

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Independence Day is more than a chance for family and friends throughout the country to gather for barbecues and fireworks displays, it is an annual celebration to commemorate the courage and faith of our founding fathers in their pursuit of liberty.



Independence Day in the U.S. is an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the U.S. The Fourth of July is a holiday that most Americans celebrate for various reasons. The festivity may involve family, friends, or public gatherings. Popular culture would have you believe that the gala is a birthday party for the country. Flags wave, bands march and bystanders cheer. After the confetti blows away, what is the meaning of the day? Commemoration of the Declaration of Independence should be the primary reason for the remembrance.

Pleasant Dale Park District's 26th Annual July 4th Family Celebration starts with Scout Troup 69's Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Games, Attractions, Food & Music begin at 4 p.m. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Go to their website at www.pleasantdaleparks.org for a complete listing of times and events or visit the Village of Indian Head Park Website at www.indianheadpark-il.gov.

At the June 12, 2008, Village Board of Trustees Meeting, the following re-appointments were made: **Pat Rogers** as the Village's Prosecuting Attorney; **Joan Pieri** as the Village's Representative to S.E.A.S.P.A.R; Pleasantview Fire Chief **Dan Hermes**, Trustees **Matt Walsh** and **Carol Coleman**, Clerk **Joe Consolo** to the E-911 Board.

Have a safe and happy July 4th!!!

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as one of your Village Trustees.

— Trustee Carol A. Coleman



Red, White and Blue

The flag billows high.
The red, white and blue.
It stands for freedom
That was won for me and you.

The red represents valor,
Courage in our hearts.
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Covering every part.

The white stands for liberty,
And purity too.
It shows that world round
What is in me and you.

The blue stands for justice,
Perseverance and liberty.
Each little star for a state
That is having a grand party.

"Unknown author"

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.

Indian Head Park Woman's Club

The Indian Head Park Woman's Club would like to thank all community members who have supported its work throughout the past club year. Our major fundraiser, "Growing Green," held at the LaGrange Country Club on April 26, was a huge success. The Indian Head Park Woman's Club was able to donate seed money in the amount of \$5,000 to Lyons Township High School's greenhouse project. The greenhouse will be built at LTHS's South Campus to provide students in the Special Education Department with training in horticulture, business and social skills. In total, more than \$10,000 was donated to more than 30 worthy organizations.



A particular pleasure was presenting a \$500 scholarship to Anna Bosity of Indian Head Park. Anna is a lovely and gifted student who will be attending DePaul University. She received several other awards, including one for theater. Congratulations, Anna!

The installation dinner was held at the Flame Restaurant on May 13 and the following officers for the 2008-2009 club year were installed: President, Terry Lahue; 1st Vice President, Pat Martin; 2nd Vice President, Marilyn DeNunzio; Treasurer, Trudy Schmitt, Secretaries, Gladys Wheeler and Marilyn Caron.

Our membership has grown to 77, and while most of our members are IHP residents, many others are not. All interested women in the area are welcome. We enjoy learning, playing and lending our hands to worthwhile projects. We hope to attract even more members when our meetings resume in September. Most meetings are held from September through May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. Meetings start at 6:45 p.m. with a social half hour, followed by the Business meeting and program. Any questions can be referred to Irene Macke at (708) 246-5809.

P.S. Mayor Andrews and the Village Board extend appreciation on behalf of the Village to the Woman's Club for the recent \$300.00 donation to the Heritage Center.

Students in the News....

We applaud all of the students from Indian Head Park on their academic achievements and congratulations to all of you:

Northern Illinois University — John Durso was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, international society for juniors and seniors at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Illinois State University — Megan Brewer of Indian Head Park was named to the dean's list at Illinois State University.

Lewis University — Jonathan Andrews was named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Rush University — Melissa Marie Moskos graduated from Rush University on June 14th, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Pleasantdale School District 107 — The following students were named to the honor roll at Pleasantdale School: Jaime Duncan, Zorana Telebak, Alexis Guitierrez, Guinevere Nueva Espana, Copper Hardy, Jaide Epting, Mae Sophie, Allison Ceranek, Anna Sapeguina. Congratulations also to the following graduates: Alec Buti, Olivia Orrico and Zorana Telebak.

Nazareth Academy — Nora O'Connell and Colleen McCollom were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Thursday, August 14, 2008

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

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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Deadline date for the next issue is July 14, 2008.

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Mosquitos



The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) maintains a sophisticated disease surveillance system to monitor animals and insects that can potentially carry the West Nile Virus (dead crows, robins, blue jays, mosquitoes and horses). Mosquitoes can either carry the virus or get it by feeding on infected birds. The surveillance system also includes infectious disease physicians, hospital laboratory directors and infection control practitioners, local health departments and staff from IDPH's laboratory, environmental health and infectious diseases divisions who test for and report suspect or confirmed cases of various diseases that can be caused by mosquito-borne viruses.

Mild cases of West Nile infections may cause a slight fever or headache. More severe infections are marked by a rapid onset of a high fever with head and body aches.

Usually symptoms occur from three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Persons at the highest risk for serious illness are those 50 years of age or older.

The best way to prevent West Nile encephalitis and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Mosquito larvae or "wrigglers" must live in still water for five or more days to complete their growth before changing into adult biting mosquitoes capable of transmitting disease. Often, the number of mosquitoes in an area can be reduced by removing sources of standing water around residences. For example, hundreds of mosquitoes can

come from water in a single discarded tire. Prevent mosquito production around residences by taking these precautions:

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
- Fill in or drain low places (puddles, ruts, etc.) in the yard.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts free of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Keep roof gutters free of leaves and other debris.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
- Unused swimming pools should be drained and kept dry during the mosquito season.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water.
- Change the water in birdbaths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week.
- Store boats covered or upside down, or remove rainwater weekly.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house.
- Make sure ornamental ponds have fish that eat mosquito larvae.
- Repair window screens.
- When outdoors in the evening or when mosquitoes are biting, use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites (proper use of insect repellent and appropriate clothing).

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Our condolences to the families and friends of the following who recently passed away: Agnes M. Svoboda, age 90. Robert Allen Jones, age 81, who also served in the navy during WWII.

Donna Czarnecki will be retiring from 36 years of teaching, 27 of those years at Lyons Township High School in the French department of the Fine Arts division. From 1980-1987 she was chairperson of the foreign language department. While teaching there she was also director (1978-2001) and a teacher in the French Immersion Weekend program which began under the sponsorship of George Williams College in 1976 and then transferred to that of Benedictine University until 2001. During her career

in teaching Donna received many awards: les Palmes Academiques-Knighthood was conferred upon her by the French government (1999), Outstanding French teacher in the United States (1997), the Prix du Chapitre (1987) for outstanding French teacher in the Chicago/Northern Illinois chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF), the Illinois State Board of Education "Those who Excel Award of Meritorious Service" (2001) and most recently in 2007 the national ISE – Intercultural Student Experiences –award for successfully immersing hundreds of students (in classes and immersion programs) and teachers (Immersion days and weekends for teachers in addition to presentations and conferences) in the culture and language of France. She also wrote and received many grants which enriched her students both culturally and linguistically. During her years at LT she was also a French Exchange coordinator, sponsor of the French Club and coordinator of the French Honor Society. Donna is looking forward to enjoying her retirement years at her home at 105 Indian Wood Lane and spending more time with her husband Cary, and her son, David. Mayor Andrews and the Village Board congratulate Donna on her accomplishments and wish her well on her retirement.

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