

**HILL
VALLEY**
April 2018



**HOMEOWNERS'
ASSOCIATION**
www.hillvalley.org
Editor: Patty Graff

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents,

My goodness, we received quite a few negative emails from residents regarding not having our streets plowed on Saturday, March 24th. Several comments stated we had 6" of snow, 8" of snow, etc. Actually, we did have that much in our yards, patios, and driveways. The streets never had that much actual snow. The streets had lots of water mixed with snow, as that particular snow was extremely wet. The streets were messy with no more than 2" of snow. The Weather Channel clearly stated the temperature would be in the 40's on Sunday. The cost to have our streets plowed is approximately \$7,000.00 for each occurrence.

In February, a resident sent an email stating their storm drains were never cleaned out. I wanted to make sure all residents understand that the city does not clean out storm drains. Residents are responsible for cleaning out the storm inlets that are close to your homes. It is our responsibility to keep them clear from leaves, trash, sticks, rocks, grass etc. I know that most of you have been keeping them cleaned out for years.

Please call myself or another board member if there are any questions or concerns. Again, I want to express the Board's gratitude for your support and being a good neighbor. Let's work together to make our neighborhood the best place to live on the southside of Indianapolis! As a reminder, the board meets on every 3rd Monday of the month at St. Barnabas. Please feel free to visit a meeting.

*Sincerely,
Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA*

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

We apologize for the inconvenience; however, our Chin representative, Sui, is out of the country at this time.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR STORM DRAINS OPEN

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) is asking residents and property owners to do their part to rake leaves away from the curb and regularly check and clear storm inlets. There are more than 10,000 miles of drainage facilities in Marion County. Approximately 6,000 of those miles are on private property and must be maintained by property owners, according to Sections 431-506 and 561-211 of the Revised Code of the City and County. For these property owners, drainage responsibilities include clearing storm inlets. For further information, please call the Mayor's Action Center at (317) 327-4622 or visit www.indy.gov/dpw.

A page was provided to us from Andrea Watts, our Neighborhood Advocate, and is included later in the newsletter.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIAISON

We have received several comments concerning the membership; however, if a mandatory association is not formed at the time a subdivision, or a condo project is built, and is in the covenants, it is next to impossible to make a mandatory association at that point. The only way to make it mandatory is to have 100% agreement of all the homeowners to sign off on one. If we cannot encourage more people to join, we assure you that a drive to get everyone on board would never be successful. The simple truth is that if everyone would join, we could actually lower the dues a little. There were 49% of the total residents that paid their dues and became members in 2017 and we are hoping for more in 2018. Do you know your membership status? We have provided a list of members from 2013 to present on the Home page and Member Benefits page of the Hill Valley website. You can very easily scan down the pages to find all of the member's names and the years of their membership if they were members either this year or back to 2013 (other years are not listed).

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS

We all need to be aware and vigilant in regards to our surroundings in the neighborhood. There is always some sort of activity going on around us. Please look out for your neighbor and call the police if you suspect any foul play.



PERRY TOWNSHIP PLANNING 2ND LIBRARY *(this was included in an update but will now be on the website)*

Plans for a second library in Perry Township are progressing. They have selected a site off of the NW corner of Southport and Harding near Buck Creek with an early estimated completion date in 2020. The site was selected given its location near a good east-west corridor, its ability to fill a “gap” in service coverage, and its proximity near an anticipated trail that the City has planned to develop some day along the creek. The Southport Branch on Stop 11 Road will remain open, giving us two branches in Perry Township once the new facility is finished.

The library is also encouraging students to sign up for library cards and participate in summer reading programs this summer. They are also coordinating with schools to make materials available in e-format for devices that many schools are now using, such as magazines. Access to the library can provide the students with these resources and save schools some of the cost from purchasing the same resources.

MOBILE APPLICATION FOR CELL PHONE



There is a new application called NEXTDOOR which is available on your mobile phone. Simply download the app and register. NextDoor is the free private social network for your neighborhood community. NextDoor is the best way to stay involved and know what is going on in your neighborhood- whether it’s finding a last-minute babysitter, posting information about a lost pet, or hearing about a rash of car break-ins. There are so many ways our neighbors can help us. We just need an easier way to connect with them...now we can with NextDoor! Over 135,000 neighborhoods across the country rely on NextDoor to keep them informed. You may join NextDoor by going to the website: nextdoor.com or by downloading the app on your smart phone.

Please remember, NextDoor is a social network but it is as local as you make it by cutting down on the neighborhoods, e-mail notifications, and your personal information that you put on the website. It is a great website for keeping up on the local happenings and IMPD also posts information.

