

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

When the tiny town of Chicago was incorporated on August 10, 1833, nobody could have foreseen that it would become a major America industrial hub; that it would burn to the ground and rise again as a major metropolis; that it would be the center of modern architecture and world class cuisine; and be the home of millions of first class citizens. It is a city known for its colorful local politics; and known for the themes it has inspired in American literature. All of us are part of Chicagoland history and culture, and we share the same fortitude, compassion, and uncompromising work ethic that helped our ancestors mold Chicago into the great American city that it is today.

All great cities and villages grow from humble beginnings and - despite their problems - invigorate not only their residents but their surrounding communities. Indian Head Park, like Chicago, is a great community with humble beginnings.

The early years of our Village were plagued by the difficulties that typically face a new community - inadequate water, electricity, refuse disposal and other municipal services. The community well turned out to be the prime reason that residents felt the need to incorporate, and on August 4, 1959 our Village was incorporated when 92 of the 114 voting residents came together to form the Village of Indian Head Park. We far exceeded any all early expectations to become one of the premiere Villages in the Chicagoland area with nearly 3,700 residents.

Our Village is great, not because of our rolling hills, unique architecture, and ideal location, but because of our energized and compassionate residents. This energy and compassion came through loud and clear when our fellow Indian Head Park residents Brenda Dost, Heidi Lopez, and Donna Yelnick helped organize the LaGrange Highlands 2006 District 106 Educational Foundation Dinner Dance and Auction which took place on March 11, 2006. Residents Cindy Conrath and Jane Kuhn also helped with the event. The level of preparation, and participation was outstanding, and the Educational Foundation was able to raise nearly \$50,000 to assist in enriching programs that benefit School District 106 and our community. Congratulations to Brenda, Heidi, Donna, Cindy, Jane, and all our residents who helped make the dinner dance and auction such a huge success.

Over the next 12 months, our Village will face additional challenges with the closing of Wolf Road on March 27, 2006 for repairs. Wolf Road will be under construction between Plainfield Road and 55th Street. There will be a detour for all southbound traffic. The detour will be eastbound on 55th to Willow Springs Road, southbound on Willow Springs

Road to Plainfield Road, and westbound on Plainfield Road back to Wolf Road. This detour is scheduled to be in effect for the duration of the project which is scheduled to be completed on October 1, 2006.

Likewise, we will see additional construction traffic on Plainfield Road while Dartmoor homes completes stage one of the Timber Trails Development. Please be mindful of all construction zones and posted speed limits.

Your Mayor and Board of Trustees are very aware of the traffic congestion issues which face our Village now and in the future, and are looking at various ways to reduce the amount of traffic including a pedestrian walkway along the South side of Plainfield Road and a pedestrian under pass under Plainfield Road near the I-294 toll way. Your patience is greatly appreciated during the upcoming months of road construction and traffic congestion, and be assured that your Mayor and Board of Trustees continue to apply fortitude, compassion, and an uncompromising work ethic in an effort to solve the issues that continue to face our Village.

Sincerely,
Matthew P. Walsh II, Trustee

Police Department Briefing

Beware of Phone Calls Requesting Donations

The Village of Indian Head Park Police Department is not soliciting donations. If you receive a phone call seeking donations from an organization claiming to have local ties or claims to work with local police organizations, they are not calling on behalf of the Indian Head Park Police Department. A caller who uses intimidation tactics is likely to be a scam artist. Report these calls to your local law enforcement representatives. The Federal Trade Commission works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices and provides information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid these type of activities. To obtain information on consumer issues, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free 1-877-382-4357. The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identify theft and other fraud related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure on-line database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad. To investigate a charity before making a donation, visit the National Charities Information Bureau at www.give.org.



Fuel Saving Tips

Modifying Driving Habits: Slow down. All vehicles lose fuel economy at speeds over 65 mph. Use modest acceleration when possible, minimizing rapid starts. Use cruise control to help maintain a steady speed. Limit extended idles and warm up periods. If possible, plan your trip to avoid rush hour to prevent fuel-burning idling in traffic. Check Vehicle Condition: Replace dirty air filters. A clogged air filter can reduce fuel economy as much as 10 percent. Check tire pressure. Properly inflated tires provide less road resistance and can improve fuel efficiency. Check your owner's manual for appropriate inflation levels. Keep your vehicle engine tuned up. A noticeably out of tune engine can reduce fuel economy by as much as 4 percent. If your vehicle engine light is on, have the vehicle serviced. Faulty components such as an oxygen sensor can reduce fuel economy as much as 40 percent.

