



Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

As you read this, spring is officially upon us and as we transition from winter and snow removal, we look forward to nice weather, the end of school, outdoor activities, and vacation plans. Transition pertains to your Village as well since the April general elections will result in a new team of officials in our local government while our good friend and Mayor Rich Pellegrino will not seek re-election as he moves on to a new chapter in his life and takes on various new challenges. Mayor Pellegrino has been honored for his efforts on our behalf and for his many contributions to local government. Also, we celebrate as a valued employee reaches a milestone. Snow plowing is ending and the building season is upon us. We are here to help and ask for your support. The next step as we continue to move forward is to inform ourselves about candidates and issues and to **VOTE!**

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803-1882), poet, author, philosopher

The American experiment in democracy began when the first shots were fired at the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775 as memorialized in Emerson's words above. As we know, a key feature in this "experiment" is our right to cast a ballot to select and show support for our government leaders. On Tuesday, April 17, 2007, we all will have a right to vote for our choice of candidates for our local governmental units. The candidates on the ballot for our Village government are: **Joseph V. Consolo** for Village Clerk; incumbents **Norman Schnauffer** and **Matthew Walsh**, and PZC commissioner **Brian T. Bailey** for Village Trustee; and **Richard S. Andrews** for Village President. Please see the qualifications of all of the candidates set forth elsewhere in this newsletter.

Personally, and on behalf of the other candidates, I am honored and grateful to be running in this election and to have the opportunity to serve all of the residents of our great community. I assure you that we do not take the confidence you place in us lightly or for granted. Although uncontested, your vote in this election would demonstrate your support for all of the candidates and your commitment to the ideal set in motion by those "embattled farmers". There are contested offices for various other positions including school districts. Good schools make for good communities so it is imperative

that we select the best candidates for those positions.

As Franklin Roosevelt (1182-1945) once said, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves – and the only way they could do this is by not voting." Keep the echo of that first shot for democracy going – **VOTE on Tuesday, April 17th!**

Congratulations to Mayor Rich Pellegrino who has been selected as the new Executive Director of the West Central Municipal Conference. The Municipal Conference is comprised of 36 municipalities in the western suburbs of Cook County and is responsible for carrying out the collective agenda of the Region. In addition, Mayor Pellegrino was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many governmental accomplishments by the Italian American Political Coalition and was named the 2007 Man of the Year by Club Napoletano in recognition of his leadership.

Meanwhile, **Frank Alonzo** has completed his first year as our Village Administrator. Frank's skills and prior experience as the Hillside Chief of Police have served him well in this role. He is truly an asset to the Village. Congratulations Frank!

As we wonder what happened to our warm December, we applaud the employees of our Public Works Department and **Superintendent Ed Santen** for the outstanding job they did snow plowing and keeping our streets clear when winter's fury lashed out at us. Thanks to the many residents who contacted us with words of appreciation for the fine service performed by these individuals in plowing snow and dealing with water main breaks.

Similarly, we extend our appreciation to **Chief Pat Crowley** and the fine officers in our Police Department who patrolled our streets and looked after us during the inclement weather when we stayed at home or ventured out. Thanks to all of you!

In anticipation of the warmer weather and the advent of the building season, the Village Administration has received and reviewed an increased number of requests for building permits. Several of these needed re-tooling in light of the Village's Zoning Code. See the article elsewhere in this issue of *Smoke Signals* regarding the Village Administration's suggestion before you spend your money on architectural plans.

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Save the date! Our Annual "Easter Egg Hunt" is planned for Saturday, April 7th in Blackhawk Park at 11:00 a.m. The Easter Bunny is expected to be there. Bring your cameras and have fun!

In closing, I want to again thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Village Board of Trustees and the dedicated team of individuals serving our community! I ask that you go and vote on Election Day to show your support for all of these dedicated candidates. See you at the polling place!

Finally, in anticipation of Mayor Pellegrino's departure in May from office as our mayor, I want to take this opportunity to extend our acknowledgment and appreciation for 8 years of his tireless efforts on behalf of the Village of Indian Head Park. I re-call a quote from an anonymous source that states it succinctly. "Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget." Thanks Mayor for being our great friend!

Best Regards,
Richard S. Andrews, Trustee

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, April 12, 2007

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:
Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:
Thursday, May 3, 2007

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:
No meetings scheduled at this time.

