

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

School is out, some have graduated, and we are all looking forward to some summer fun and a less hectic pace. Your Village government has been busy as well. The Dartmoor impact fee payment was received; economic development of Southtown is moving forward; we honor our military and take pride in being Americans through celebration; we pray for our police chief. It's a well-known fact in our area; time passes more quickly at this time of year. Shakespeare said it best, "Summer's lease hath all too short a date."

The first installment of the impact fee was received as promised by **Mr. Pat Taylor** of Dartmoor Homes. As you know, Dartmoor is the developer of Timber Trails of Western Springs. In addition to pledging to pay for a pedestrian walkway along the south side of Plainfield Road, Mr. Taylor, working with our mayor and Village Board, has generously granted \$500,000 to the Village to be paid in five annual installments beginning this year. The Heritage Center parking lot will be paved as one of the several projects accomplished with these additional funds.

The future economic development of the area along 70th Place (dubbed "Southtown") soon to be vacated by American Body is moving along. Village representatives are interviewing potential developers to discuss possibilities for this site. The interview process is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

As you read this newsletter, **Memorial Day** has passed and **Independence Day** is approaching. We pray for the safety of our military sons and daughters and especially for those who currently serve in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their return home is anxiously awaited by all. To those who have returned from such service, words cannot truly convey the appreciation we all have for your efforts. Please accept our simple "thank you" for a job well done! To the families of those who have made the "supreme sacrifice", we extend our condolences. We will remember you and them in our devotions. Finally, as we celebrate Independence Day (at the Pleasantdale Park Fourth of July fireworks or backyard barbecues), I ask that we each take a moment to reflect on our nation's history and the sacrifices of all those who established this right to Liberty and peaceful enjoyment we take for granted.

I am saddened to report that **Police Chief Patrick Crowley** has been diagnosed with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Crowley and his family as he battles this illness. It was one year ago this month when I had

the privilege of announcing that Pat was appointed acting Chief. A few short months later the appointment became permanent. Chief Crowley's service to the Village in this capacity has been exemplary. We fully expect his recovery and return to work. In the meantime, responsibility for the Village's Police Department has been placed in the capable hands of senior **Sergeant Curt Novak**. **Mayor Pellegrino** and **Trustee Anne Bermier** will provide any needed support.

Congratulations are in order to our fellow residents for their involvement in various Village committees: Chairman **Dennis Schermerhorn** and Commissioner **Noreen Costelloe** on re-appointment to the Planning & Zoning Committee; **Patrick Finley** as the Village's I & M Canal Representative; and **Joan Pieri** as our S.E.A.S.P.A.R. Representative. In addition, the following appointments have been made: **Patrick Rogers** as the Village's Prosecuting Attorney; and Trustees **Matt Walsh** and **Carol Coleman**, Clerk **Joe Consolo**, Pleasantview Fire Chief **Dan Hermes** and **Ed Milam** to the E-911 Board. Our heartfelt thanks to these individuals for the time they spend working on our behalf!

June typically marks the end of the school year and is remembered as a milestone for those who graduate. Among our graduates this year are two special residents who have achieved this personal milestone and will take another big step along life's journey: **Danny Pellegrino** from Nazareth High School and **Joey Pellegrino** from 8th grade at St. John's. We can be sure that the Mayor and his wife Peg are proud of their sons' accomplishments. In fact their accomplishments and those of all our graduates are a source of pride to their families and to our community. So, on behalf of the Mayor, the Village Board of Trustees, and all IHP residents, I want to extend our congratulations to all IHP graduates from pre-school to PhD's. You've done well! We wish you the best in all your endeavors! Our future will be better because of you!

Save the date! A "Family Fun Night" is planned for Saturday, September 9th in Blackhawk Park. A concert and possibly a movie are being considered for the festivity.

Finally, I want to again thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Village Board and the dedicated team of individuals serving our community! Whatever your plans, may

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this be a most enjoyable summer for all! One that does justice to the ideal "The things we did last summer, I'll remember all winter long!" (Sammy Cahn, U.S. songwriter, 1913-1993). Have fun! Be safe! Watch your kids! ENJOY!