NEWS FROM OUR MAYOR’S LIAISON *(this was included in an update but will now be on the website)*

Last month, **Indy Moves** hosted community open houses throughout the city. Indy Moves is a citywide effort to tie together Indianapolis' many transportation plans and projects and establish an action plan that keeps us all moving for years to come. This includes sidewalks, bike lanes, roads, transit, etc. If you were not able to attend an open house, visit: <http://indymoves.org/online-open-house/> to view materials handed out at the open house and a short presentation. You can also leave input on the website!

Mayor Hogsett has started an initiative called **Project Indy**, which is comprised of a network of community organizations, employers, and corporate partners who are providing job opportunities, soft-skill development and job-readiness training to in-school and out-of-school youth in Marion County. Go to the Project Indy website projectindy.net to see more details about summer jobs. Indy Parks has lots of openings for lifeguards, day camp counselors & more! Go to the [Seasonal / Temporary Career Page here](#).

Reporting potholes: Calling the Mayor’s Action Center (MAC) at (317) 327-4622. I would also emphasize utilizing the RequestIndy app available to smartphone users because pictures can be added, which can speed up response times for severe potholes. Another option is to report potholes online <http://maps.indy.gov/RequestIndy/>

Bethany Community Garden is hosting a **Free Gardening series** taught by the Purdue Extension Urban Garden Program Manager, Ginny Roberts. All are welcome to come and enhance their gardening knowledge whether they are backyard gardeners or interested in gardening in the Community garden.

Next class is April 10th

Topic: Top 10 Garden Vegetables.

Community Meal served at 6pm.

Class starts at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations encouraged. Call Bruce at 317-783-7283

Location: Bethany Lutheran Church, 4702 South East St. 46227 (SW Corner of I-465 & US 31 on Southside).

Future Classes

April 10th Community Talk and Master Gardener Q & A

April 24th Community Talk and Master Gardener Q & A

May 1st Weeds & Diseases

May 22nd Harvesting Your Produce

HVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS DATE CHANGE

We have a board meeting for the Hill Valley Homeowners Association on the **third Monday of each month** *(this has just changed back and was the forth Monday)* except December. Most board meetings, except the October meeting and any meeting



where there is a conflict, are held at St. Barnabas ([see map in a PDF document](#)) at 7:30 PM. Normally, in the event of a conflict, the board meeting will be moved to Friedens United Church of Christ ([see map in a PDF document](#)).

Members are welcome to give input at any regular board meeting during the first portion of the meeting. Also, in case of last minute changes, please call any board member to make sure of the meeting location. Please be prepared, as there is limited time.

2018 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.

Dates for 2017 are:

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

**The 2018 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 15, 2018 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.

GARAGE SALE DATES REMINDER

We are pleased to announce the dates for the annual HVHA Garage Sale for 2018! It will begin on Thursday June 14th, and go through Saturday June 16th. Garage sales are a great way to clean up your house and make money 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.



We will post garage sale signs at each of the entrances into our neighborhood, and print maps with addresses in our neighborhood who are participating in the garage sale. These maps will be located at each entrance as well in a weather-proof dispenser, and easily accessible. If you wish to participate in this year's garage sale, please [e-mail](#), text, or call Patty Graff at (317) 331-1481 before June 15th in order to be included on the garage sale map of Hill Valley.

DANDELIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD??

If you are one of the homeowners with an abundance of dandelion 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 throughout your lawn. Set your lawnmower to prevent it from cutting the grass lower than 2 to 2 ½ inches. Longer grass will block out the sunlight needed for dandelions to grow. Mowing down the dandelions will not permanently kill them, but it will definitely help to keep it from spreading into your neighbor's yard.



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:

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: C21mbutts@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Alescia Johnson, RN – Babysitting – Babysitting in your home during business hours. Weekdays. Parttime. Call: 317-250-3556 or email to: ajnurseec04@yahoo.com

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.

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

Lynn M. Moore – House Cleaning and Sewing – 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.

Mrs. Nita Norcross, M.S. Ed - Personal Tutoring - Pre-K to college, all subjects. Email: profnorcross@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).

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, & 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.

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.

2018 HILL VALLEY HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bonnie Warrick	President	Royal Meadow Drive	(317) 881-2216
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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

The answer to that question is probably. Before sending them in the second time because of the following page; please, [check here](#) to see if we have your dues yet. If you have sent in your dues, you have done your part and we appreciate your support. If you have just recently sent your dues in (I have not checked since Wednesday), I will be picking them up again on this coming Tuesday and processing them.



HVHA Membership - 2018

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 15-17)
 - 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 is included in your dues at our **Annual Summer Social** at German Park on August 4th.

DUES FOR 2018 ARE \$45.00 AND ARE DUE ON JUNE 30, 2017. We are again requesting dues this month with a due date of June 30 in order for you 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.** Please mail your check and this form to the address below.

HVHA, 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, 2018

Keep the Stormwater Moving!

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

