

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

As I write to you, it's St. Patrick's Day morning and I can recall fondly the memories growing up in an Irish-American family. My fellow McCann family members were instilled with the fundamental values of family, faith and friendship. Treating others the way you wished to be treated and never thinking you were better than anyone else were unquestioned principles. Also, giving back to your community within one's individual capacity was an honored tradition.

In many ways, a Village is like a family. We are all linked to the success of a community. As with any family, there are at times competing choices concerning what's best. But the Village family must stay together, work together for a brighter future. Together, we can continue to make Indian Head Park the emerald gem of the Western Suburbs.

Over the past several months, your Village Board has been busy studying several concepts and techniques for raising revenues and cutting costs without either impacting public safety or adding to the burden of all of us who pay property taxes. Whether we live in a condominium, town-home or single family home, increasing commercial revenue and continuing to apply for and secure grant money will ensure our quality of life while keeping the lid on taxes and keeping us safe. I am therefore pleased to announce on behalf of the administration that we have applied for and perfected the paperwork for a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the State of Illinois in relation to our Southworks Facility. Thank you to Senator Radogno for all of your assistance.

As many of you know, Southworks serves as a critical component to our local Homeland Security. Along with our Village Hall as the command center, Southworks, the Township Hall on Joliet Road and the Pleasantview Fire Protection District serve as the foundation of our security. Although a degree of time has passed since September 11, 2001, the need for caution and vigilance remains. Under Homeland Security, Mayor Pellegrino, Director of Public Safety Grane, our Police Department, your Trustees, Pleasantview Fire Chief Dan Hermes, our Fire Department, the Township Special Police Committee and our Township Officials all serve as first responders. Rest assured that literally thousands of hours of training and preparation are in

place and at the ready. Above all else, your Village Board and all regional officials are committed to public safety. Nothing is more important than this.

In conclusion, let me say once again that a Village is like a family. Together we share in the collective success of each other—together we will ensure our security and quality of life. As my Irish American father liked to tell all of his seven children, the key to success in life is not to get ahead **of** others but to get ahead **with** others. Thank you for the privilege of serving this community as your Trustee.

Trustee Deborah ("McCann") Anselmo

P.S. Please consider making a charitable donation to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and/or attending their April 8th event. For further details, contact Cathy Walsh at (708) 246-5598.



From the Chief's Office . . .

Wayne P. Grane, Chief of Police

Protect our children! Did you know that 80% of child safety seats in motor vehicles are misused? Child safety seats and safety belts, when installed and used correctly, can help prevent injuries and save lives. The **National Safe Kids Campaign** is a national non-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injuries and suggests the following guidelines for child safety seat use: All children under the age of 15 years old must be properly restrained in some manner regardless of the seating position in the vehicle; infants through age 7 must be properly restrained in an appropriate child safety seat, children weighing more than 40 pounds may be restrained in a lap belt in the back seat if the vehicle is not equipped with a combination lap/shoulder belt. Child safety seats must be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions and a vehicle owner's manual. Check the Website: www.recalls.gov to inquire about any recalls or safety notices for child safety seats.

NOTEWORTHY LETTER

March 16, 2005

Mr. Jack Lavin, Director
Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity
620 East Adams Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: Village of Indian Head Park - Illinois Grant Project #SR30228

Dear Director Lavin,

The Village of Indian Head Park's planned member initiative project and grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 is critical to the Village's public health and public safety.

Inasmuch as our Public Works Department Facility, for which the grant project relates, provides a base of operations relative to the Village of Indian Head Park water supply, infrastructure support and homeland security deployment base of operations, this grant is of critical importance to our community.

In this regard, the project unequivocally is in the best interest of the State of Illinois. Would someone from your office please contact the Village of Indian Head Park to inform us as to when these grant monies will be forthcoming.

As always, your anticipated cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,
Richard F. Pellegrino
Village President

From the Desk of the Village Clerk

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Electioneering may take the form of either verbal communication or non-verbal communication such as displaying signs, wearing campaign buttons, or distributing campaign literature. The prohibition against electioneering applies equally to poll watchers, election judges, campaign workers and candidates.

Judges of election are the first line of defense against electioneering. If they witness it or it is called to their attention, they must request that the offending party discontinue the activity. Election authority personnel or a law enforcement official may be called to assist in determining whether the prohibition against the disregard of the Election Code has been violated. Should anyone witness this type of prohibited activity on election day, please call Village Clerk Norman L. Schnauer at (708) 246-3080.

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Arbor Day Announcement



The Village of Indian Head Park will be celebrating Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 29, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility located at 11308 West 70th Place. Public Works Department personnel will provide tree selection and tree planting suggestions during the ceremony. Native Illinois tree seedlings will be provided for those in attendance. Please join us.

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Deadline date for the next issue is April 20, 2005.