Best Regards,
Richard S. Andrews, Trustee

p.s. I am working on an idea that has not yet fully crystallized. To help me, I would appreciate knowing the names, ranks, branch of service and mailing address of all IHP residents (fathers, mothers, sons, daughters) who are currently serving in the military. Please indicate if they are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. I would like the same information including the dates of service for those who have served in these places and are now home. Please send or drop a card or short letter to me at the Village Hall by August 1st. Whatever information you care to share will be appreciated.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, July 13, 2006

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:
Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:
Thursday, July 6, 2006

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:
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Police Department Briefing...

Safe and Responsible Use of Sparklers

Festivities, families, fireworks and sparklers. They seem to go hand in hand. Every year millions of Americans celebrate Independence Day with sparkle! All across the country, sparklers are growing in popularity as a way of celebrating all special occasions. The National Council on Fireworks Safety encourages everyone to enjoy the coming holiday season safely and responsibly. In cold climates or warm, the use of sparklers during the holiday season is growing. What was once a 4th of July tradition is now becoming part of many celebrations. Over 50% of sparkler related injuries happen to children under the age of 14. The National Council on Fireworks Safety reminds all parents to be careful when using sparklers around children. The Council also encourages parents to safely supervise the activities of their children when sparklers are present. While they appeal to children of all ages, sparklers are not toys.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety urges everyone to use sparklers in a safe and responsible manner and has provided the following safety tips:

- Obey the local laws and use common sense.
- Always read and follow instructions. Always have an adult present.
- Keep burning sparklers away from clothing and flammable objects.
- Only use sparklers outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Light only one sparkler at a time.
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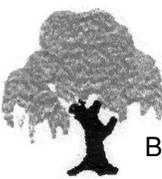
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Pleasant Dale Park District July 4th Celebration

The Pleasant Dale Park District will be hosting the 24th annual July 4th Celebration at the Park District located at 7425 S. Wolf Road in Burr Ridge. The following is a schedule of the events planned for that date: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. -- Cub Scout Troop 69 will host a pancake breakfast at the Pleasant Dale Recreation Center -- 4:00 p.m.-- the Willowbrook Recreation Department in cooperation with the Pleasant Dale Park District will hold a water balloon toss for children ages 8 to adult and tours of the Robert Vial House and Flagg Creek Historical Society will take place --4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. a variety of games will be available as well as food vendors and a beer garden. From 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. "**The Associates**" will perform on the Main Stage (Motown, Country and Oldies!). The fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. For further details, please contact the Pleasant Dale Park District at (630) 662-6220.



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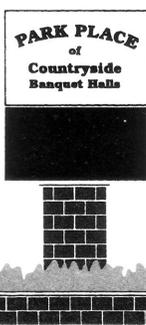
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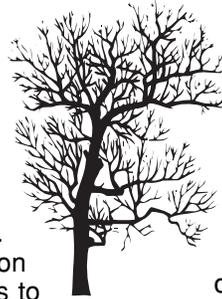
Public Works Department Announcement

Tree News...

The Public Works Department has noticed the following tree insect and disease outbreaks in the Village:

Sycamore Anthracnose:

Sycamores appear more dead than alive in early spring because of the severe attack from anthracnose. However, they will re-leaf by summer. The severity of anthracnose varies each year with weather; however, even in those years when the disease is severe, anthracnose will not result in tree death. Most trees are able to withstand infection and push out a new crop of leaves by mid June. Therefore, the most practical control is good sanitation practices to keep trees healthy. Discard fallen leaves to reduce the potential for re-infection, prune infected twigs and branches (with cankers) back to healthy wood, fertilize lightly, and water stricken trees to help them recover from severe defoliation.