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

Before You Spend Your Money

As a reminder before you spend your money on building plans for a room addition or deck, your Village Building & Zoning Department can answer questions and provide you with information concerning the building and zoning codes that may affect your choices and design plans. If your plans involve building outside the "buildable area" of your lot, it is not allowed by code without a variation. Our community is proud of the "open, park-like" atmosphere here, and the codes are meant to insure its continuation. The Village welcomes and encourages renovation and development and is anxious to assist our residents who wish to upgrade their property. However, not all requests for variations are approved or approved as initially requested. Some situations are unique! We can work with you! Before you hire a builder or architect to draft plans for you, require them to check with the Village regarding the building and zoning codes before they spend their time and your money designing something that may not be approved. If you are contemplating a major addition or renovation, consider requesting a "workshop" before the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission ("PZC"). The PZC meets the first Tuesday of the month and, pursuant to its "planning" function, can provide you with input concerning what, if any, variation you may need and limitations that would likely be acceptable. Formal plans are NOT needed for a workshop. Because there is no guarantee that a variation will be granted, please check with the Village **before you spend your money!**

Student News....

We applaud all of the students on their academic achievements and congratulations to all of you:

Pleasantdale School District 107 The following students from Indian Head Park earned honor roll status at Pleasantdale Middle School: Cooper Hardy, Mae Sophie, Katelyn Perrino, Jaime Duncan, Alec Buti, Alexandra Christos, William Bailey and Zorana Telebak.

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Teepee Topics news items should be submitted to the Newsletter Coordinator at the Municipal Offices.

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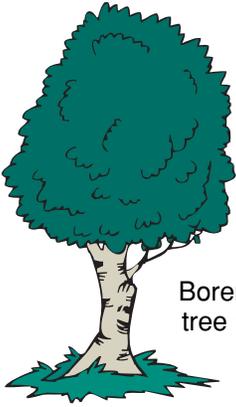
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Arbor Day Announcement



The Village of Indian Head Park will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Heritage Center located at 6250 South Wolf Road. Public Works personnel will provide information on this year's return of the 17 year Cicada and the latest news about the Emerald Ash Borer. Public Works staff will also provide tree selection and tree maintenance suggestions. Native Illinois tree seedlings will be provided for those in attendance.

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 27, 2007 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 8th day of March, 2007.
Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor
Village of Indian Head Park



Lawncare Buyback Program

To help clean up the air in one of the State's most heavily polluted air sheds, the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency has partnered with Clean Air Counts, Triton College and the Village of Oak Park to sponsor a lawncare buyback event. Residents who bring in their old gas-powered lawnmowers will receive a \$150.00 rebate towards the purchase of any new electric, battery-powered, or non-motorized push mower. Residents who bring in gasoline-powered chain saws, leaf blowers or weed whackers will receive a \$50.00 rebate toward the purchase of any new electric or battery operated lawncare equipment of this type. Additionally, residents who bring in old gas cans may exchange them for new, environmentally friendly gas cans. All gas cans and equipment must be empty of gasoline. New this year – there will be an on-site vendor for residents wishing to purchase a Black & Decker electric mower and receive an "instant" rebate. The cordless model will be \$240 (tax included) less \$150 for a total of \$90 (cash or check). For further details, please call Jim Caporusso at the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9100.

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enforcement officials from the Cook County Sheriff's Office. A few of the topics that will be discussed include: learn how to protect yourself from crime and understanding con games and scams targeted at seniors. The Academy is free and open to all Cook County senior citizens. To register or to receive more information, please call Katie Walsh at the Cook County Sheriff's Office at (773) 869-7725.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Richard S. Andrews, Mayoral Candidate

Background:

Village resident for 29 years;

Occupation: Attorney

Graduate of St. Rita H.S.; George Williams College, B.A. - Economics/Management Studies; Juris Doctorate with High Honors, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law;

Trustee, IHP Village Board of Trustees, 1993 to 1995; and 1999 to present;

Member of the Indian Head Park Zoning Board of Appeals from 1987 to 1991;

First Chairman of the Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission from 1991 to 1993;

Member and Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission, 1996 to 1999;

Guest Lecturer re: Labor Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law; annually;

Served as president, vice-president, and secretary for the Dads Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, Westchester, IL 1996-1999;

Co-Chairman, Charity Auction, Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, 1997 and 1998

Coach, Youth Soccer Programs, Pleasant Dale Park District, 1993 to 1997;

Coach, Youth Soccer and Programs, Rich Port YMCA, 1993 and 1994;

Illinois High School Association, Referee, 2005 - present;
Volunteer Referee, AYSO Soccer region 300, 1999 to present;
Co-leader, St. Cletus Cub Scouts, Den 1, 1991 - 1993;

Special Interests:

Gardening, Traveling, Reading, Community Service and involvement with my children's school and sports activities.

