

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Happy Holidays

Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

By the time this message is read another Veterans' Day will have come and gone. Our thanks and gratitude goes to all veterans who have served our country and to all of our men and women now serving in the military service the world over, to protect our rights and to maintain the freedoms we enjoy and many times take for granted. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to all the families and friends that have lost loved ones who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, in all wars and conflicts past and present, to guarantee the freedoms we all enjoy and live by.

Another election is now history. Although we do not always like or agree with some or all candidates and their campaign tactics, the positions they seek need to be filled. It is the voters' rights and duties to vote to fill those positions. We urge all registered voters to vote in future elections. Indian Head Park residents who are not already registered to vote may do so at the Village administration office during normal business hours. Speaking of elections, the Village electorate approved the sales revenue referendum by an overwhelming majority (1,107, yes / 487, no). This additional sales revenue will enable us to do some much needed infrastructure repairs and improvements without the immediate need of raising property taxes.

If you drive in the area you have probably noticed that conditions have improved with the completion and opening of Wolf Road and the widening and resurfacing of Plainfield Road from Wolf Road west to just past the main entrance to the Timber Trails development. Also please be aware that the speed limit on Willow Springs Road between 55th Street and Joliet Road has been reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph and new signs have been posted.

The Heritage Center parking lot has now been created and paved, although there are a few things yet to be done such as striping and clean-up work. The Heritage Center is closed temporarily until the lot is available for use. Next spring the house will be painted and other enhancements will be made to the property. And **yes**, the white fence will be reconstructed and landscaping planning is to be accomplished.

Plans for the Plainfield Road sidewalk have been completed by the Village's engineering firm, approved by the Village Board and the contract was awarded. Plans are awaiting final approval by the Cook County Highway Department. Weather conditions permitting, the project is

expected to begin yet this year; however, it may need to wait until early spring of 2007. Our thanks to Dartmoor Homes and the Township of Lyons for providing the funds for this project. Additionally, your Village Board has prioritized the southeast corner of Plainfield Road and Wolf for completion of Arrowhead Memorial Pointe in F.Y. 2007.

A big "Thank You" to all of those who prepared and helped with the annual Village sponsored Halloween Party that was held on Saturday, October 28th. The party, as usual, was a big success and hopefully will be repeated next year.

Congratulations to Trustee Anne Bermier who recently was the recipient of a much deserved 2006 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award from the Illinois Humanities Council. The award was presented to Trustee Bermier by Mayor Pellegrino at the November 9, 2006 Village Board meeting. Trustee Bermier was honored for her service to the Village of Indian Head Park as an elected trustee for over 26 years and for the past five years for her service as Trustee Liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Indian Head Park Heritage Center. Anne took the lead in establishing the Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library and volunteered on many occasions to assist with various events at the library, including book readings and commemorative events to recognize the Heritage Center's historical significance to the community. Trustee Bermier also helped to create a docent program for the center modeled after that of the Art Institute of Chicago and coordinates the individual docents, as well as supervising all program activities at the center. She has distinguished herself as a teacher for over 38 years at St. John of the Cross School in Western Springs where she served as a moderator for the Student Council. (Again, congratulations Trustee Bermier). In accepting the award, Trustee Bermier in her modest fashion accepted the honor on behalf of all IHP docents.

Also congratulations to our Village Water/Public Works Superintendent Ed Santen and his fiancée Tanja Vojinovic, as they "tie-the-knot" on Sunday, November 26, 2006. Our best wishes to them for a long, happy, healthy and prosperous marriage.

We also congratulate Officer Raymond J. Leuser III who was recently appointed as a Sergeant of the Indian Head Park Police Department.

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It is also great to have Police Chief Pat Crowley back at work as much as he can be and we continue to wish him the best as he continues to overcome his illness.

The Indian Head Park Aging Well Initiative Team, which joined with the Western Springs Aging Well Team several months ago, is still active furnishing and promoting programs designed to help senior citizens live a better and longer life.

