

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Because this is my first "Administrative Message" as your new mayor, I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your trust and support!

I would also like to extend my personal congratulations to my colleagues Village Clerk **Joe Consolo** and Trustees **Brian Bailey, Norm Schnauer** and **Matt Walsh** on their election to office and my appreciation for their dedication and earnestness in carrying out the business of government in Indian Head Park. These gentlemen join Trustees **Debbie Anselmo, Anne Bermier** and **Carol Coleman** as our team of dedicated elected officials. It is a great honor for me to be associated with these high caliber individuals who bring integrity and experience to the table and a willingness to use their talents and time for the benefit and betterment of our entire community. I am privileged to be associated with all of them and to have their collective knowledge and dedication to rely upon in the governance of our great Village. Congratulations and thanks to all of them for their devoted involvement.

Mark Twain wrote that when we do not know a person and also when we do, we have to judge his size by the size and nature of his achievements as compared with the achievements of others in his special line of business. There is no other way. He went on to write that there are two measures of size. There is physical size – measured in height and there is stature of character. With this yardstick of sorts, we can measure how our outgoing mayor sizes up. Mayor Pellegrino joked about his height on occasion – because he sees it. On the other hand, we the residents of Indian Head Park see his character which he has put to good use as our Mayor these past 8 years. When we look around town and see South Works, the Heritage Center, and Arrowhead Memorial Pointe, to name a few, we see some of Mayor Pellegrino's achievements. Because of these and many intangible and unseen achievements, we know he measures tall in character. Mayor Pellegrino has been an effective leader who has accomplished many things from the mundane to the momentous. All of us on the Village Board have learned by his example, dedication, foresight, and diligence. Especially, yours truly! So, on behalf of the citizens, the Village Board, and the Village's administrative staff and employees, for all he has done for Indian Head Park and for us personally, we say thank you Mayor Pellegrino!

President Abraham Lincoln stated, I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I

am bound to live by the light that I have. I intend to do the very best that I can as mayor in accordance with the light given to me and to continue along the journey of progress and growth begun by my predecessors in this position.

In dedicating myself to this endeavor, I am mindful of the words of President John F. Kennedy who stated that "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." I value the trust you have placed in me to make decisions for the Village and pledge to learn from the process of doing so. With the input of the trustees and assistance of the Village staff and your support, we will succeed in keeping our Village moving forward. In the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "it is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required." We will always do our best and if that is not enough, we will certainly do what is required for the benefit of the entire community.

I am honored and grateful to have been elected as mayor by the good citizens of our Village and appreciative of their support. After 20 years of involvement in our local government, I am indebted to the residents of our community who have selected and supported me in various capacities including as trustee for the past 8 years, and now for granting me the opportunity to be your next mayor. I am sincerely grateful and look forward to the challenge!

Turning our attention to other Village news, I am happy to report the following reappointments: **Noreen Costello** and **Denise Ingram** to the Planning and Zoning Commission; **Mario Stefanini** to the Fire and Police Commission; Trustees **Carol Coleman** and **Matthew P. Walsh II**, Village Clerk **Joseph V. Consolo** and **Fire Chief Dan Hermes** to the E-911 Board; **Patrick Rogers** as the Village's Prosecuting Attorney; and **Joan Pieri** as the Village's representative to **S.E.A.S.P.A.R.** The Village recognized and congratulated **Charles "Charlie" Ruppel** upon his retirement for a job well done as maintenance manager for the past 27 years for the Acacia Association. We wish him our best!

Likewise, on behalf of the VBT and our residents, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to all IHP graduates from pre-school to PhD's. Your accomplishments are a source of pride to your families and to our community.

I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the **IHP Woman's Club** for their contribution of funds to the Village for use at the Heritage Center, to **Patrick Taylor** of Dartmoor Homes for the second installment of the impact

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fee in connection with the Timber Trails development, and to the Township Supervisor **Patrick Rogers** and the **Lyons Township Board of Trustees** for their contribution to the Plainfield Pathway project!