Objectives:

Promote a Village government and administration that is concerned about all issues, big or small, and responds to them in the best interest for the common good;

Maximize Village services to residents and local businesses through Village Administration, Public Works, and Police while keeping expenditures at affordable levels;

Economic Development to enhance revenues for Village services;

Continue to insure fair and consistent application and enforcement of Village Zoning Code using efficient "citizen-friendly" procedures;

Work to enhance noise abatement within the Village and improve the Village's technology infrastructure with regard to matters as cable television and high-speed internet access;
Insure completion of pending and future commercial and residential developments as quality products in keeping with the character of the Village.

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk Candidate

Joseph V. Consolo graduated from St. Patrick High School in 1977. He graduated from De Paul University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, in 1981. He graduated from the John Marshall Law School, with a Juris Doctorate, in 1985. He continued his legal education and received a master of Laws in Taxation from the John Marshall Law School in 1988.

Joseph V. Consolo currently works as an attorney for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, where he serves as a Legal Advisor to the Department of Community Supervision and Intervention. In this capacity, he handles labor issues, writes general orders, and handles various issues affecting a law enforcement department. He had served in this capacity since June of 1996. Prior to that, he worked as a legal advisor to the Cook County Department of Corrections, also a department within the Cook County Sheriff's Office from July 1991 to June 1996.

In 2004, Joseph V. Consolo was appointed to the Indian Head Park 911 Board. In October 2005, he was appointed Village Clerk to fulfill the unexpired term of Norman L. Schnauer.

When not working for the Cook County Sheriff's Office or attending to the duties of Village Clerk, Joseph V. Consolo spends time as a Shriner Clown, where he participates in over thirty appearances a year. He is proud to be a member of the Shriners of North America which supports Shriners Hospital for Children, a network of 22 pediatric speciality hospitals which provide free medical care to children.

Joseph V. Consolo looks forward to serving the citizens of Indian Head Park for the next four years. He considers it an honor and a privilege to live in the Village of Indian Head Park.

Brian T. Bailey, Trustee Candidate

Brian T. Bailey was born and raised in the western suburbs. He is a 1982 graduate of Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Thereafter, he attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated in 1986, and Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, where he obtained his law degree in 1989.

Since his graduation from law school, Bailey has been involved in a nationwide litigation practice. He has appeared and tried cases in courtrooms throughout the country. He has also written manuals to assist lawyers, and lectured, on the law in the State of Illinois. As part of his practice, he has also represented numerous municipalities, park districts, school districts, and elected officials. Several years ago he and his wife, Julie, opened Bailey & Bailey, a law firm with offices in Chicago and Burr Ridge.

In 1991, Brian and Julie were married. They moved to Indian Head Park in 2001, where they are now raising their four children. Katie is a sophomore at Fenwick High School. Billy is a

sixth grader at Pleasantdale Middle School. Patrick is a third grader at Pleasantdale Elementary School. Jane, who is five years old, looks forward to starting kindergarten in the fall.

Since moving to Indian Head Park, Brian has volunteered in a number of different ways, including serving as a Commissioner on the Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission. He also has served as a Cub Scout den leader, assisted in the children's liturgy at church, coached girls' and boys' basketball and soccer teams at Pleasantdale Park District, managed and coached in the Pleasantdale Little League, and coached in the Western Springs Youth Football Association.

Brian is excited to be given the opportunity to continue his work in the Village of Indian Head Park. As a resident of the southern edge of the Village, he is looking forward to working with the Board on the development of the triangle section of the Village, as well as maintaining the beauty and history of the entire Village.

Norman L. Schnauer, Trustee Candidate

Norman L. Schnauer served as Village Clerk of Indian Head Park for ten and one half years and was appointed Trustee in October 2005 to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. He is a candidate for Trustee in the Tuesday, April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. He has lived in the LaGrange-Western Springs-Indian Head Park area for forty-six years, the last twenty-two years in the Wilshire Green Condominiums in Indian Head Park. He is married and has three step-children.