There are a multitude of programs, seminars, presentations and services, most of them at no charge, available to the senior population of the western suburbs. We encourage the senior citizens of the Village to take advantage of these opportunities. Please watch the local newspapers, "Smoke Signals" and fliers posted throughout the Village for information concerning upcoming events for seniors.

Another year is around the corner and another holiday season is here. With that in mind, on behalf of Mayor Pellegrino, the Village Board of Trustees, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, Planning and Zoning Commission, Police and Fire Commission and all Village employees and volunteers, we wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a healthy new year for 2007.

Sincerely, Trustee Norman L. Schnauer

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, December 7, 2006

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

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:
No meetings scheduled at this time.

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:
Thursday, December 21, 2006

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

Smoke Signals

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Smoke Signals is published by the Village of Indian Head Park to inform its residents of present activities in the village and the ever-growing plans for the future in the pursuit of better government and good citizenship.

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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Deadline date for the next issue is December 8, 2006.

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Noteworthy Letter

Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
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November 7, 2006

Township of Lyons
Patrick Rogers, Supervisor
6404 Joliet Road
Countryside, Illinois 60525

Township of Lyons
Steven Landek, Highway Commissioner
6404 Joliet Road
Countryside, Illinois 60525

Dear Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mayor Pellegrino and my fellow Trustees, we wish to thank you for your most generous \$25,000 grant to be utilized to complete the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project along the south side of Plainfield Road in the Village of Indian Head Park.

The pathway will provide safe passage for our children and adult residents throughout our community and the surrounding areas as well as providing a connection point between Indian Head Park and neighboring Villages.

The plans for the Plainfield Road Pedestrian Pathway Project have been completed by Christopher Burke Engineering and we awaiting final approval from the Cook County Highway Department. Weather conditions permitting, we anticipate the project to begin this year; however, we may need to undertake this project in the early spring of 2007.

Thank you once again for your support on this project.

Sincerely,
Matthew P. Walsh
Trustee

Pc: Mayor Pellegrino and Board of Trustees

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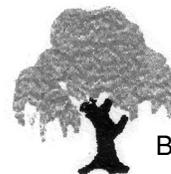
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POLICE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING.....

Crime Prevention Safety Tips

Lock A Door, Stop A Thief

Give your home a fighting chance against crime

Delaying a burglar for four minutes is usually enough to prevent entry into a house. It is almost impossible to make a home "crime proof"—but it is easy to make entry difficult and frustrate a burglar.

Family Habits

Home and garage doors should always be locked. Almost 50 percent of burglars enter homes and property through unlocked doors and windows. Use your locks. Never leave keys outdoors. Burglars know where to find "secret" hiding places. Every ten seconds in the United States, a burglary is committed; don't help criminals by unlocking the door for them!

Front, Side, and Back Entrances

All doors that lead outside should be solid-core wood or metal. (Most hollow doors can be easily broken through.) Each door should fit its frame tightly with no more than 1/8 inch clearance between the door and frame. Make it hard for a burglar to reach in and unlock your door. Deadbolt locks provide good protection. When you turn the key, the lock mechanism slides a strong metal bolt from the door into the frame. Don't forget to have locks installed on screen doors and storm doors, as well as garage doors, cellar doors, patio doors, and any other doors that lead outside. Install a peep-hole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors that don't have windows, so that you can see who is outside without opening the door. Or use a voice communication system to identify visitors. Never open the door to anyone you do not know without first verifying the person's identity. Burglars look for sliding glass doors because they are easy to open. Bolster any existing locks by placing a solid strip of wood (such as a broom handle) in the track of the closed door. Thieves may also try to lift the door off its tracks. Adjust the rollers so the door cannot be lifted off and consider installing screws along the upper track of the door. Leave enough room for the door to slide, but not enough to lift the door off its tracks. Overgrown limbs, bushes, or landscaping could block a neighbor or passerby from observing a break-in. Criminals avoid the spotlight. Porches, yards, and all entrances to your home and garage should be well lighted.