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to my wife Diane, my daughter Erica, and my son Jonathan for their love, understanding, and support which means more to me than I can express in words. Like family, I value our Village too, for the jewel that it is. I seek to preserve what we have, and improve upon it where I can. I am confident that we will succeed. As William Shakespeare wrote: *"Summer's lease hath all too short a date."* It goes fast, especially in the Chicago area. Play safe, watch your children, and Enjoy Your Summer!

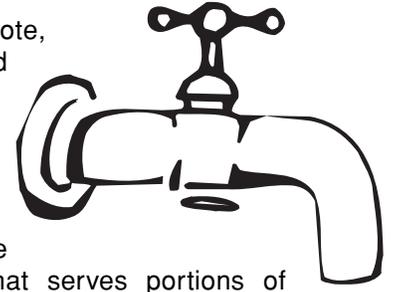
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As a general note, water bills are mailed on a quarterly basis to residents in Indian Head Park that receive water from the Village of Indian Head Park (LaGrange Highlands District that serves portions of Indian Head Park may be on a different billing cycle). Bills are sent during the second week of each month in January, April, July and October and payments are due by the middle of the following month. If you need to make arrangements for your bill to be sent elsewhere for a certain billing period, or do not receive a bill for a particular quarter, please contact Dale Strazzante in the Water Billing Department at (708) 246-3137. Also, if you are planning to move, please contact the Water Department for a final meter reading prior to the closing date.



**Scheduled Meeting Dates**

**Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:**  
Thursday, July 12, 2007

**Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:**  
Tuesday, June 26, 2007  
Tuesday, August 7, 2007

**Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:**  
Thursday, July 5, 2007

**E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:**  
No meeting scheduled at this time.

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

**Smoke Signals**

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

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**Deadline date for the next issue is July 13, 2007.**

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## Ageing Well Initiative News....

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging has a program available to seniors -- "One Call for Seniors". With one call, seniors and their caregivers can get free information about resources such as: benefits assistance, housing, health care, home maintenance, social services, wellness programs, support for caregivers, transportation and much more. For further details, please contact the Center on Aging at (708) 354-1323 or visit their website at: [www.swscoa.org](http://www.swscoa.org)

Congratulations to Aileen Henkel, a six year resident of Indian Head Park and active member of the Aging Well Initiative who recently finished her training to become a volunteer senior ambassador. Aileen is the new Aging Well Senior Ambassador for Indian Head Park. As an ambassador, Aileen will visit local businesses and organizations to inform older adults and their families of services available to improve the quality of their lives. Aileen can be reached at (708) 784-1694.

## Illinois Police Officers Memorial Event

Springfield, Illinois

Recently, a few of our police officers from the Indian Head Park Police Department had the honor to attend the 22nd Annual Illinois Police Officers Memorial Day that was held in Springfield, Illinois during the month of May. This annual event is hosted by the Illinois State Police and as well as other participating agencies to honor law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties.



(From left to right, officers from the Indian Head Park Police Department): Sergeant Scott Clendening, Officer Lee Zeitlin, Officer Mike Dzierwa, Sergeant Curt Novak

## Student News.....

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

Congratulations to Michael Pellegrino who earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and computer science double majoring in political science. Michael graduated as a University of Illinois James Scholar and also was selected as a member of the Senior 100 Honorary Class of 2007 which recognizes 100 outstanding graduating seniors at the University of Illinois Champaign – Urbana. Michael will be attending the University of Illinois College of Law this fall semester.

Congratulations to Daniel Pellegrino who achieved Dean's List status, Spring – 2007 semester, at the University of Illinois – Springfield.

Congratulations to Joseph Pellegrino who achieved A Honor Roll status, Nazareth Academy.

Congratulations to Rachel Pellegrino who earned her green belt in Karate and finished in first place in Kata, first place in Kihon and second place in Kumite in the State of Illinois Shotokan Karate Championship held at Harper College. Rachel also finished first in 5th Grade Javelin at the Suburban Parochial League Track Championship.

