

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Winter is over, spring is here! This according to the calendar, however, as I write this reality tells me otherwise. Speaking of winter, once again we thank Ed Santen, Public Works Superintendent, and his crew for their superb job in keeping our Village streets plowed and salted all winter. The results of their work, as usual, gave Indian Head Park the best conditioned streets in the entire area and probably beyond that.

We hope everyone had a blessed Easter. In spite of the snow and rather cold temperature the Indian Head Park Easter Egg Hunt was held as usual on the Saturday before Easter and it was a success. The egg hunt on snow is certain to provide a unique childhood memory to the many participants. Our thanks to the Administrative Staff and everyone else who worked to make this annual Easter event a happy and successful one.

I am sure everyone is well aware of the rising prices of almost all goods and services we pay for. Unfortunately the cost to operate the Village is no different. At the March 13, 2008 Board meeting the Village Board approved an increase of thirty-two cents per 1,000 gallons of water effective January 1, 2008. This increase will be reflected in the next water billing in April, 2008. The City of Chicago increased their water rates rather substantially which in turn is passed along to the cities and villages who use Chicago water. Unfortunately it is impossible for the Village of Indian Head Park to absorb an increase of this magnitude. Sewer charges are not increased.

The Western Springs – Indian Head Park Aging Well Initiative team is still actively planning and promoting programs designed to help senior citizens live a better and longer life. Our team is a part of the Aging Well Initiative of Greater Lyons Township. Other villages and cities in Lyons Township had similar aging well teams who also provide events and activities geared to senior living. Seniors from all areas of Lyons Township are welcome to attend events and programs offered by any of the aging well teams. Notices of these events are published in the local newspapers, Village publications such as Indian Head Park's "Smoke Signals" and by fliers posted in numerous locations throughout the area. Information on any event may also be obtained by calling Annette McClain, Aging Well Volunteer Specialist, at (708) 354-1323, extension 19.

As a result of joint efforts by all of the Aging Well teams one central phone number is now available for seniors and/or their families or caregivers to obtain information regarding senior living, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, transportation, tax preparation or any other questions they may have. The phone number is (708) 354-1323. This central location for obtaining information is the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging located at 111 West Harris Avenue in LaGrange.

Also available as a result of the Aging Well team's joint efforts is a Transportation Guide for older adults in Greater Lyons Township. This guide is designed to help older adults better understand and access their transportation options and is a result of transportation concerns heard from the communities in Lyons Township. This guide may be obtained at the Indian Head Park Village office, the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging in LaGrange or at the following Website: www.agingwellpartnership.org

In an effort to increase attendance at functions and to provide bigger and better programs this year, the Western Springs Indian Head Park Aging Well Team is focusing on three programs rather than hosting monthly meetings. One of the programs which was started several months ago and has been very successful is "Senior Scenes" which is a play reading program co-sponsored by the Theatre of Western Springs and is offered on the first and third Thursdays each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Grand Avenue Community Center located at 4211 Grand Avenue in Western Springs. This program will also be taken to other locations this year.

The Western Springs Indian Head Park Aging Well Team's first ever Senior Safety Fair is being planned for early June. This event will provide seniors with information and products that can enhance their well being and protect them from becoming victims of predators, scam artists, identity theft, etc. Also available will be information on fire safety, emergency preparedness, home safety, new consumer products and other topics related to senior safety. The exact date, time and location of this event will be announced in the near future.

Planned for October 2008 is the team's first ever Senior Health and Wellness Clinic. This event will combine the annual Flu Shot Clinic and "Ask the Doctor" session with free

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screenings and wellness products of interest to seniors. Please watch for the date, time and location to be announced later in the year.

Seniors, there are a multitude of programs, seminars, presentations and services, most of them are free and we encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities. If you are interested in participating in our Western Springs – Indian Head Park Aging Well Team or need information on events sponsored by the team, please contact Mike Doepke at (708) 466-4770 or Norman Schnauffer at (708) 246-0301. We can always use more team members and volunteers for planning and providing senior related events for Western Springs and Indian Head Park seniors.

Included in the State budget passed by the Illinois Legislative several weeks ago is a provision allowing seniors 65 years of age and older to ride free on public transportation in Illinois, effective March 17, 2008. If you already have a Regional Transportation Authority reduced fare card and you are registered for the free transportation service provided by the RTA system your reduced fare card may be used for the free services. If you do not have a reduced fare card you must register in person at an RTA Registration Center located throughout the Chicagoland area to apply for a card for free transportation. You can call 836-7000 from any area code for locations of these registration centers.

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging located at 111 West Harris Avenue in LaGrange has applications for these cards. You must visit the Center to complete the application and you will need a passport type picture to include with your application. The Center can provide photographs for a \$3.00 charge. Assistance will also be provided by the Center to complete the necessary paperwork which must be completed at their offices and cards will be mailed to you.