Windows

Most standard windows have a thumb-turn lock in the center. Don't rely on these locks; they can be easily pried open or reached through a broken pane. Install key locks for windows, and keep the keys in a separate area. For especially vulnerable windows, consider installing grates or grilles. Make sure grates are equipped with a quick-release feature for emergency exits. As with doors, screen and storm windows should lock from the inside. Any second-floor windows that are accessible from porches, trellises, garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings should be as secure as ground-floor windows. Just because the window is not on ground level doesn't make it inaccessible.

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Because these communities heroes are often unsung, the Illinois Humanities Council established the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Awards. Named after the prize-winning oral historian and author, Studs Terkel, the awards reflect the expansive spirit of this prominent son of Illinois. Since 1999, nearly 400 individuals from communities all over the state have received the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award.

PROCLAMATION

Presented to Trustee Anne M. Bermier

Whereas, individuals who donate their time to the humanities are building communities for the next century, and

Whereas, the Illinois Humanities Council is dedicated to fostering a culture in which the humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities; and

Whereas, Studs Terkel has recognized the extraordinary accomplishments of ordinary people in his chronicles of America life; and

Whereas, the Illinois Humanities Council has initiated the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award to honor those humanities heroes whose efforts are often unnoticed and unsung; and

Whereas, Anne M. Bermier is being honored by the Illinois Humanities Council for her service to the Village of Indian Head Park as an elected Trustee for over 26 years and for the past five years for her service as the Trustee Liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Indian Head Park Heritage Center; and

Whereas, Anne M. Bermier has volunteered her time on many occasions to assist with various events at the Heritage Center Library, including book readings and commemorative events to recognize the Heritage Center's historical significance to the community; and

Whereas, Anne M. Bermier has also distinguished herself as a teacher for over 38 years at St. John of the Cross School in Western Springs, where she also served as a moderator for the Student Council.

Therefore, I, Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor of the Village of Indian Head, do hereby recognize Anne M. Bermier as a recipient of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award and as a champion of the humanities in the Village of Indian Head Park

Dated this 9th day of November, 2006

Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor
Village of Indian Head Park

Proclamation to Honor Frank and Jo Ann Accardi

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann Accardi were residents of Indian Head Park for approximately 14 years;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann Accardi volunteered as docents at the Village of Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann Accardi volunteered their time to the Catholic War Veterans;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann Accardi volunteered their time to the Kiwanis organization for the City of Berwyn and the Village of Burr Ridge for several years;

Whereas, Frank served as Scout Master and Jo Ann served as Girl Scout Leader and Den Mother for the Chicago area Boy Scouts of America in the 1960's;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann volunteered their time to the Special Olympics and assisted with programs for adult challenged individuals;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann volunteered their time at St. John of the Cross Parish classes;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann volunteered at Ronald McDonald House near Loyola Hospital for 10 years;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann volunteered at Villa Scalabrini House for the Aged for 10 years;

Whereas, Frank and Jo Ann volunteered for a few years with the B.E.D.S. Program for the homeless.

Therefore, we proclaim, Saturday, October 21, 2006, as a day to honor Frank and Jo Ann Accardi for their spirit and dedication to volunteerism.

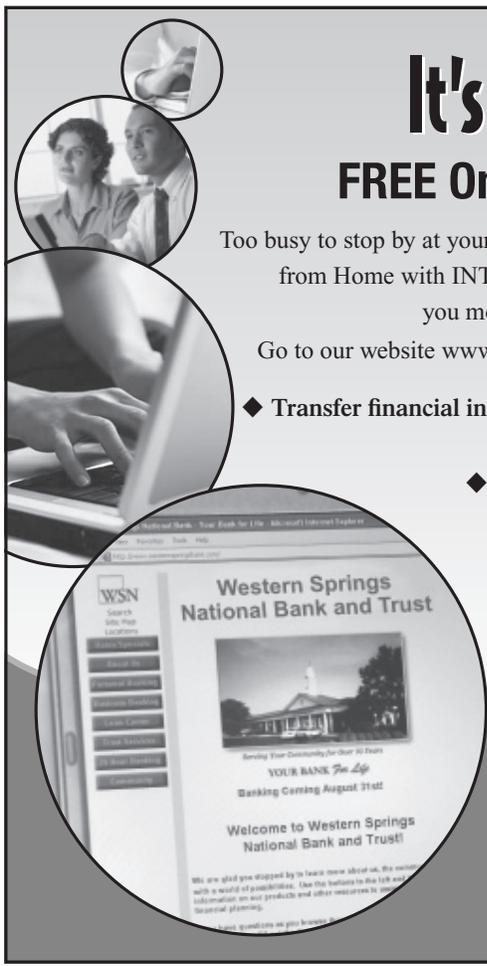
Dated this 21st day of October, 2006.

Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor
Village of Indian Head Park

Indian Head Park Woman's Club

Club Activities for December

The Indian Head Park Woman's Club will be hosting their Christmas Party on December 12, 2006 at the Flame Restaurant. Mark your calendars! Get ready to listen to some excellent entertainment for woman of all ages. If you should have any questions, the contact person is Adrienne Ingebrigtsen and she can be reached at (708) 246 8730. Dave Majestic will sing your favorites songs from the repertoire of Sinatra, Dean Martin and Tony Bennett. He was the finalist for the last two years of the "I Will Make You A Star" contest. The next meeting in 2007 is January 16th, at the Village Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. The program will consist of a game called LCR. Please bring 3 packs of dimes. It has been suggested that the IHPWC sweatshirts be worn.



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Snow Removal in Indian Head Park

To reduce the hazards of ice and snow on the roads, the Village's Public Works Department will activate the snow removal program during winter storms. The success of the program also relies on residents who routinely cooperate with the department. This cooperation is based on an understanding of how the Village performs the snow removal operation. Here are some answers to commonly asked questions regarding the program:

Q.) How many miles of streets are plowed?

A.) *The Village maintains; approximately 12.3 miles of roadway, primarily two lanes, with 38 cul-de-sacs throughout. State and county routes are maintained by their respective agencies.*

Q.) When are the streets plowed?

A.) *The Village begins an all-out snow plowing operation whenever two to three inches of snow have accumulated. It is the Village's goal to clear all streets within eight hours after the snowfall has ceased, but heavier snow falls take longer to clear. De-icing begins when precipitation (either snow or ice) starts to accumulate and causes unsafe travel. De-icing the streets takes two to three hours.*

Q.) Which streets are cleared first?

A.) *The Village has established a snow plowing priority system in order for main routes to be plowed first. However, hills, curves, intersections and bridges receive number one priority, followed by the main arteries and cul-de-sacs. Once the roadway system is cleared, snow is pushed off the street, curb-to-curb.*

Q.) Why are cul-de-sacs last?

A.) *Cul-de-sacs are the most time consuming streets to plow. On average, it takes 35 minutes to clear a cul-de-sac of snow, which is eight times longer per square yard of pavement. Cul-de-sacs are also more difficult to clear because of the limited space in the parkway to deposit snow without burying driveways, mailboxes, streetlights or fire hydrants.*

Q.) When is it illegal to park on the village streets during a snowfall?

A.) *Whenever a two (2) inch snowfall is exceeded, the Village prohibits parking on every street until the entire roadway system is clear and after the snowfall has ceased. (Village code, Chapter 10.24, Sec. #10.24.010)*

Q.) What can the residents do to help in the snow removal operation?

A.) *Keep ahead of the storm by listening to the Weather Channel, radio, and television for the latest winterstorm watches, warnings and advisories.*

Advise your contractors and/or private individuals not to deposit snow onto public streets in the course of clearing private driveways, parking lots and other areas. This act is potentially dangerous to vehicular traffic and pedestrians, and can adversely affect the safety of the community. Contractors and private individuals should push and plow the snow to one side of a driveway or parking lot. Please do not plow snow onto the public roadway system.

Your cooperation will assure the best service possible during a winter storm.

Ed Santen, Public Works Superintendent

Safe Winter Driving on Illinois Roadways

Winter driving in Illinois presents a wide variety of road conditions.