**Northwestern University** – Congratulations to Alison Valenta of Indian Head Park, a student in the School of Music at Northwestern University, who has been named to the Dean's List for the past quarter of the 2006/2007 academic year. Students on the Dean's List must attain a grade point average of at least 3.75 to 4.0.

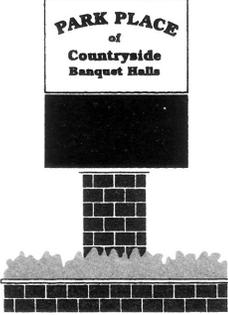
**Pleasantdale School District 107** – We congratulate the following students from Indian Head Park who earned a des-

ignation on the honor roll (Gold Honor Roll): Jaime Duncan, Alec Buti, Zorana Telemek, Katelyn Perrino. (Silver Honor Roll): Cooper Hardy, Mae Sophie. Also, good luck to the 2007 graduates: Shannon Childress, Tasha Kravee, Weston Orrico, Neal Radevski, Gutierrez, Leo Mikat-Stevens, Katelyn Perrino and Kristina Torres.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Austermuehle who received a Senior Undergraduate Excellence Award from the Department of French at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**LaGrange Highlands Middle School** – We congratulate the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll: Alison Austermuehle, Silvana Cespedes, Veronica Christopher, Jennifer Daar, Jack Gouty, rebecca MacDonald, Jessica Manuele, Brianna McNamee, Mariel Rogozinski, Sofia Valdivia, Julia Watkins, Kamolphon Weeraklaew, Samantha Yelnick, Anthony Appleyard, Jeremy Carlson, Erica Cione, Connor Kriz, Kathryn Phinick, Marisa Vega, Brendan Blaber, Clare Bohne, Kimberly Campbell, Donovan Corcoran, Alexandra Daemicke, Caroline Dost, Richard Golz, Nicole Hladik, Jennifer Kim, Christine Schied, Allison Stuck, Kelly Wang, Thomas Brannen, Simona Bruzyte, Greg DeNuccio, Lauren Gronke, Martin Hasler, Sebastian Hoak, Nick Kourafas, William Koziel, A.J. Seter, Adam Conrath, Austin Goetz, Tayler Hayes, Liesel Metz, Thaddeus Rogozinski, Na-On Weeraklaew, Jacob Wittenberg, Christina Yelnick, John Harlow, Leslie Hernandez, Justin Hinshaw, Jeffrey MacDonald, Stephanie MacDonald, Katelyn Marino, Liesel Metz, Rocco Stefanini, Kelsey Wilp.

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## Pleasant Dale Park District

### 25th Annual July 4th Celebration

The Pleasant Dale Park District will be hosting a July 4th celebration at Walker Park at the Pleasant Dale Park District in Burr Ridge. Teen battle of the bands will begin from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the 10th annual duck races will start at 6:30 p.m. and fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. For further details, please visit the Pleasant Dale Park District website at: [www.pleasantdaleparks.org](http://www.pleasantdaleparks.org).



## Are You Planning Home Improvements?

The issuance of a building permit is required for most home improvement projects in the Village of Indian Head Park. The scope of work must be reviewed and approved prior to the commencement of any construction, addition, demolition or interior/exterior remodeling affecting the structural integrity of any building structure. A building permit is required for the following scope of work: decks, additions or alterations to existing residential structures, hot tubs, in-ground swimming pools, interior/exterior remodeling projects, RPZ sprinkler devices, demolitions, fireplace installations, changes in grade, electric service or plumbing upgrades or changes, various other miscellaneous improvements. Also, Section 111 "Permit Required" of the Building Code (BOCA or the International One and Two Family Dwelling Code, states in part: "a permit is required for ordinary repairs, alterations, replacement or relocation of water supply sources, drain leader, waste vent or similar piping". Please contact the Village Offices at (708) 246-3137 so that we may determine if a permit is needed for your project. A permit is not needed for the following projects if the scope of work is limited to: roof shingle replacement (without structural changes to the roof line), driveway resurfacing or replacement, concrete patios (if the grade of the property is not altered), certain interior decorating projects (carpet replacement, cabinet replacement, painting, replacement of flooring and various other interior routine home maintenance projects).

