

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Let me begin my final message as your Mayor by asking all of you for a moment of contemplative gratitude for the men and women who wear the uniform of this sweet land of liberty that has given all of us so very much.

On May 10, 2007, I will pass the torch of leadership to a new administration.

The image of a torch – an ancient symbol of light and enlightenment.

And after 8 years, how have I been enlightened? What have I learned from all of the people in this community that I have served.

I have learned that I live in a community of wonderful, selfless, generous and caring people.

I have learned that to have true understanding that it is not necessary to understand everything.

I have learned to admit one's errors before someone else exaggerates them.

I have learned that all conditions are never perfect and that to delay action until all factors seem favorable causes one to do nothing.

I have learned to be grateful for the positive people who have touched my life.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

I have learned never to allow a fondness for authority to exceed one's sense of responsibility.

And so, on May 10th, I will hand the gavel to **Richard Andrews**. The gavel will be placed into dedicated, honest and knowledgeable hands.

With your indulgence, the following is a listing of accomplishments; these items were not effected by myself alone but through countless hours of thought, analysis and by just plain hard work by all of the officials, employees, and volunteers of our Village and the Administrative Team.

Accomplishments of the Indian Head Park Administrative Team

- Implementation of Community Forum
- Implementation of Indian Head Park Mayor's Advisory Council
- Director Consolidation of Offices of Administrator/Police Chief
- Implementation of Police Sergeant Ranking
- Village of Indian Head Park 40th Anniversary Celebration

- Sidewalk Extension from Ashbrook to Plainfield and Wolf
- Creation of Cable Television Bulletin Board
- Negotiation of Cellular Tower Contract
- Crossroads Retail Development Project
- Development of Chestnut on the Green, Phase I and Phase II
- Opening of the South Works Facility
- Police Department Grant
- Y2K Preparation and Planning Implementation
- Initiation of "P-Squared" Enhanced Neighborhood Watch
- Sacajawea Park Finalization
- Enactment of the Tree Preservation Ordinance
- Creation of Student Government Night and Family Fun Day
- Speed Limit Reduction/ Child and Pedestrian Safety Ordinance
- Police Technology Grant
- Resolution of Water Delivery Contract
- Acquisition Grant for Heritage Center (Bird House)
- Acquisition Grant for Arrowhead Memorial Pointe (Plainfield & Wolf)
- Created Right Turn Lane - Southeast Corner of Plainfield and Wolf
- Obtained Street Lighting Along Joliet Road
- Disposition of Wellhouse
- Maintaining Tree City USA Designation (16 Years)
- Development and Introduction of Village's Website
- Enhancement and Development in the Commercial District "Triangle" area
- Police Department Implementation of A.F.I.S. System and Training
- Joined Southwest Central Dispatch Service
- Creation of Planning & Zoning Ethics Ordinance
- Achieved the Status of a Clean Air Act Community through the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and Participation in Programs Sponsored by this Organization
- Obtained a \$7,500 Grant for the Heritage Center from the Township of Lyons
- Obtained an Annual Grant of \$1,800 from Cook County for the Tobacco Youth Enforcement Grant Program
- Obtained \$500,000 Impact Fee from Dartmoor Homes

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Computer Recycling Drive

Saturday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Lyons Township – South Campus

The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Lyons Township High School will be hosting the 3rd Annual Community Computer Recycling Drive to collect used computers, printers and cellular phones. The event will be held at Lyons Township School South Campus at 4900 Willow Springs Road. Tax receipts will be available. All equipment will be given to Computers for Schools, a non-profit organization that refurbishes computers for use by needy schools and properly recycles any unusable equipment. All donated hard drives are cleaned to National Security Administration standards. Last year, Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center received 8 computers & printers for a new computer lab as a result of the very successful Computer Recycling Drive. Take advantage of this great opportunity to do some spring cleaning! Get rid of all of those old monitors, printers and hard drives to make this a successful event. For further details, please contact Donna Hutchinson at the Chamber of Commerce at (708) 387-7550 or by e-mail at donna@wscoci.org

Electronics Collection

June 15th and June 16th

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Triton College – River Grove

2000 Fifth Ave., Northwest Student Parking Lot

The West Cook County Solid Waste Agency along with Rhodes School will be hosting an electronics collection on June 15th and June 16th at Triton College in River Grove. The following items will be accepted at this location with a \$5 co-pay for each television and monitor collected: computer equipment, printers, telephones, answering machines, cellular phones, fax machines, T.V.'s and VCR's, stereo equipment, computer software, disks, CD's and tapes. For further information, please contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9100 or MRK Group at www.mrkgroup.com.