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Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees:

Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

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Introducing the Candidates for Village Trustee

April 5, 2005 Election



Candidates in alphabetical order

Deborah A. Anselmo, Trustee Candidate

Dear Neighbor,

I was born Deborah McCann and raised on the south side of Chicago. I came from a family of seven. Our parents taught us the values of respect for others, listening and treating other people the way you would wish to be treated. Yes, simple values, but they are indeed important. I am a graduate of Queen of Martyrs Grammar School, Mother McAuley High School, and University of St. Francis. I was previously employed as a manager for a large title company where I worked for 10 years. For the last 13 years, I have been self-employed as a closer for real estate transactions and title work.

I served as a Judge of Election for the Board of Elections, Commissioner on the Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission and presently serve as a Village Trustee for Indian Head Park.

My husband Tom and I have been married for seventeen years. Our family moved from LaGrange, where Tom grew up, to Indian Head Park in May of 1990. Tom is a partner in the law firm of Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe. We have two children, Brittany and Bridget. Brittany is a sophomore at Lyons Township High School and Bridget is in eighth grade at Pleasantdale Middle School. We adore the beauty, tranquility and natural environment of the Village.

My concerns and continued goals as Trustee are as follows:

The Timber Trails development continues to be an important issue for the Village. Although the land is not within our boundaries and the developer has at this time, decided to annex to Western Springs, it is important to continue to monitor the situation and work with the developer to ensure the proper impact fees. The development affects a large number of residents who are within Highlands School District. I want to be assured that our residents will not have an undue tax burden and that the children who do and will attend Highlands are placed in a safe and educationally sound environment.

The overall development should mirror Indian Head Park's overall comprehensive plan despite the limitations on the Board of Trustees and Mayor. I will continue to maximize our revenues by promoting commercial growth within the Village's comprehensive plan. Unfortunately, due to our size and limited space this will be a harder task and will require the Trustees continuing to think beyond the normal parameters. Communication with residents is very important. Currently the Village publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "Smoke Signals. The Trustees continue to work together to better inform our residents of the news and progress of the Village. I am proud to be a part of this publication and will

continue to contribute. I am also in favor of meetings the Mayor has provided in small forums for the residents and hope the same will continue. I will also propose having an annual "Village Open House" in which all new residents are invited to come and meet their elected officials and further encourage the involvement of our residents.

I will support a centralized police dispatch system to further enhance the safety and protection of our residents and Village; as long as there is no negative impact on public safety. I have personally viewed the current center that services several western suburbs and was quite impressed with the efficiency. The constant update of equipment will keep the Village at the cutting edge with new technology, while maintaining manageable expenses for the Village and taxpayers.

I will address situations and problems as they present themselves. I have always appreciated the hard work and dedication that volunteer and elected officials have done for the Village of Indian Head Park in maintaining the beauty and character of our Village.

Please join me in the quest to continue these goals with your support on election day, April 5th.

Deborah A. Anselmo

Anne M. Bermier, Trustee Candidate

Background:

- Indian Head Park resident for 26 years;
- Trustee of Indian Head Park for 24 years, gaining experience in building, zoning, code enforcement and police;
- Certified teacher at St. John of the Cross School for 37 years; presently core teacher for 7th and 8th grade;
- Outstanding Teacher Award from St. Ignatius and Nazareth Academy;
- Who's Who Among American Teachers for 1992, 1996, 2004;
- Illinois Woman of Achievement Award for 2000.

In conjunction with my fellow Trustees and dedicated residents, I have accomplished:

- Completion of the Ashbrook Development;
- Completion of the Crossroads Retail Development Project;
- Continuation of the leaf program without a tax increase;
- Enactment of the Indian Head Park Tree Preservation Ordinance;

- “Adopt-A-Spot” Park Beautification Program;
- Additional traffic control signage in Acacia and reduction of speed limits throughout the Village to provide for pedestrian safety;
- Trustee liaison to the Indian Head Park Heritage Center;
- Trustee liaison to the Aging Well Initiative;
- Trustee liaison to the Indian Head Park Police Department;
- Chairperson of the Indian Head Park Emergency 911 Board.

Five Important Issues and Goals:

1. THE FUTURE OF POLICE DISPATCH -- FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

I will support joining the Southwest Central Dispatch as long as the Indian Head Park police station remains as a 24 hour a day facility and an analysis shows that public safety will not be impacted. In 1997 an independent consultant study recommended that the Village explore the consolidation of dispatch services with other communities. If consolidation is not feasible, plans should be made to upgrade or replace equipment. There has been a decrease in state revenue; this move could save the Village as much as \$100,000.