Finally, remember to check our government Channel 6 or our Website at: www.indianheadpark-il.gov for the latest on Village events.

Sincerely,
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer

Arbor Day Announcement

The Village of Indian Head Park will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 25, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. The event will be held at Blackhawk Park located on Cascade Drive. Public Works Department personnel will be demonstrating the correct way to prune a tree. The latest information regarding the Emerald Ash Borer will be provided. Tree related pamphlets and Native Illinois tree seedlings will be distributed to those in attendance.



The Village of Indian Head Park was named again this year as a Tree City U.S.A. community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 18th year Indian Head Park has received this national recognition. Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air and conserve soil and water. Additional information regarding tree planting may be obtained on the National Arbor Day Foundation Website at : www.arborday.org.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, April 10, 2008

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, May 1, 2008

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

Thursday, June 19, 2008

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

Smoke Signals

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Deadline date for the next issue is April 21, 2008.

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Indian Head Park Woman's Club Upcoming Events

Plan to spend a wonderful afternoon with family and friends at the Indian Head Park Woman's Club Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 26, 2008. It will be held at the La Grange Country Club, 620 So. Brainard in La Grange and we will feature fashions from Coldwater Creek – Burr Ridge Village Center - with models from our own club. The "Growing Green" Luncheon cost is \$40/person (payable to IHPWC); please mail your check and list of guests to Mary Ann Stang, 8114 Farmingdale Drive, Darien, IL 60561. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and we need your support to make this event a huge success. The "Growing Green" Luncheon will start at 11 a.m. to give you time to look over the raffle prizes and to enter the Grand Prize raffle. Net ticket sale proceeds from this event will be seed money for the Special Education Services at Lyons Township High School (So. Campus) to begin a greenhouse project for children with disabilities. For more information, call Liz Gohdes at 708-246-6151. Join us for a great afternoon and help support the Special Education Services at LTHS.

Pleasantdale Garden Club

The Pleasantdale Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at the Pleasantdale Park District Building at 7425 South Wolf Road, Burr Ridge. A speaker from the University of Illinois extension will talk about Gardening Know How. For further information, call Barbara Graham at (630) 986-8110.

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TEEPEE TOPICS

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following who recently passed away: Ronald Durso, age 71, who was a resident of Indian Head Park for many years.

The West Cook County Solid Waste Agency will once again be hosting the annual Electronic Recycling Collection on June 6th and June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at Triton College located at 2000 Fifth Avenue in the Northwest Student Parking Lot in River Grove. Items that will be accepted include: computer equipment, printers, telephones, answering machines, cellular phones, fax machines, TV's and VCR's, stereo equipment, computer software, disks, CD's and tapes. The event is open to residents and there is a small co-pay of \$5.00 for each television and monitor collected. For further details, please contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency

at (708) 453-9100 or visit the following Website: www.westcook.org

Duplicate Bridge Games in Indian Head Park, on-going and year round. Director: Kanti Chandarana, M.D., will be hosting the bridge games at his home in Indian Head Park. Non-ACBL sanctioned games. Every Monday and Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. For further details or to participate, please contact Dr. Chandarana at (708) 246-2468 or by e-mail at kantichandarana@yahoo.com

The Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library located at 6250 South Wolf Road is open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Please note the library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays during holidays. If you wish to make a donation of books to the Heritage Center, please contact the Village Offices at (708) 246-3137.

Students in the News.....

We applaud all of the students from Indian Head Park on their academic achievements and congratulations to all of you:

Nazareth Academy — Congratulations to the following students who achieved honors at Nazareth Academy: Anthony Bartucci, Nora O'Connell, Colleen McCollom and Joseph Pellegrino.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — Congratulations to Eleni Hasiakos, Margaret Jarr and Michael Pellegrino who were named to the dean's list at the University of Illinois. Thomas Carlson also received a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

Northern Illinois University – DeKalb — Congratulations to Debra Nelson who received a Doctor of Education Degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, to Jeffrey Wydra who was named to the dean's list and to John Durso who was named to the 2007 Department of Communication outstanding student honor roll.

Northern University – Evanston — Congratulations to

Allison Valenta who was named to the dean's list at Northern University in Evanston.

Benedictine University – Lisle — Congratulations to Colleen LaCaria who was named to the dean's list at Benedictine University in Lisle.

Benet Academy — Congratulations to Lauren Baker who was named to the honor roll at Benet Academy in Lisle.

Fenwick High School - Oak Park — Congratulations to Katherine Bailey and Lauren Gula who were named to the honor roll at Fenwick High School.

Montini High School – Lombard — Congratulations to Jillian Sullivan who was named to the honor roll at Montini High School.

Pleasantdale School District #107 — The following students from Indian Head Park were named to the honor roll at Pleasantdale School: Alexis Gutierrez, Jaide Epting, Cooper Hardy, Jaime Duncan, Zorana Telebak and Guinevere Espana.

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