Bagworms:

In years past, we rarely saw bagworms north of Interstate 80. But bagworms came in on nursery stock and survived the mild weather we have had the last few winters. At this stage, we are only seeing the "bags" that contain the overwintering eggs. A bag is composed of leaves or needles and twigs of the plant that the bagworm infested, tied together with silk. Each bag is from 1.5 to 2.5 inches long and hangs from twigs. After they hatch, bagworms feed on leaves of evergreens as well as on many deciduous trees

and shrubs. A defoliated conifer may die since it cannot push out any additional set of leaves. The best way to control bagworms is to remove the bags by hand and destroy.

Dutch Elm Disease:

We are seeing a significant amount of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) on Elm trees in the community. The first signs of DED are curling and wilting leaves on the upper branches of the tree. This is called "Flagging". Needless to say, this is an extremely serious disease that needs to be dealt with as soon as symptoms are seen. If a tree shows many flags or completely wilts and dies, it must be removed quickly so that the disease is not spread further. Root grafts with other elms should be broken before removing a tree as DED can spread by way of root grafts. Potential elm bark breeding material such as elm logs and stumps with intact bark should be either chipped, destroyed or stripped of the bark.

To minimize the spread of DED and Oak Wilt, Elms and Oaks should not be pruned from April until the end of September when the beetles that spread the diseases stop being active. We have noticed significant die back in many Box Elder and Silver Maple Trees. This is primarily due to the drought conditions we experienced in 2005. The best defense against insects and diseases on all tree species is to maintain good health. Water, mulch and fertilize when necessary, are the three key ingredients in maintaining a healthy tree.

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Student News...

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park: Cate Gula, Samantha Matkovich, Lauren Gula and Lauren Mayer.

Congratulations to Alison Valenta of Indian Head Park who was named to the dean's list at Northwestern University in Evanston. Alison is a student in the school of music.

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at Pleasantdale Middle School: (Gold Honor Roll): Jaimie Duncan, Katelyn Perrino; (Silver Honor Roll): Patrick Hardy, Kathleen Parsell, Snejzana Jovanovic; (Bronze Honor Roll): William Bailey, Alec Buti.

Congratulations to Bill Cisar, who is a freshman at Loyola University. Bill was named First Runner up in Loyola University's Mr. Panhellenic Contest. Representing Alpha Delta Gamma, Bill nailed the swimsuit and formalwear competitions, showing great creativity with coconuts, grass skirts, chalk, and a ratty old sport-coat. When asked by his mother, "What on earth was your talent?", Bill replied, "You know the routine with the long ribbon that gymnasts perform....? In the event that the current Mr. Panhellenic is unable to carry out his duties, Bill is prepared to step in at a moment's notice, or at least when he gets up in the afternoon. Bill's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cisar, are fabulously proud and hope their son's success will land him a guest spot with Jay Leno.

Congratulations to Thomas A. Carlson, who is the 2006 winner of the Charles E. Taylor Scholarship sponsored by the Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (TAM) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Carlson, the son of Phil and Suzanne Carlson of Indian Head Park, was among almost 60 students honored on April 29th during the 2006 Spring Banquet and Awards Convocation held at Beckman Institute Auditorium. Thomas is majoring in Engineering Mechanics.

Congratulations to Jonathan Andrews who earned a 4.0 grade point average and was named to the dean's list at Lewis University, in Romeoville.

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The Aging Well teams of Western Springs and Indian Head Park are planning two programs in July and July which will be of interest to older adults.

On Monday, June 19th, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. there

will be an “Ask the Doctor” forum. The featured speaker is Dr. Shahla Hameed, a geriatric internist with Adventist Health System. She will hold an open question and answer session with participants.

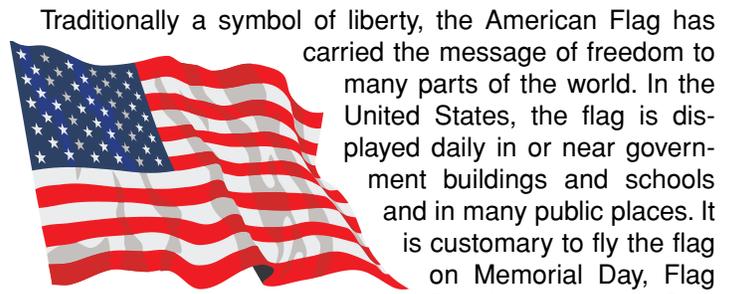
On Monday, July 17th, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. the topic will be Mental Health Issues for Older Adults. The featured speaker is Jeri Aiello, MS of Community Care Options.