2. IMPACT OF THE TIMBER TRAILS DEVELOPMENT ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT PLAINFIELD ROAD AND WOLF ROAD

Many Indian Head Park residents are driving to work or driving children to nearby schools. The Mayor and the Village Board have made known their concerns to Dartmoor Homes--school bus service must be available, warming shelters should be provided for the children at various locations throughout the school district and a sidewalk should be provided on the southern side of Plainfield Road for the children who walk to school. I support these issues.

3. COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS

I will continue to support and be involved in the following community activities; Student Government Night, Children’s Halloween Village Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Aging Well Council and Park Beautification Program.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENHANCE REVENUES FOR VILLAGE SERVICES

Along with the Village Board, I will support completion of pending and future commercial developments which are in keeping with the character of the Village and work to benefit the common good.

5. INDIAN HEAD PARK HERITAGE CENTER

I will continue to promote and support our local historic landmark and community center which houses our library. I will channel my energies into facilitating the Docent Program established by the Village Board.

As a candidate for re-election, I am concerned about the future of Indian Head Park. Progressive approaches and community civility are of paramount importance, along with

preserving the safety our families, responsibly lowering taxes whenever possible and maintaining the residential character of our community. I would like to continue my duties as a Trustee because I feel I can provide a service to the residents of Indian Head Park. I will continue to be an active Trustee, attending meetings and listening to the comments of the residents. I will continue to balance people’s rights vs. good of the Village when making decisions.

Carol A. Coleman, Trustee Candidate

Indian Head Park resident since 1988.

Education:

Visitation High School
Mundelein College

Employment:

For the last 16 years, worked for a Chicago law firm as secretary/receptionist.

Public and Civic Experience:

1993 to present -- Indian Head Park Village Trustee
Indian Head Park Woman’s Club
GFWC Illinois
127 Acacia Drive Condo Board of Directors
Former member of Wilshire Green Master Board

Family:

Married to Terry for 38 years
Children -- Becky 36 and Debby 34
Terry, Becky and Debby are CPA’s and practice together
Grandmother of Jack 5 and Marisa 2

Some Past Accomplishments Along with my Fellow Trustees:

- Long term water contract with the City of Countryside;
- Crossroads Retail Development;
- Disposition of the Wellhouse Property;
- Purchase of Heritage Center;
- Purchase of property at Plainfield and Wolf Roads;
- Construction of Public Works Facility;
- Tree Preservation Ordinance;
- Plainfield and Wolf Road right turn lane.

Goals for Next Term:

- Expanded and paved parking at the Heritage Center;
- Implementing Passive Park Design for property at Plainfield and Wolf Road;
- Maintaining current level of services;
- Re-development of Joliet and Wolf Road Triangle Business District;

- Improved traffic flow on Wolf Road south of Joliet Road;
- Insure positive impact on Indian Head Park of the Timber Trails Development;
- Economic Development to increase sales tax revenue.

As your Village Trustee, I would continue to bring a commitment to and an enthusiasm for service to the people of Indian Head Park. There is much to be done in the next four years and I would like to be part of Indian Head Park's progress. Thank you for your consideration.

Rita Farrell Mayer, Candidate for Trustee

Married to Joseph Mayer, 9 year resident of Indian Head Park, Age 49, children: Lauren 13 and Mike 9.

Goals as Trustee:

- Actively represent the Village's interests in the development of Timber Trails and support Lyons Township's acquisition of a park within Timber Trails;
- Facilitate open government and provide independent leadership that encourages the involvement of residents and insures that no citizen is ever turned away from a Village public hearing;
- Advocate fiscal responsibility that does not unduly increase the tax burden on residents
- Promote and attract commercial growth within the business area at Wolf and Joliet Roads and other parts of the Village to increase and maximize tax revenues;

- Develop a pedestrian friendly plan to allow all residents to walk or bike safely to parks, stores, church and school.

Civic and Community Service:

- Planning and Zoning Commissioner -- Indian Head Park: 2001 to 2004;
- Indian Head Park Homeowners Association: President-- 1999 to 2001; Director 1997 to 1998;
- Volunteer -- Save the Timber organization;
- Attorney/Volunteer -- American Diabetes Association;
- Volunteer -- Highlands Middle and Elementary Schools;
- Catechist -- St. Cletus Religious education Program.

Education and Professional Background

- Graduate of University of Illinois, Champaign and Loyola University School of Law
- Practicing Attorney in Public and Private Sectors for 24 years

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Student News

Lyons Township High School -- District 204

Congratulations to Jim Snaza, a senior at Lyons Township High School, who was named an Illinois State Scholar. Students who earn this designation are recognized for their outstanding academic achievement based on SAT and/or ACT Test scores.