Because gas prices can vary up to 10 percent in local markets, it is worthwhile to seek out gas stations in your area that consistently have the lowest prices. The Office of the Attorney General suggests that consumers visit the following Websites to find the lowest gas prices in the area: <http://www.chicagogasprices.com>, <http://www.illinois-gasprices.com> and <http://www.illinois.gov/gasprices>.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, April 13, 2006

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, May 4, 2006

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:

No meetings scheduled.

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

Smoke Signals

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www.indianheadpark-il.gov

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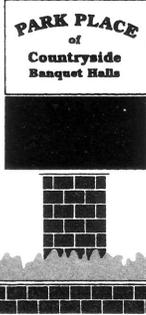


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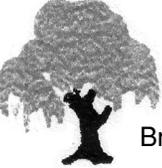
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Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, In 1827 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

Whereas, the Village of Indian Head Park has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways,

Now, Therefore I, Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor of the Village of Indian Head Park, do hereby proclaim, April 28, 2006 as;

ARBOR DAY

in the Village of Indian Head Park, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's forestry program, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated, this 9th day of March, 2006.

Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor
Village of Indian Head Park

RESOLUTION NO. R3-06-3

WHEREAS, the air quality of Northern Illinois affects the health and well being of all the residents of the metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards, our region is currently a non-attainment zone for ozone, and it appears likely that the region will be declared in non-attainment for fine particulates by 2006; and

WHEREAS, local and regional partnerships that unite government, businesses, and residents, in a voluntary effort to reduce harmful emissions of nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, can effectively improve regional air quality; and

WHEREAS, Clean Air Counts (CAC) is a collaborative effort to achieve voluntary reductions in ozone causing emissions in the six county Chicago metropolitan region, and

WHEREAS, by becoming a Clean Air Counts (CAC) community, we will commit to implementing emission reducing strategies, and will work with Clean Air Counts and other municipalities to reduce regional air pollution by five tons per day; and

WHEREAS, our work with Clean Air Counts and other municipalities will help prevent the need for more stringent environmental protection requirements related to air quality and ozone levels;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Indian Head Park commits to participate in the Clean Air Counts Program and adopt strategies required to improve air quality in our community and region.

APPROVED, this 9th day of March, 2006.

Richard F. Pellegrino, President
Village of Indian Head Park
Cook County, Illinois

Indian Head Park Woman's Club

The April meeting of the IHP Women's Club will be on 18th of the month. It will be held at the Village Hall, 201 Acacia Drive, in the conference room. Parking is available in the rear of the building. The social part of the meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. The program will begin at 8:30. The presentation for this month is called the "Quilt Truck Show." It is provided by Valerie Rucinski of the Salt Creek Quilters. The Program Committee's goal is to provide for its membership a balance of different programs to meet the needs of all of its members. Hope to see you there. The May meeting place has been formalized and we expect the new officer's installation and club banquet to be the best. The date to remember is Tuesday, **May 16, 2006** and the place is Café 36, in La Grange, which has opened and is now under new ownership. Jennifer Riddle, a talented impersonator provides the entertainment. This looks to be an awesome program, one that you surely will not want to miss. More information will follow.



The Aging Well teams of Western Springs and Indian Head Park will offer a seminar to discuss diabetes on Monday, April 17th, from 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. The seminar is being co-sponsored by The Diabetes Program at Palos

Community Hospital. This free seminar is open to the public and will be held at the Western Springs Recreation Center, 1500 Walker Street in Western Springs. Refreshments will be provided by Cordia Senior Residence.

The seminar will feature Beverly Fox, R.N., and certified diabetes educator. She will discuss tips for managing diabetes with diet, medication and exercise. She will share common complications that can occur and the importance of podiatry services in persons with diabetes.