Student News....

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

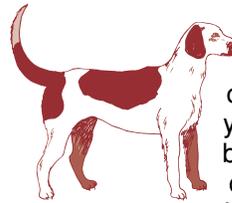
North Central College – Naperville - Christopher Cervantes of Indian Head Park was named to the fall term dean's list at North Central College in Naperville.

Nazareth Academy – LaGrange Park - The following students from Indian Head Park were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy: Timothy Anderson, Nora O'Connell and Joseph Pellegrino.

Joliet Junior College - Eric Willis of Indian Head Park was named to the roll of merit at Joliet Junior College.

University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign - The following students earned designation on the dean's list and graduated with a degree from the University of Illinois: Ryan Brummet and Maria Durso (Master's degrees) and Elizabeth Austermuehle (Bachelor's Degree).

Animal Tags



The Village of Indian Head Park is issuing animal tags for the new year at no cost to residents. Please provide a current rabies vaccination certificate from your local veterinarian. Animal tags may be obtained at the Village offices during office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Also, keep in mind that the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code requires that dogs be under the control of the owner and on a leash.

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Alterations . . . Experienced with silks, woolens, ultrasuede and leathers. Hems, zippers, buttons replaced, and bedspread repairs. Heirloom christening gowns, etc. Call (708) 246-6635.

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For Sale. . . . Grids and screens that fit Indian Ridge 2 bedroom unit windows. Grids – \$10 each, screens – \$5 each. Please call (708) 784-1694.

For Sale. . . . Wh. Fr. Prov. Dresser w/Formica top. Suitable for hand decorating/decoupage. 21" deep, 47" wide and 31" high. \$125. Call Jean at 246-6635.

For Sale. . . . Etageres, 3 each - beautiful 5' 10 high, 3' wide, 15" deep, 5 glass shelves, chrome frame – \$100 each. Bakers rack, dark brown – \$100. Call (708) 246-6155.

For Sale. . . . Large wooden swing set with many extras, raised fort play area with overhead cover. Asking \$750 or best offer. Please call Al at (708) 269-5808 or see at 120 Indian Wood Lane in IHP.

Aging Well News . . .

The Southeast Suburban Center on Aging will be hosting the following events during the month of May: Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. "Understanding Challenging Behaviors!" for everyone who cares about someone with memory loss. Wednesday, May 30th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – an Open House at the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging Resource Center located at Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital. For further details about these programs, please contact the Agency at (708) 354-1323 or visit their Website at www.swcoa.org.

History of the Cicada



Myths abound

Long before Europeans came to North America, the American Indians observed the periodical cicada. Its appearance at 17-year intervals aroused their superstition and fear. The dark bars on their filmy wings resemble a "W", suggesting war to the

superstitious. The Pilgrims dubbed the cicada a "locust" on its first appearance to them at Plymouth, Mass., in 1634. It undoubtedly reminded the colonists of the migratory locust, a species of grasshopper that ruined crops in Egypt in Biblical times and still is a threat to crops in many parts of the world. To this day, some people still erroneously refer to cicadas as locusts. Many stories are told of the sting of the cicada. All are false. The insect has no stinger. Young children might mistake the vibrations of the wings or the sharpness of the feet as a sting, but the cicada is not considered harmful. Some also claim that fruit is poisoned if stung by a cicada. This also is a myth. Beyond the folklore, however, the cicada is one of the most intriguing of all insects on the American continent simply because of the curious features of its life history. The most remarkable of these peculiarities is its long period of underground existence, ranging from 13 to 17 years. In West Virginia, broods are all of the 17-year strain. Get ready--they are due this year!