# Building With Trees

## *Treatment of Trees Damaged By Construction*

The processes involved with construction can be devastating to the surrounding trees if no measures have been taken to protect them. The visible injuries such as broken branches and wounds to tree trunks are only the beginning. It is the damage to the root systems that often result in tree loss. Trees can be preserved if the appropriate measures are taken soon enough. Unfortunately, it is usually when the first signs of decline appear that help is sought. There are some remedial treatments that may save some construction-damaged trees, but immediate implementation is critical. If you have trees that have been affected by recent construction, consult a professional arborist promptly. Your arborist can assess each tree for viability and potential hazards, and recommend treatments.



## *Treating Trunk and Crown Injuries*

Pruning branches that are split, torn, or broken should be removed. Also, remove any dead, diseased, or rubbing limbs from the crown of the tree. Sometimes it is necessary to remove some lower limbs to raise the canopy of a tree and provide clearance below. It is best to postpone other maintenance pruning for a few years. It used to be recommended that tree canopies be thinned or topped to compensate for root loss.

## *Irrigation and Drainage*

One of the most important tree maintenance procedures following construction damage is to maintain an adequate, but not excessive, supply of water to the root zone. If there is a drainage problem, the trees will decline rapidly. Improper drainage must be corrected if the trees are to be saved. If soil

drainage is good, be sure to keep the trees well watered, especially during the dry summer months. A long, slow soak over the entire root zone is the preferred method of watering. Keep the top 12 inches moist, but avoid over-watering. Avoid frequent, shallow watering. Make sure surface water drains away from the tree. Proper irrigation may do more to help trees recover from construction stress than anything else you could do.

## *Improving Aeration of the Root Zone Drilling Holes/Vertical Mulching*

Compaction of the soil and increases in grade both have the effect of depleting the oxygen supply to tree roots. If soil aeration can be improved, root growth and water uptake can be enhanced. A common method of aer-

ation of the root zone involves drilling holes in the ground. Holes are usually 2 to 4 inches in diameter and are made about 3 feet on center throughout the root zone of the tree. The depth should be at least 12 inches but may need to be deeper if the soil grade has been raised. Sometimes the holes are filled with peat moss, wood chips, pea gravel, or other materials that maintain aeration and support root growth. This process is called vertical mulching.

## *Monitoring for Decline and Hazards*

Despite your best efforts, you may lose some trees from the construction damage. Symptoms of decline include smaller and fewer leaves, dieback in the crown of the tree, and premature fall color. If a tree dies as a result of root damage, it may be an immediate hazard and should be removed right away. Examine your trees for signs of possible hazards. Look for cracks in the trunk, split or broken branches, and dead limbs. Watch for indications of internal decay such as cavities, carpenter ants, soft wood, and mushroom like structures growing on the trunk, root crown, or along the major roots.



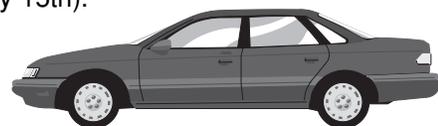
## **Water Conservation Restrictions**



Water from the Village water distribution system may not be used for the following purposes between the hours of twelve noon and six p.m. from May 15th to September 15th. Outdoor Watering. The sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground covers, plants, vines, gardens, vegetables, flowers or any other vegetation. Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces. The washing of sidewalks, driveways, filling-station aprons, porches and other outdoor surfaces. However, any person installing sod or other landscaping material shall be allowed unrestricted sprinkling privileges for a period of twenty-four hours from initial installation with the water conservation restrictions stated to take effect after this grace period.