Aging Well is a grassroots initiative started in 2001 by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging. The project's goal is to create communities that are elder friendly. Teams of concerned citizens meet in small local groups throughout greater Lyons Township to expand and improve services to older adults. In May the Aging Well partnership will begin implementing an innovative four-year plan to address specific issues identified by the community. This initiative is funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and through local community support.

For more information, contact Western Springs Aging Well team co-leader, Mike Doepke at 708-783-1220.

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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 28, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. behind the Village Hall at 201 Acacia Drive. Public Works personnel will provide tree selection suggestions for different sites and the importance of having underground utilities located. Native Illinois tree seedlings will be provided for those in attendance.



Easter Services



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April 5 - Seder Service - 7:00 p.m.
 April 9 - Palm Sunday Service - 10:00 a.m.
 April 13 - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
 April 14 - Good Friday Services at
 Highlands Presbyterian -- 7:30 p.m.
 April 16 -- Easter Sunday Services -- 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome

Heritage Center Library News

We need more docents!

The library will be open every weekend:
 Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

A local girl scout troop will read to youngsters on Saturdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you can help, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293. Not long hours and plenty to read!

Student News....

Grinnel College - Congratulations to David D'Angelo, a resident of Indian Head Park who was named to the Dean's List at Grinnel College. David is the son of Anthony and Eileen D'Angelo. To earn a designation on the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Lewis University - Congratulations to Jonathan R. Andrews, of Indian Head Park, who was named to the Dean's List at Lewis University for his achieved honors in the College of Arts and Sciences. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed at least 12 semester hours of credit with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

St. Ignatius College, Chicago - Scott Chessare of Indian Head Park was named as a National Merit Finalist at St. Ignatius College in Chicago. Merit finalists are among the top 1 percent of students nationwide based on the preliminary S.A.T./National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. Congratulations on your academic achievements!

Pleasantdale Middle School, District 107 - The following students were named to the honor roll at Pleasantdale Middle School for the second trimester of the 2005/2006 school year at Pleasantdale Middle School: (Gold Honor Roll -- 4.0 GPA): Jaime Duncan and Katelyn Perrino. (Silver Honor Roll-- 3.75 to 3.99 GPA): Patrick Hardy and Kathleen Parsell. (Bronze Honor Roll -- 3.5 to 3.749 GPA): William Bailey, Alec Buti and Snjezana Jovanovic.



TEEPEE TOPICS

Open enrollment for Medicare's new prescription drug benefit program began November 15th and continues through May 15, 2006. Medicare's Website at: www.medicare.gov offers extensive information on the new prescription coverage and provides frequently asked questions. If Internet access is not an option, please call the Medicare agency's hotline number at (800) 633-4227. The hotline number provides live assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week and a representative can answer questions regarding participation in this program. The Medicare & You 2006 handbook also explains the new prescription drug benefit and lists the plans available in a particular state.

Recently, Township Supervisor Pat Rogers and members of the Lyons Township Board announced the election of Township Mental Health Commission Executive Director Gilbert Zych as President of the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois. The township commission, one of approximately 93 mental health authorities in the state, provides funding for community based programs that directly benefit the mentally ill, developmentally disabled and those with substance abuse problems. In addition to heading the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission for 20 years, the Commission has gained recognition as one of the top mental health authorities in the state. Zych's numerous community and professional activities include serving as ACMHAI President and Treasurer, and he currently serves as a member of the state's Infrastructure Transportation Task Force, the purpose of which is to transform Illinois' mental health system based on principles outlined in the "President's New Freedom Commission Report on Transforming Mental Health in America." Mr. Zych is a long-time and active member of the Kiwanis Club of LaGrange. In 2000, Mr. Zych was a recipient of a Millennium Award for community service that was presented by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees applaud the accomplishments of Indian Head Park resident Gill Zych.

The American Cancer Society will be hosting a Relay for Life of West Cook ceremony event at the Pleasant Dale Park District at Walker Park at dusk on Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. A ceremony will be held to honor those who have survived cancer and to remember those that have lost their battle with the disease. For further details, please contact Suzette Matkovich at (708) 784-0324.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: James T. Stuart, Jr., age 66, who was a proprietor of his own business and who served in the U.S. Army.

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