

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Happy Spring to everyone! This is one of those rare years when we are actually having a spring season. With winter over, we once again thank Ed Santen, our Public Works Superintendent, and his crew for keeping the Village streets in great shape through another winter.

Hopefully everyone had a happy and blessed Easter. Despite the rainy weather, the Annual Village Easter Egg Hunt was held in Blackhawk Park on Saturday, April 3rd. Attendance was good, considering the weather. Even the Easter Bunny was there! Our thanks to the Administrative Staff and all the others who helped to make this event possible.

The 2010 Census and the importance of it has been advertised by most forms of media for several months. We hope that by now all Village residents have completed and returned their census forms. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of everyone in the Village being counted in this census. The census is not only the basis for reallocating House seats among states, but it is also the basis for distributing billions in Federal and State funds to states and localities. Therefore, if you do not get counted in the census, our Village loses some very much needed Federal and State funds.

If you did not mail in your census form, you will be called or visited by a census worker sometime between May 1st and July, 2010. They will take your information at your door—they do not come into your home. They must present an identification badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date, and they will only ask you the questions that appear on the form. If you are contacted, please cooperate and give them the information.

Along with spring and the beautiful weather, trees, flowers and bushes also comes an annual Village ritual known as the Village budget for a new fiscal year starting May 1st. Budgets are always a challenge but this year's is a real challenge. Our thanks to Frank Alonzo, Administrator, and David Brink, Finance Director, who do most of this difficult and time consuming task, along with input from the Mayor, department heads, Board of Trustees and Finance Committee.

Probably everyone has been affected in some way by the economic turmoil this country has suffered for the past two or three years. Almost all governmental entities from Villages to, and including, the Federal Government have budget deficits and financial problems. Our Village is no different. There has been a drastic drop in the amount of income and sales tax received by the Village from the State of Illinois, as well as

some of the revenue producing items in the Village. We are always looking for ways to increase revenue and/or reduce expenses. This year's budget will contain some reductions and elimination of some items. Hopefully whatever is reduced or eliminated can be restored sometime in the future when conditions improve. The budget has not yet been completed or voted on by the Village Board and probably will not be for a few weeks, so stay tuned!

For seniors age 60 and older, there is now a new senior lunch site at Salerno Pincente Ristorante, 9301 W. 63rd Street (near Quarry Mall Theater) in Hodgkins. Lunch is served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for a suggested donation of \$2.00. Reservations are needed by noon on the business day before seniors plan to eat and may be made by calling (708) 547-5600. This lunch program is sponsored and operated by the Village of Hodgkins, Township of Lyons and West Suburban Senior Services. This is not only a place to get a good lunch at a great price, but also a place to meet and socialize with other seniors.

The Western Springs–Indian Head Park Aging Well Initiative team continues to be active in planning and promoting programs designed to help senior citizens live a better and longer life. The team needs some new members with new ideas to include in planning events and programs. Team members do not have to be seniors. Anyone interested in joining the team can contact Mike Doepke at (630) 323-7231 or Norman Schnauer at (708) 246-0301. You are also welcome to attend a team meeting to learn more about the Aging Well program. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Western Springs Senior Center located on the second floor of Grand Avenue School, 4211 Grand Avenue, Western Springs. The school is one block west of Western Springs Library.

This area is fortunate to have one central phone number that seniors and/or their families or caregivers can call to obtain help or information for anything regarding senior living. That number is (708) 354-1323 and is the Aging Care Connections (formerly Southwest Suburban Center on Aging) located at 111 W. Harris Avenue, LaGrange.

Please remember for Village news and information go to Indian Head Park's TV Channel 6, the Village Website at www.indianheadpark-il.gov and the "Smoke Signals".

Sincerely,
Norman L. Schnauer, Trustee

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 S. Andrews, Mayor of the Village of Indian Head Park, do hereby proclaim, April 30, 2010 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 April, 2010,

Richard S. Andrews, Mayor
Village of Indian Head Park

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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).

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 Thursday, May 13, 2010
 Thursday, June 10, 2010

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:
 Tuesday, May 4, 2010
 Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:
 Thursday, May 6, 2010

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!

VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK
 201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park, IL 60525
 (708) 246-3080
www.indianheadpark-il.gov

Office Hours
 Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
 Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

Mayor: Richard S. Andrews

Trustees: Deborah A. Anselmo Carol Coleman
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 Anne Bermier Matthew P. Walsh II

Village Clerk: Joseph V. Consolo

**Chief of Police/
 Administrator:** Frank Alonzo, Jr.

Police Dept. Non-Emergency 246-4534
Emergency 9-1-1

Fire Dept. Non-Emergency 352-9229
Emergency 9-1-1

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TEEPEE TOPICS

Visit the Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library at 6250 Wolf Road which is open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 3:00 p.m. Are you spring cleaning? Please consider donating your books to the library. Book donations are accepted at the Village Municipal Facility during regular office hours. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-2293.

The Lyonsville Congregational Church located at 6871 West Joliet Road in Indian Head Park has space available for groups or organizations to conduct bi-weekly or monthly meetings. There is plenty of parking, several classrooms and 2 large basement areas. For further information, please contact the church at (708) 246-1255. Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ was recently recognized as a Sesquicentennial Church by the Illinois State Historical Society. This designation is given to churches or synagogues that have operated continuously in Illinois for at least 150 years. Lyonsville Church, was founded one hundred and sixty seven years ago. Congratulations to Reverend

Robert Von Trebra, a resident of Indian Head Park, who is celebrating his 14th year as Pastor of Lyonsville Church.

Our condolences to the family of friends of Dawn Poulson, age 67, of Indian Head Park, who recently passed away.

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allow anyone to enter their home without an appointment. Please contact the Indian Head Park Police Department non-emergency number at (708) 246-4534 to report any suspicious activity in the community. If it is an emergency, dial 911. All contractors working in Indian Head Park are also required to obtain a contractor's business license on an annual basis, provide proof of insurance and pay a fee. The contractor's business license should be obtained at the Administration Offices prior to any work commencing. This includes work that may not need a building permit such as landscaping, paving, concrete work, painting & decorating, irrigation installation, and general contractors performing miscellaneous routine maintenance work.

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