

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Since its origin dating back to the Civil War, "Taps" which is composed of just twenty-four notes has been played to honor our fallen soldiers. Writers through the years have created words to accompany the notes. These are one of the assorted unofficial lyrics that accompany the bugler's notes:

*Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lake,
From the hills,
From the sky,
Rest in peace,
Soldier brave,
God is nigh.*

On November 11, we remember and honor our veterans both living and deceased. For a soldier, "Taps" is both the most welcomed and the most feared sound. At camp "Taps" signals the end of a soldier's long day. However, at other times, the hearing of "Taps" means a fellow soldier has fallen. We must never forget the service and sacrifice made by our veterans and those men and women today serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mayor Rich Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees want to give thanks again to all the docents for their time and effort conducting a book sale to help raise funds for the Heritage Center Library. We also want to thank the crossing guards for keeping our students safe as they walk to school. No matter what the weather, they are on the job!

We wish furthermore to thank and congratulate Chief Frank Alonzo and the Police Department for issuing crime alerts and investigating and solving our recent crime wave. We know this took hours of tracking down every lead. Chief Alonzo and a member of the police force are conducting a Community Awareness Program designed to keep our residents informed of police matters occurring in our Village.

These meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The first meeting, attended by many residents, was held on September 28th.

In closing, Mayor Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees wish to extend to all residents and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Trustee Anne Bermier

p.s. As this issue is going to print, the renovation of the Heritage Center is almost completed. Workers were waiting for some decent weather to finish the siding. The work included replacement of the windows, the installation of aluminum siding on the exterior walls, soffit, and fascia and a reconstructed front entrance. Admittedly, it took some time for this to get accomplished but the results appear to have been worth the wait.

Similarly, the Village Board of Trustees has awarded the bid for the Blackhawk Park renovations which, weather permitting, should be started by the end of October and completed in twelve to fifteen days. This bid was for the concrete work. We are able to replace the asphalt walkway with concrete. A new sign and landscaping will be installed as well. The costs involved for this project are being covered by the Lyons Township Park Bond referendum from several years ago. Your administration team worked diligently to insure that some of these extra tax dollars we are all paying were returned to the Village rather than being spent in one place outside our community.

Finally, we have signed off on the paperwork necessary for our receipt of a \$30,000 grant from the State for the costs involved in capping the well at the south entrance to Acacia. Also included is a \$65,000 grant for the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of Willow Springs Road running north from the Walgreen's to 65th Place. This project will likely not commence until next spring. We are also waiting for paperwork for the grant from the State to replace the watermain on Cochise. With some luck, I hope this will be accomplished in 2012. Also, some residents in town will notice some street patching taking place (or completed). We cannot afford to do a full re-paving where needed but the worst sections are being repaired.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Mayor Rich Andrews



Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Thursday, December 8, 2011

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

No meeting scheduled at this time.

Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

No meeting scheduled at this time.

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:

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TEEPEE TOPICS

In Disney films, dreams and wishes always come true. They may not easily, but they do come true. Indian Head Park skater Jonna Malinowski proves that truism. She is living her dream as a cast member in "Mickey & Minnie's Magical Journey", and she performed at the Disney on Ice show at the United Center in September. Jonna is a graduate of Lyons Township High School and has been skating since the age of 4.

Sandra Adams, a resident of Indian Head Park, is a felt artist whose textile based creations range from clothing originals to outdoor sculpture. Sandra is among 30 artists invited to show their work in a fundraising exhibit for the Wellness House in Hinsdale, coinciding with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month during the month of October. She is also a landscape designer.

Refuse Disposal and Collection – On occasion we have received calls that some residents are leaving refuse at the curb long before the scheduled pick up dates. The Village code does not allow for refuse to be left at the curb longer than the day before garbage pick-up and items must be placed in approved containers for disposal.

Parking Restrictions – please note that overnight parking is not permitted on Village streets. Also, winter is approaching and parking is not permitted on certain Village streets when there is an accumulation of snow. Please observe the parking regulations throughout the Village.

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