## **Village Vehicle Stickers**

Please note that the deadline to purchase and display Village of Indian head Park vehicle stickers is June 30th. If you did not receive a form for your vehicles, additional forms may be downloaded from the Village's Website at [www.indianheadpark.gov](http://www.indianheadpark.gov) or by contacting the Village Offices. For your convenience, completed forms and a check payable to the Village of Indian Head Park may be deposited in the "payment drop box" at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. (The fee per car before July 14th is \$35.00. Penalties are in effect beginning July 15th).



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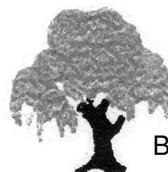
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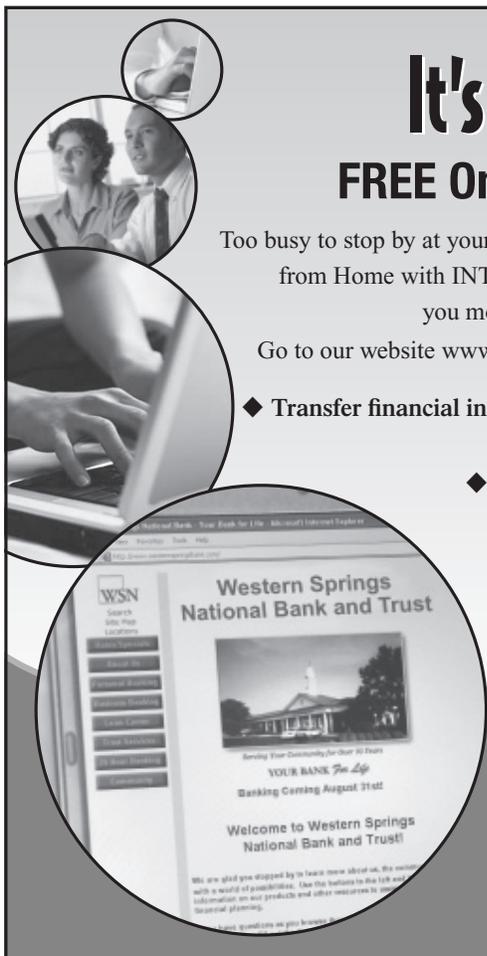
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Duplicate Bridge Games in Indian Head Park, on-going and year round. Director: Kanti Chandarana, M.D., will be hosting the bridge games at his home in Indian Head Park. Non-ACBL sanctioned games. Every Monday and Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 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

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. Please note the library will be closed on Saturdays during holidays.

Dayle Holmquist of Coldwell Banker's LaGrange Office was recently recognized as a Certified Negotiation Specialist (CNS) by the Realtor Association of the Western Suburbs. This certification is held by fewer than 300 agents in the State of Illinois. Dayle Holmquist, a 20 year resident of Indian Head Park, has a B.S. in Marketing from DePaul University and has been selling homes for the past fifteen years.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed

away: Claire Jessup, age 78, who was a 50 year resident of Indian Head Park. Vito Lucatorto, M.D., age 94, who was a 28 year resident of Indian Head Park. Dr. Lucatorto retired in 1979 from his private medical practice in Chicago, he was a member of the St. Cletus Catholic Church, a member of the American Medical Association and enjoyed playing golf. Dale Halverson Sr., age 84, who was a 20 year resident of Indian Head Park. Mr. Halverson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he was a high school teacher and coach at Riverside-Brookfield School before retiring, he had a passion for football, was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and founded a swim club for younger children.

Congratulations to Lauren and Chris Trifilio of 6477 Thunderbird on the early surprise birth of their 3 lb. daughter, Megan Elizabeth on April 25th. Megan was welcomed home by two year old sister, Katherine, on May 28th at 4 lb. 13 oz. As if this was not enough excitement for Grandparents Lori and Tom Davis of 6482 Apache, son Todd and Mandy Davis of Burr Ridge had their second child, Connor William on April 26th, weighing in at almost three times his new cousin's birth weight. Two year old Griffin is thrilled with his new cousin and baby brother, all in twenty hours!!

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