

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

We are now in May. Let us hope that nice weather will finally be upon us. It certainly has been a long winter. Spring looked like it would never come. Soon we will be taking long drives, depending on the price of gas, taking our children to the park, possibly making home improvements such as a new deck, and taking our pets out for long walks.

Whatever new avenues arise during our break in the weather, the Village Clerk's Office of Indian Head Park is here to service your needs. The Office, which is located at 201 Acacia Drive in Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525, is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We would like the opportunity to apprise you of some of the services we provide and Village ordinances you need to be aware of.

The Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code requires that all residents purchase vehicle stickers for their cars that are either housed or registered in the Village and decals must be displayed by June 30th each year. Failure to do so will result in a 100% percent late fee and you may be subject to a ticket. Beginning May 1, 2008 stickers may be purchased in person at the Village Office during regular office hours, by regular mail or by depositing your check and completed forms in the silver "payment drop box", which is located at the Municipal Facility. As a reminder, the Village ordinance requires the following: that a sticker be purchased for all newly purchased vehicles within (30) thirty days of purchase and that all new residents purchase a sticker within (30) thirty days of residency.

The building of decks, new construction and various other types of interior and exterior remodeling projects in Indian Head Park requires a permit. To be more precise a building permit is required prior to starting any building, construction, addition, demolition or remodeling affecting the structural integrity of a building. A "Guide to Obtaining a Building Permit" is available at our Village Office or by download from our web site. Please call the office at (708) 246-3137 or stop by in person, before undertaking any home improvements, to make sure you comply with all permit requirements.

Residents may also register to vote any time during regular office hours by providing two forms of identification reflecting your current address. Please keep in mind that voter registration closes a certain period of time prior to each election period and does not re-open for new registrations until after an election.

Whatever we can do to be of service, please stop by or call the Village Clerk's Office. Also feel free to look at our web site at www.indianheadpark-il.gov. We are here to serve your needs.

Sincerely,
Joe Consolo, Village Clerk

Memorial Day Message



Since the inception of the United States of America on July 4, 1776 every generation of Americans has been called on to defend freedom and liberty. Over the years more than forty two million American men and women have served their country in time of war. More than a million have secured the blessings of liberty with their lives.

A National Moment of Remembrance was created by President Clinton to observe a moment of silence to occur at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on each Memorial Day. This is to encourage Americans everywhere, to pause for one minute on Memorial Day, to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.

This year, we observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2008 to commemorate the sacrifice of the men and women who have given their "last full measure" to the cause of freedom. As Mayor, I ask that all who read this message pause for one minute of silence at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day in their memory and honor and for all of our servicemen and women stationed around the World. The Lord's blessings be upon them all!

Mayor Richard S. Andrews

Pleasantdale Garden Club

The Pleasantdale Garden Club will host their annual salad luncheon at noon on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Lyonsville Church located at Wolf and Plainfield Roads in Indian Head Park. Tom Weidenhoefer and his barbershop quartet, "Four Old Parts" will entertain with songs from yesterday and today. A scholarship winner from Lyons Township High School will be honored. For further information, please call Nancy Alex at (630) 455-4265.



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 — Nora O'Connell, Anthony Bartucci, Joseph Pellegrino and Colleen McCollom were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy.

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

Northern Illinois University — Debra Nelson earned a master's degree at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Elmhurst College — Dariusz Wisniewski earned a bachelor's degree at Elmhurst College.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, June 12, 2008

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

Tuesday, June 3, 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!

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

Full page advertisements - \$200.00, 1/2 page advertisements - \$125.00, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" size advertisements - \$75.00, business card size advertisements - \$45.00, trading post advertisements - \$20.00 (no commercial advertisements - the advertisement will run two times at no cost, then a \$20.00 charge).

Extra copies and back issues (up to one year) of *Smoke Signals* can be obtained at the Village Hall.

Deadline date for the next issue is June 9, 2008.

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Water Use Efficiency Ideas

Efficient water use can have major environmental, public health and economic benefits by helping to improve water quality and protect drinking water resources.