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Technology Transfer Center, in cooperation with the Village of Indian Head Park Public Works Department, would like to pass along a few simple winter driving tips to make your drive safe while snowplow vehicles are working.

Things You Can Do:

DO watch for plow drivers in town, weaving in and out, pulling the snow from turn bays and parking lanes.

DO use roadside objects as landmarks to become oriented to the highway.

DO stay with your vehicle if you become stranded. Pull as far off the road as possible and turn on the emergency flashers or other lights to be seen by other vehicles. Remove the snow from your headlights and taillights.

DO carry a winter emergency kit in your car. The kit should include an ice scraper/snowbrush, blankets and warm coverings, jumper cables, a basic tool kit, a flashlight with extra batteries, flares or reflectors, a shovel and traction material (sand, kitty litter, old rugs or mats) and a basic first aid kit.

Things Not To Do:

DO NOT overdrive your headlights. Stay within the limits

of your vision. Headlights set on dim usually provide the best visibility.

DO NOT assume you will have good traction because the road looks clear. "Black Ice" and poor visibility can be deceiving. Remember to brake slowly and to reduce your speed during winter driving conditions.

DO NOT plow snow onto Village roadways. Village ordinance requires "No Parking" on any Village street after a two inch snowfall. This increases the cost to residents while making the roadway hazardous.

Always use common sense and good judgment when driving.

Think Safety . . .

Practice good winter driving techniques.

Keep the gas tank full.

Turn the lights on—to see and be seen.

Watch those bridges: they are probably slick.

Bring a cellular telephone in case of an emergency.

Remember . . .

Snowplow drivers are there to make the roads as safe as possible for everyone — not to be in your way!

Additional cold weather information is available at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. Please stop by.

Ed Santen, Public Works Superintendent



TEEPEE TOPICS

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Bernie M. Carnevale, age 90, who was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, he owned and operated Carnevale's School of Music and Windy City Music on the southwest side of Chicago from 1938 until 1982 when he sold the business. Duane L. Carlson, age 80, who was a resident of Indian Head Park for 33 years, he was a college educator before retiring and served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean conflict. Marie Krupko M.D., age 92.

Marie was a 1939 graduate of Ohio State University. Michael A. Arpaia, age 80, who was a fifteen year resident of Indian Head Park. Mr. Arpaia was a Cook County Deputy Sheriff for 25 years before retiring, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was an active member of the American Legion in Chicago for many years.

Stanley Matray, age 89, who served in the U.S. Coast Guard in the Pacific Campaign during World War II, he was an all-star catcher with Windy City Softball, he enjoyed working with children as a Cub Scout leader and Little League Coach, he was an avid bowler and a member of St. Bernadette's Holy Name Society. Jacqueline D. Celaya, age 75, who was an accountant at Product Service Craft in Downers Grove for 30 years until her retirement. Mrs. Celaya enjoyed playing music, sewing, crafts, flower gardening and gourmet cooking. Chester Adamski, age 90, who was a machinist at Illinois Tool Company in Lincolnwood before retiring. He was a member of St. Mary of Czestochowa Senior Club. Gene Vileta, age 73, who was a U.S. Army vet-

eran and he was an underwriter in the insurance industry.

The Cook County Department of Public Health is reminding residents that flu season has begun again and the best way to avoid getting sick is to get a flu shot. This year for the first time the Department of Public Health has created an appointment-only system to streamline the process of receiving a flu shot immunization. The vaccines are available at no cost until supplies last to individuals over age 50, persons of any age with chronic health conditions (such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease and cancer), children 6 months of age to 5 years old, pregnant women, persons who live or provide care for chronically ill individuals, and health-care workers. To schedule an appointment for a flu-shot at the Bridgeview clinic, Cook County residents may call (708) 492-2185 to make an appointment. The flu kills more than 36,000 people yearly in the United States, 90% of them are over the age of 65.



Heritage Center Library

The new driveway configuration at the Heritage Center is almost completed and the Heritage Center Library will re-open officially on December 2, 2006. The hours will be: Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Story time will take place on Saturday mornings for children under eight years of age. If you would like to help or have any suggestions, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.

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