. 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. In case you misplaced the envelope from January, here is the name and address:

Charlie Eldridge, HVHA Membership Liaison, P.O. Box 17441, Indianapolis IN 46217.

Hill Valley Homeowners Association is an Indiana not-for-profit corporation and is tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501.c.4 as a community service organization.

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Name _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____ Check Date _____

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY)

Telephone # _____ Check Number _____

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: JUNE 30, 2016
TO RECEIVE A TICKET TO THE SUMMER SOCIAL