Bracing for the onslaught

After 17 years of living in underground tunnels, millions of cicadas will emerge from the earth in late May, as if by a pre-determined signal. They will undergo a startling transformation and fly to nearby trees and shrubs. From morning to night they will fill the air with their monotonous droning songs. In a few weeks, after mating and laying their eggs, they will die, leaving behind a multitude of injured twigs on the trees they have visited. The eggs hatch in about six weeks, and the young cicadas drop to the ground, burrow into the soil, and attach to a suitable root. Here they remain, sucking sap from the roots of trees and shrubs for the next 17 years, until it is time for them to emerge. Because the young cicadas feed slowly, most trees survive. For many people, it is the incessant singing of the adult periodical cicadas that makes their time above ground so annoying. The males produce five different sounds, but the call most commonly noted is best described as sounding like "farro." A second common call is a whirring sound. The female never breaks out in song, for she is voiceless. The adult cicada moves sluggishly, seldom takes food, and only occasionally resorts to flight.

Tree protection tactics

Damage associated with the cicada is caused not by feeding but by the egg-laying slits or punctures of the female. Twigs in which many egg slits have been made are often broken or partially broken from the branches. On young trees, this injury, if extensive, can set back normal growth. Wounds allow diseases to enter and provide shelter and feeding locations for other insects, such as scales and wooly apple aphid.

More than 250 species of trees and shrubs are subject to attack by the egg-laying female. However, she seems to show a preference for oak, maple, apple, dogwood, and nut trees. Mature forest trees can usually withstand this temporary harm because the cicada finds many twigs in forests in which to deposit eggs. Most at risk for damage is the lone fruit tree or seedling less than a foot tall. To protect vulnerable trees, prune very lightly or not at all during the next few months. The female and her egg laying habits will damage twigs, weakening them so that many will break and fall from the tree. Wait till June or so to prune, when you can cut out, as far as is practical, the remaining badly damaged twigs and branches. With fertilization, you can stimulate these trees to a rapid, vigorous growth, so that the wounded places remaining may heal more rapidly. Delayed pruning is especially important for fruit trees less than three years old. Commercial fruit growers and nursery operators should make plans now to protect their plants. Cicadas could disfigure young orchard or nursery trees and make them less marketable.

Most damage will be at the branch tips and will not affect fruit production. By not planting small trees, shrubs, and ornamentals this spring, you can avoid damage caused by the female periodical cicada. You can protect existing plantings by covering them with open weave cloth, such as cheesecloth, mosquito netting, or tobacco shade cloth. Put the cloth in place as soon as the adult cicadas begin to appear, and keep the tree or shrub covered until most of them have died. Leave the cloth loose enough to allow for plant growth and sunlight. Be sure to tie the bottom closed or the cicadas will crawl up inside and lay eggs.

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What Can You Do to Help Make the Air Cleaner?

The Environmental Protection Agency works constantly to make the air cleaner across the country through **air quality standards and rules reducing pollution from power plants, industries and diesel trucks, buses and construction equipment**. But you have a role to play, too. Any time you use energy – whether it's gasoline, diesel, electricity or wood – you contribute to air pollution in your community and communities downwind.

Saving energy reduces pollution – and it can save you money. Use the following guidelines to help keep air cleaner in your community.

You can help reduce pollution in your community by following these guidelines. These recommendations are especially important when **ozone** is expected to be unhealthy:

Conserve electricity and set your air conditioner at a higher temperature.

Choose a cleaner commute—share a ride to work or use public transportation. Combine errands and reduce trips. Bicycle or walk to errands when possible.

Defer use of gasoline-powered lawn and garden equip-

ment for later in the day, or for days when the air quality is better.

Refuel cars and trucks after dusk.

Limit engine idling.

Get regular engine tune ups and car maintenance checks (especially for the spark plugs).

Avoid spilling gas and do not top off the tank. Replace gas tank cap tightly.

Properly dispose of household paints, solvents and pesticides. Store these materials in airtight containers.

Paint with a brush, not a sprayer.

Buy low VOC paints for indoor and outdoor painting jobs.

You can help prevent or reduce unhealthy levels of **particle pollution** with these actions:

Reduce or eliminate fireplace and wood stove use.

Avoid using gas-powered lawn and garden equipment.