Both seminars are free and will be held at the Western Springs Recreation Center, 1500 Walker Street in Western Springs. Refreshments will be provided.

Aging Well is a grassroots initiative started in 2001 by the AgeOptions, the Area Agency on Aging of suburban Cook County. The project’s goal is to create communities that are elder friendly. Community Action Teams of concerned citizens meet in small local groups throughout greater Lyons Township to expand and improve services to older adults. This initiative is funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and through local community support.

For more information, contact Western Springs Aging Well team co-leader, Mike Doepke at 708-783-1220.

Tips on Flying the American Flag



Traditionally a symbol of liberty, the American Flag has carried the message of freedom to many parts of the world. In the United States, the flag is displayed daily in or near government buildings and schools and in many public places. It is customary to fly the flag on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day,

Labor Day and most other U.S. holidays. Each of the flag’s colors has a significance: Red signifies hardiness and valor; white is symbolic of purity and innocence; and blue denotes vigilance, perseverance and justice. A few tips are being provided from AmericanFlags.com – * When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (stars) to the north in an east-and-west street or to the east in a north-and-south street. *When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. *When the flag is flown at half-staff, the flag should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. *Never throw a flag in the garbage. For information on how to properly dispose of a worn flag, contact your local American Legion Hall, VFW chapter or Boy Scout troop.

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TEEPEE TOPICS

Congratulations to Katie Warren of Indian Head Park who was installed as Wing Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 195 at Illinois Institute of Technology. Katie has also been named to the Dean's List at IIT. She is majoring in Technical Communications with a minor in Aerospace Studies.

When a beloved pet strays from home, it can be a traumatic experience for both the owner and the animal. The Animal Welfare League offers these tips to help pet owners find their lost companions. Pets often stray farther from home than their owners believe possible. Contact your local police department and humane societies within your area and protect your pet from getting lost by affixing a collar and identification tag on your pet. The Village of Indian Head Park offers local animal tags for your pet at no cost to residents (**issued in April of each year—please provide a current Rabies Certificate from your vet to obtain a tag at the Village Offices**). Once a tag is issued, the information will be kept on file with the Indian Head Park Police Department.

Environmental health specialists have recently identified deer ticks infected with the bacterium that causes Lyme disease in the southwest suburban Cook County forest preserves. Several different species of ticks have always lived in our area however; this is the first time disease causing ticks have been found. Ticks are found in grass, shrubs, brush

and other vegetation—particularly along animal trails or footpaths. Although the risk of illness remains low, it is important to be aware of the potential for disease and to take precautions. Early symptoms of Lyme disease include a characteristic “bull’s-eye” rash, consisting of an expanding reddened area, sometimes with a clear area in the middle, at the original site of the tick bite. Other symptoms may include fever, swollen lymph nodes, headache, chills and pain in the muscles or joints. To obtain information on Lyme disease, visit the Website: www.cookcountypublichealth.org or contact the Cook County Department of Public Health at (708) 492-2000.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Rudolph T. Vergoth, age 88, who was the father of Indian Head Park resident and Village Board Trustee Carol Coleman. Florence Mae Panko, age 82, who enjoyed gardening, golfing and loved pets. Edward McDermott, age 79, who was an avid golfer and who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Leona Ann Gryziecki, age 81, who worked for Rockwell International for twenty years before retiring, she was a volunteer at LaGrange Hospital and she worked with West Town Hospice for many years. June M. Brandeis, age 81, who was a member of the PEO Sisters and the Indian Head Park Woman's Club, she was an avid golfer and a long time volunteer at LaGrange Highlands School.

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