Mr. Schnauer is retired from International Harvester Company (now International Truck & Engine Corporation, Division of Navistar) where he worked for many years in the Transportation Department. At the time of his retirement he

was Supervisor of Transportation Pricing. Prior to that he worked for the former C. B. & Q Railroad for several years and served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves. He attended Gem City Business College, Quincy, IL; College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL; Northwestern University, Chicago and is a graduate of the College of Advanced Traffic, Chicago. He has served on numerous church and condominium boards and committees and has been a member of the Western Springs/Indian Head Park Aging Well Initiative Team for several years.

Even though this is an uncontested election for Village candidates, Mr. Schnauer urges all eligible voters to vote on Tuesday.

Matthew P. Walsh II, Trustee Candidate

Matthew Walsh was born and raised on the south side of Chicago and is a 1985 graduate of Marist High School. In 1989, Mr. Walsh graduated from Bradley University with a bachelor of science in business, and in 1992 he obtained his law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Matthew Walsh is a capital partner in the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson which is a Chicago based national law firm of over 400 lawyers in 21 offices nationwide. Mr. Walsh's practice focuses on both federal and state complex litigation in the areas of construction, medical malpractice, employment, commercial and municipal. He is an experienced trial lawyer having tried 28 jury trial to verdict.

Prior to joining Hinshaw & Culbertson, Mr. Walsh served for seven years in the Cook County State's Attorney's office

as a prosecutor. Mr. Walsh tried hundreds of felony and misdemeanor cases ranging from traffic violations to murder. Mr. Walsh is licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, the United State's District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the United State's Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Walsh was appointed to serve as Commissioner on the Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission in 1999, and in July 2001 he was appointed Village Trustee to complete an unexpired term. He was then reelected Village Trustee in 2003. Matthew Walsh currently resides in Indian Head Park with his wife Cathy and their two children, Hope and Matthew.

Indian Head Park Woman's Club News...

The next meeting of the Indian Head Park Woman's Club will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 in the Board Room at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive beginning at 6:30 p.m. The beginning of the meeting will be voting for new officers for the year 2007-2008. The regular program will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. and an officer from the Indian Head Park Police Department will discuss safety. The biggest fundraiser of the year will be on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the LaGrange Country Club. It will begin at 11:00

a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The event is being hosted to raise funds to support our men and women in the military who are coming home with spinal injuries. The entertainment will be the Western Lights Chorus. Tickets are \$40.00 and includes lunch and entertainment. We hope to raise \$3,000.00 to sponsor a room at Hines Hospital to help treat these injuries. To reserve a table or to purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Johnson at (708) 246-4466 or send an e-mail to dmjihp@sbcglobal.net.

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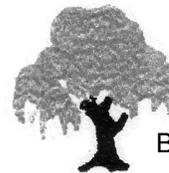
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On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, there will be a candidates forum for the LaGrange Highlands School District #106 Board of Education. Candidates will discuss their qualifications and answer questions from the audience. The forum will be at the LaGrange Highlands School on Plainfield Road from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Forum is sponsored by the LaGrange Area League of Women Voters.

S.E.A.S.P.A.R. (South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation) provides year round recreation services for individuals with disabilities and is an extension of the park districts of Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lisle, Westmont and Woodridge and the Villages of Indian Head Park and Western Springs. The Athletic Booster Club at S.E.A.S.P.A.R. is raising funds by selling entertainment discount savings books. The books sell for \$20.00 each and \$7.00 per book is tax-deductible. Entertainment books may be purchased at the S.E.A.S.P.A.R. offices at 4500 Belmont Road in Downers Grove. The proceeds from the sale of entertainment books help support S.E.A.S.P.A.R.'s athletic programs. For further details, please contact Lisa or Georgia at S.E.A.S.P.A.R. at (630) 960-7600.

S.E.A.S.P.A.R. is now accepting applications for inclusion aides. Experienced and qualified staff are needed to assist children and adults with disabilities. Staff provide support, coaching and companionship which enable individuals with

disabilities to enjoy and fully participate in recreation programs and special events. College students, teachers, and classroom assistants are encouraged to apply. If you enjoy helping others and having fun, this is a great opportunity for a part-time job! To inquire about these opportunities, contact Brian Houzenga at SEASPAR.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Dr. Robert C. Miller, formerly of Indian Head Park, age 85. Dr. Miller was a retired physician and spent many years working in private practice in Western Springs and LaGrange. He was on staff at LaGrange Memorial Hospital and Hinsdale Hospital until 1976, he was a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, a member of the Antique Clock Collectors Association, Masonic Lodge and the Western Springs Scottish Rite, Chicago.

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