Congratulations to the following Indian Head Park students who were named to the honor roll at Lyons Township High School. The semester honor roll is based on the entire semester work including final semester examinations. Listed are freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students from Indian Head Park who have achieved a grade point average of 3.125 or higher. **(Freshmen)** Anna Bosy, Lauren Brooks, Kevin Campbell, Peggy Condron, Peter Fflis, Marjorie Fisher, Karlyn Hilbrich, Robert Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Evan Kriz, Philip Legan, Kelly Mcnamee, Jamie Plzak, David Schmidt, Simeon Tzolov, Stefhanie Ulfig, Daniel Unger, Antoinette Valenta, Brittany Yelnick; **(Sophomores)** Brittany Anselmo, Chara Dubin, Janice Falotico, Andrea Kovalsky, Francis Lockom, Tyler Metcalf, Jaimie Ove, Rose Phinick, William Rante, Robert Sophie **(Juniors)** James Austermuehle, Jennifer Bert, David Carlson, Anthony Cefali, Sarah Corbridge, Steven Daar, Julia D'angelo, William Falotico, Mairin Gilmartin, Thea Green, Brad Hilbrich, Margaret Jarr, Adam Johnson, Michael Maino, Brett Marley, Kristen Parsell, Diana Rajki, Daniel Raymond, Steven Sholler, Chelsea Strohl, Rachel Stuart, Sarah Stuck, Madeleine Suter, Michael Swarbrick, Andrew Tepavchevich, Christine Villarreal, Ivan Vujica, **(Seniors)** James Begy, Kristina Bouzios, Derrick Brace, Lisa Brandush, Lindsay Breit, William Cisar, Colleen Creighton, Michael Eckwall, Eleni Hasiakos, Valerie Kovalsky, Talia Kraft, Alexandra Lanzel, Danielle Legan, Natalie Mikat-Stevens, Gary Novak, Anthony Perrino, Christopher Rajki, John Rante, Kelly Reda, Michelle Roberts, James Snaza, Cynthia Truckenbrodt, Michael Turk, Rudolph Valenta, Jacqueline Vitale and Emily Walter.

LaGrange Highlands Middle School -- School District 106

LaGrange Highlands Middle School announced students from Indian Head Park who have earned honor roll and honorable mention status for the second quarter of the school year. A grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 earns honor roll status and 3.0 to 3.49 qualifies for honorable mention. Congratulations to the following students: (Eighth Grade Honor Roll) Timothy Appleyard, Katie Campbell, Vince Cefali, Sam Hasiakos, Madeline Hasler, Jessica Koziel, Molly Minton, Brittney Pitello, Nikki Romano, Michelle Sangirardi, Paul Schied, Jill Sullivan, Alyssa Whaley and Allie Ziolko. (Eighth Grade Honorable Mention) Joey Benson, Ben Kabialis, Stephen Kovalsky, Lauren Mayer, Nolan Morris, Samantha Pitello and Miranda Skeeahan. (Seventh Grade Honor Roll) Teresa Begy, Sarah Carlson, Kirsten Conrath, Alisan Goetz, Christina Harazin, Elena Knetl, Mark Koziel, Victoria Ronin, Anastasia Schied and Willa Skeeahan. (Seventh Grade Honorable Mention) Haley Johnson and Amy Sheneman. (Sixth Grade Honor Roll) Alison Austermuehle, Veronica Christopher, Jennifer Daar, Jack Gouty, Rebecca MacDonald, Nina Madjer, Brianna McNamee, Mariel Rogozinski, Julia Watkins and Samantha



Yelnick.(Sixth Grade Honorable Mention) Anthony Appleyard, Jeremy Carlson, Jacob Heger, Connor Kriz, Jessica Manuele and Christopher Sargent.

Elmhurst College

Congratulations to Justin Hegner from Indian Head Park who was named to the dean's list at Elmhurst College.

TRADING POST

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TEEPEE TOPICS

One of our local business owners, Dr. John Skreko, who has an established dental practice in the Indian Head Park Plaza for the past 27 years, was recently recognized and received high marks for his outstanding services as a top rated dentist in a local publication entitled "Chicago Consumers Checkbook". The publication is a non-profit magazine dedicated to helping Chicago area consumers find high quality and reasonable priced services. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Website: www.checkbook.org

Interfaith Community Partners located in LaGrange Park is a coalition of ten churches in the surrounding communities that was formed to meet the needs of older adults and their caregivers. The organization coordinates the work of over 100 volunteers who provide in-home visitation for the home bound as well as transportation to needed medical and hospital visits. If you are interested in finding out more about the various programs and services offered by this organization, please contact Gail Stone at (708) 482-6597.

On Wednesday, May 11, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. many Cook County suburban townships will be participating in a program that offers individuals an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted prescription medications that may be expired. The Lyons Township Offices at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside is participating in this program. For additional information, please call (773) 869-7724 to inquire about the "Unwanted Medication Disposal Program" sponsored by the Chicago Police Department, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Chicago Department on Aging, Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Please cast your vote in the Consolidated Election that will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are unsure of your precinct or polling place, information may be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's Office Website at: www.voterinfonet.com.

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