

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

We begin 2008 with the hope for a successful year of progress and accomplishment. Your Village Board will be tackling some new matters and updating other concerns. We enjoyed the holidays and rang in the New Year with anticipation and excitement. Along with our joy and celebration, we encountered grief and moved on. The generosity of our residents was demonstrated once again. It will indeed be an exciting year!

It is certain that this year will present new challenges to the Village as every new year is a time for a new beginning. We begin 2008 in a newly re-painted Village Board room. It has been quite some time since this room was painted. The fresh coat of paint and general cleaning was accomplished in-house at a substantial savings in cost to the Village. We thank the Department of Public Works for undertaking this task and doing such a great job.

At our January Village Board meeting, I appointed several sub-committees comprised of the various trustees and myself to address several needs and matters of concern to the Village. As reported in the last issue of the Smoke Signals, we will be addressing some much-needed improvements at the Heritage Center and landscaping and improvements at Arrowhead Memorial Pointe. The parking lot at the Village hall needs repaving and will be addressed this year. Our fiscal year begins June 1st and the initial steps in preparation of the new budget have begun. As in every year, two primary considerations are revenues and costs. With those in mind, I have appointed sub-committees to review the fees charged by the Village for various things such as licenses and inspections to bring the fees in line with our costs associated with them. It has been five years since the last time this was done. The City of Chicago has increased the rate it charges for Lake Michigan water and it has been passed on to us effective January 1st. Unfortunately, but out of necessity, we need to adjust our rates to cover our costs for water and will do so before the next water bill. Other matters such as street improvements will be reviewed.

With respect to street and highway improvements, the federal government will be enacting the next nation-wide feder-

al highway and transportation bill in 2009. Such a bill is enacted by the U.S. Congress every six years. Through this bill, the federal government will be returning our taxes to us in the form of federally subsidized highway/transportation projects. Working with our **Congressman Dan Lipinski**, I hope that we can obtain some of these funds for area projects that will benefit us and the surrounding communities.

As 2008 began, we were saddened by the loss of IHP police officer **Jerry Formanski** who died at his home on January 1, 2008. A nine year veteran of our police department, Officer Formanski is survived by his parents, a sister, and his eight-year old daughter and five-year old son. The Formanski Children Education Fund has been established at the Hinsbrook Bank & Trust located at 63rd Street and Route 83 for anyone wishing to make a donation.

We were also saddened by the news of the death of **Jerry O. Novak**, father of our IHP **Ranking Sergeant Curt Novak**. Mr. Jerry Novak passed away on January 12th. We extend our sympathies and condolences to Sgt. Novak and his family.

Finally, in closing on a positive note, on behalf of the entire Village, I would like to acknowledge and thank IHP resident **Mary C. Sanny** who donated \$200 to the Indian Head Park Heritage Center and an additional \$200 to the Indian Head Park Police Department. It is through efforts of individuals such as Ms. Sanny that our community continues to prosper. Thank you!

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it,—but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. (1809–94), poet

In humble appreciation for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve as your mayor, I remain

Sincerely,

Richard S. Andrews

Senior Scenes — Play reading program

The Aging Well Community Action Team of Indian Head Park and Western Springs have teamed up with Jack Phillips, Artistic Director of The Theatre of Western Springs to bring a dynamic play reading program to older adults. This program entails interactive reading and discussion of Pulitzer Prize winning plays, one per session. Mr. Phillips leads the group. Participants read plays aloud and discuss content of the readings together. Attendees are not required to read and may just listen and discuss. Participants may join the group at any time. Please join us for this entertaining and interactive program. For dates and locations call (708)354-1323 x19.



Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, February 14, 2008

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:
No meeting scheduled at this time.

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:
Thursday, March 6, 2008

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:
Thursday, March 20, 2008

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

Indian Head Woman's Club Meeting

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, the Indian Head Park Woman's Club will hold their meeting at the Village Hall, at 201 Acacia Drive. The meeting will start at 6:45 p.m. Marti Tracy will present our program on "All That Glitters - Gems/Birthstones" and she will talk about their origin, superstitions, etc. Marti will have information about your birthstone including many things that may surprise you. Did you know that garnets occur in every color except blue? This will be a fun and interesting program. Ladies from all suburbs are welcome so please join our friendly group for a fun evening. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Adrienne at 708-246-8730 for more information. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18th at the IHP Village Hall.

Pleasantdale Garden Club

The Pleasantdale Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at the Pleasantdale Park District Building, 7425 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge. Marcie Papadakes will give a lecture on the central role of flowers in the world of perfumery. For further information, call Barbara Graham at 630-986-8110.



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Deadline date for the next issue is February 18, 2008.

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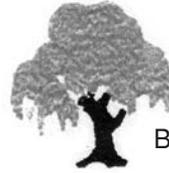
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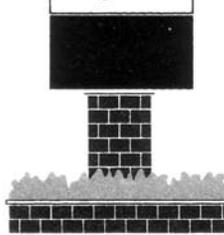
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Our condolences to the families and friends of the following who recently passed away: Jerry L. Formanski Jr., one of our Indian Head Park Police Officers, age 36. Jerry served the Village of Indian Head Park as a full-time police officer since 1999 and also was a U.S. Army Veteran. Jerry O. Novak, the father of Indian Head Park Police Sergeant Curt Novak. James F. Jasper, age 65, a resident of Indian Head Park and former LaGrange resident who served in the Air Force from 1962 to 1965, he worked as a computer systems analyst and enjoyed golf. Constantine Hastalis, age 88, who served in the U.S. Army from 1941 until 1946 as a captain in the 73rd Armored Battalion and he owned and operated a restaurant for fifteen years, "The Dinette Lunch" on Halsted Street in Chicago. Wanda Gorny, age 89, who was a teacher for the Chicago Board of Education before retiring. David Moss, age 58, who was the owner of Don Moss Landscaping.

Mark your calendar for the February 5, 2008 Suburban Cook County Presidential Primary Election. The polls will be

open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polling place locations as well as verification of your voter registration for this election period may be obtained on the Cook County Clerk's Office Website at: www.voterinfonet.com

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.

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