Avoid burning leaves, trash and other materials.

Use household, workshop, and garden chemicals in ways that keep evaporation to a minimum, or try to delay using them when poor air quality is forecast.

Replace the air filter and oil regularly on your vehicles.

Police Department — Safety Tips for Traveling

When you travel abroad, the odds are in your favor that you will have a safe and incident-free trip. Travelers are, however, sometimes victimized by crime or experience unexpected difficulties.

Before You Go

What to Take

Safety begins when you pack. To help avoid becoming a target, do not dress so as to mark yourself as an affluent tourist. Expensive-looking jewelry, for instance, can draw the wrong attention. Always try to travel light. You can move more quickly and will be more likely to have a free hand. You will also be less tired and less likely to set your luggage down, leaving it unattended. Carry the minimum number of valuables, and plan places to conceal them. Your passport, cash and credit cards are most secure when locked in a hotel safe. When you have to carry them on your person, you may wish to put them in various places rather than all in one wallet or pouch.

Avoid handbags, fanny packs and outside pockets that are easy targets for thieves. Inside pockets and a sturdy shoulder bag with the strap worn across your chest are somewhat safer. One of the safest places to carry valuables is in a pouch or money belt worn under your clothing. If you wear glasses, pack an extra pair. Bring them and any medicines you need in your carry-on luggage. To avoid problems when passing through customs, keep medicines in their original, labeled containers. Bring copies of your prescriptions and the generic names for the drugs. If a medication is unusual or contains narcotics, carry a letter from your doctor attesting to your need to take the drug. If you have any doubt about the legality of carrying a certain drug into a country, consult the embassy or consulate of that country before you travel.

Bring travelers checks and one or two major credit cards instead of cash. Pack an extra set of passport photos along

with a photocopy of your passport's information page to make replacement of your passport easier in the event it is lost or stolen. Put your name, address and telephone numbers inside and outside of each piece of luggage. Use covered luggage tags to avoid casual observation of your identity or nationality. If possible, lock your luggage. Consider getting a telephone calling card. It is a convenient way of keeping in touch. If you have one, verify that you can use it from your overseas location(s). Access numbers to U.S. operators are published in many international newspapers. Find out your access number before you go.

What to Leave Behind

Leave at home: valuable or expensive-looking jewelry, irreplaceable family objects, all unnecessary credit cards, your Social Security card, library card, and similar items you may routinely carry in your wallet. Leave a copy of your itinerary with family or friends at home in case they need to contact you in an emergency. Make two photocopies of your passport identification page, airline tickets, driver's license and the credit cards that you plan to bring with you. Leave one photocopy of this data with family or friends at home; pack the other in a place separate from where you carry the originals. Leave a copy of the serial numbers of your travelers' checks with a friend or relative at home. Carry your copy with you in a separate place and, as you cash the checks, cross them off the list.

Local Laws and Customs

When you leave the United States, you are subject to the laws of the country you are visiting. Therefore, before you go, learn as much as you can about the local laws and customs of the places you plan to visit. Good resources are your library, your travel agent, and the embassies, consulates or tourist bureaus of the countries you will visit. In addition, keep track of what is being reported in the media about recent developments in those countries.

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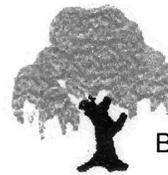
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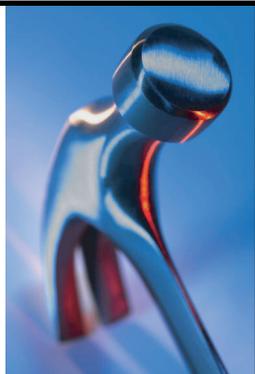


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Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Fred Hughes, a resident of Indian Head Park for 28 years. Fred served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a medic. He served in Europe and the Aleutian Islands and

he was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Darien Post 2838. Edward T. Mieszcak, age 90, a two year resident of Indian Head Park and formerly a forty year resident of Berwyn. Edward served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Doris Milligan, age 70 a resident of Indian Head Park and formerly a long time resident of Western Springs. Doris was an active and dedicated member of the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, a member of the PEO, a teacher, a Welcome Wagon representative and a copywriter editor.

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