Equipment -- homes with high efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30% of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer and energy bills: install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. High efficiency washing machines may save over 50% in laundry water and energy use. Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking. **Landscape Irrigation-- depending on the climate, up to 75% of a home's total water use during the growing season is for outdoor purposes.** Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning or evening), water trees and shrubs, which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently, use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation systems for trees and shrubs, use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and to control weed growth, raise your lawn mower cutting height -- longer grass blades help shade each other and reduces evaporation. (Please observe the Village of Indian Head Park Outdoor Water Restrictions which are in effect from May 15th to September 15th -- no watering between the hours of noon to 6:00 p.m.)

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Summer Storms



Although thunderstorms occur regularly in the summer, damaging lightning bolts are not restricted to sultry weather; lightning strikes somewhere on the surface of the earth about 100 times every second. There are at least 100,000 thunderstorms a year across the United States. Lightning can send a spectacular power surge along any conductive line destroying everything in its path. The most likely scenario is not a direct lightning strike but rather a nearby strike on a transformer or piece of electrical equipment. If the surge is powerful enough, it travels instantaneously through wiring and telephone lines with the electrical force equivalent of a tidal wave. The surge enters your home via electrical, telephone, or cable lines, putting all connected equipment at risk. Even a slight surge can damage delicate modern electronics such as computers, stereo systems, scanners, and printers. The motherboard, the foundation of the computer where all the computer's components meet, is hooked into the power source making it especially susceptible to damage. If the surge is powerful enough, even computer chips and other components can be affected.

The way to protect your computer and other electronics from lightning is to use a good surge protector. A power strip, which is a simple strip of outlets, is not necessarily a surge protector. A surge protector may look like a simple strip of outlets, but it has built-in protection against power surges. A good surge protector is made up of a series of metal-oxide varistors or MOV's which shield the computer from abnormally high voltage. When your home receives voltage spikes

of high intensity, the MOV's grab the current and push it away from the computer.

A good surge protector should offer four features:

1. The surge protector should cover lightning strikes. Some do not.
2. The surge protector should offer insurance to cover the loss of properly attached equipment.
3. If you have a regular modem, your surge protector should have an R-11 telephone jack where you can hook up your telephone line.
4. If you are using a cable modem, your surge protector should also accommodate your television/Internet cable.

Damage can occur regardless of whether the computer is on or off. While surge protectors offer protection for normal surges and nearby lightning strikes, nothing will protect your equipment from a direct lightning hit. During storms you can add further protection by unplugging your computer power supply and any telephone or cable line from the wall. Although it is not absolutely necessary to do this, unplugging your computer equipment during a severe storm may give you added piece of mind. Installing your surge protector is easy; just plug it into the wall and then connect your computer equipment to the protector. If you purchase a surge protector with a telephone or cable jack, run the telephone or cable line from the wall into the surge protector. The surge protector will come with an extra telephone or cable wire that you will then use to connect the surge protector to your computer or modem. Be sure to protect your computer with a quality surge protector. When that summer storm brings a damaging power surge, you'll have no need to worry because of the adequate protection you have installed for your equipment.

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TEEPEE TOPICS

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following who recently passed away: Christine D'Angelo, age 66. Elwyn Seiferet, age 87. Elwyn was a founding member of St. Cletus Church in LaGrange and its past president of the Holy Name Society.

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.

From The Administration Offices.....

Please note that the Administration Offices mailed the vehicle sticker renewal applications and you should be receiving your form in the mail to purchase stickers beginning May 1st to June 30th. Additional forms may be downloaded from the Village's Website at: www.indianheadpark-il.gov

For your convenience, forms may be completed and deposited in the mail drop box in the Village parkway area at the Municipal Offices. Please include a check payable to the Village of Indian Head Park and your stickers can be mailed back to you prior to the deadline date. Vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by June 30, 2008. Animal tags may also be obtained beginning May 1st at no cost by providing a copy of your animal's current rabies certification.

Heritage Center Library



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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