

HILL VALLEY

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hill Valley Residents:

I want to pass along a special thank you to Dave Ritchie, one of our board members. Dave worked diligently with Citizens Energy to get the contractor back to complete the repairs on Bishops Lane. This is the area where the new Lift Station is located. We have a much smoother ride now, thanks to Dave.

The next meeting for HVHA is scheduled for October 16th at Friedens United Church of Christ at 7pm. The past several years we have had presentations from our District Crime Watch Specialist with IMPD. These representatives address any issues you may have experienced in the neighborhood. They pass along good information regarding protecting yourself and your property. We invite all Hill Valley residents to attend.

Again, I want to thank all members for supporting our association. Please contact myself or another board member if you have any questions or concerns. Let's work together to make our neighborhood the best place to live in Indianapolis!

Sincerely,

Bonnie Warrick, President HVHA

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

Our Chin Representative is out of the country at this time; therefore, we will not have a message for the Chin neighbors in this newsletter. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AND UPDATES

Thank you for receiving the Hill Valley Homeowners Association Newsletter by email. You not only save your Hill Valley Homeowners Association some postage by agreeing to receive the HVHA Newsletter and periodic updates, but you receive your newsletter before everyone else gets their copy in the mail. You may have multiple email recipients (home, work, spouse, etc.) and you do not have to be a member to sign up for additional e-mail addresses. Send your email address to HillValleyIndy@gmail.com for more addresses. You can go to our website to view past newsletters that have been archived and posted.

If you are reading this on our website and want to sign up, just send us an e-mail.

SPEEDING IN WEST HILL VALLEY



This is truly a sore subject throughout our neighborhood. It seems that those of you who are speeding through West Hill Valley Drive are not understanding what potential danger you are creating for those of us who appreciate the fact that we live in a wonderful neighborhood that is clean, safe, and full of caring people. And to top it off, the 3-way stop sign at West Hill Valley Drive and Lockwood Lane seems to be a joke to many people. This is extremely serious. We can't implore you enough to please STOP at this intersection. Rolling through the stop sign is NOT stopping. The [Indiana Driver's Manual](#) defines what it means to stop at a stop sign (Page 45), "Eight-sided traffic signs warn drivers that they must stop and yield the appropriate right of way at an intersection."

Speeding is also a continual problem as well. PLEASE refrain from racing down West Hill Valley. Please think about all the children, and neighbors who like to go out for exercising or just going on an evening stroll together. We need to protect our neighborhood residents and ensure their safety.

We have contacted IMPD to assist us with these ongoing and dangerous acts and IMPD has been out and about in our neighborhood observing activity. Please think about this, we don't want to have any incidents occur that are fatal like the hit and run that happened near Stop Eleven Road and U.S. 31 near the Sycamores Apartments. Those two men were simply out taking an evening walk and someone not only hit them, but they fled. We don't want to be a statistic on the news. We want

to be known as a safe and happy place to live on the southside of Indianapolis. Let's work together to make Hill Valley one of the best places to live in Indianapolis!

PERRY MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM



The school year has begun, and now we just wait to address any complaints, comments, or questions you may have in regards to the new

stadium. Although we probably won't be able to change much, we can serve as an advocate to find out answers if needed. We, HVHA, are here for our neighborhood and our job is to help as much as we possibly can. The first few games have taken place, and so far we haven't heard much feedback. We are here for you!

SNOW!

Did you know that your Hill Valley Homeowners Association is responsible for plowing snow from most of the streets in our neighborhood? No tax dollars are spent and the city is not responsible for plowing our neighborhood streets. We hire private companies to plow our streets. We have not had a snow heavy enough to plow for the last two years and we have been able to build our reserve. It takes three inches of depth in several locations before we call our snow removal contractor.



If there is a snow forecast, please park your vehicles in your driveway. Parking in the driveway speeds up the plowing so our streets are open faster and it keeps you from getting your vehicle plowed in on the side of the street.

Courts are always a problem because the streets have to be plowed first. Then the trucks have to find a place to stash the court snow without blocking the street or the driveways. As usual, the board is always considering not plowing those courts where there are no members. Those who pay the modest dues are always disgruntled with others who get a free ride.

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS

We cannot emphasize this too much. We truly all need to be aware and vigilant in regards to our surroundings in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, we are living in a world of violence and destruction. There have been quite a few break-ins, vandalism both car and home, mail box blown up, etc. Please look out for your neighbor and call the police immediately if you suspect any foul play. Many of our residents have formed small phone trees within their street(s), and communicate to one another when any type of abnormal behavior arises. If you are interested in learning how to compile or organize such a phone tree, please call one of our HVHA board members and we will gather the information from one of the groups in our neighborhood.

MOBILE APPLICATION BECOMING VERY HELPFUL TOOL



This cell phone application has been a tremendous communication tool to connect with our fellow neighbors about good and bad things occurring in our neighborhood. The app is 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. It is a great website for keeping up on the local happenings and IMPD also posts information.

Please remember that this is a social network! After joining, lock down your personal information as much as you desire. Also, restrict the neighborhoods as much as you wish to know about and restrict the volume of e-mails you wish to receive or you will be inundated with more (probably) than you would like to have.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP



Beginning Monday, November 6 through Friday, December 1, up to 40 bags of leaves will be picked up each week free of charge. Place the leaf bags out by 7 a.m. on your regular trash day. When setting out items for pick-up, residents should ensure that trash is separated from leaves. All leaves must be bagged and placed at least three feet away from the cart in order to allow trucks to service the cart.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Planning something for your yard? Will it affect the neighborhood? Will it be too close to the neighbor's swing set, fence, dog, yard, etc.? How will it look when it is finished? Do you have a play set in the front yard (or side yard if you live on a corner lot) that presents an eyesore? How about a garden or an old vehicle that is not used? In short, how does your property look? Think about how it would look to you if you were coming into the neighborhood for the first time with the intention of purchasing a home. Also, be sure to keep your pets on a leash when they are not on your property. We have had some issues with loose pets and want to keep the local animal control folks from taking loose animals to their shelter. Please use some common sense when taking care of your property; perhaps it will encourage your neighbor to do the same.

NEIGHBORHOOD DRAINAGE

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; for these property owners, drainage responsibilities include clearing storm inlets. For further information, please call the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4622 or visit www.indy.gov/dpw.

2017 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 2017 are:

October 16	November 20	December (TBA)			
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****The 2017 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 16, 2017 and will be held this year at Friedens UCC at 7 p.m.**

PHONE APP TO REPORT POTHOLE

Indianapolis has created a way for the public to track pothole reports by launching a Pothole Viewer website. This website allows users to view open pothole requests across the city or at a neighborhood level. They also can see potholes that have been filled in the past six months, color-coded by response time. Users can report a pothole or track one they reported earlier through the Mayor's Action Center by calling (317) 327-4MAC (4622) or by visiting <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/MAC/Pages/RIMobileFAQ.aspx>.



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 317-294-2918. 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@21scheetz.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.

Alescia Johnson, RN – Babysitting – Babysitting in your home during business hours. Weekdays. Partime. 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.

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

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

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.

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