

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

I have had the privilege of serving on your Planning and Zoning Commission for over four years, and most recently as its chairman. The six Commissioners; Diane Andrews, Noreen Costelloe, Earl O'Malley, Denise Ingram, Brian Bailey, Jack Yelnik and I all serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to do what we can to preserve the character of the community we love so much.

Zoning is a process whereby our municipality can oversee the physical changes in our community and be sure the rights and desires of individual property owners are balanced against the rights and desires of the community as a whole. The Planning and Zoning Commission is charged with balancing the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance while considering the individual aspects of a specific situation and the impact it may have on other affected residents.

Over the years I have been involved with the Planning and Zoning Commission I have seen the construction of the Brookside mall at Joliet and Willow Springs Roads, the Timber Trails controversy and the beginning of development of the southwestern portion of our Village (the "Triangle") into a commercial project. All of these projects present fundamental changes to the Village because they impact more than the immediate neighbors. Less fundamental changes, but not less important, are those many and varied situations presented to the Commission by individuals who want to make improvements to their homes and find their planned improvement is constrained by our zoning ordinance.

Our zoning ordinance was enacted in 1964 to provide a framework to protect our citizens and to maintain the open spaced, wooded environment that characterizes our Village. As such, we define larger lots and larger setback requirements than some of our neighboring communities. Because much of our Village contains rolling terrain and wandering streets, the lots in our Village are far from uniform. Our zoning Ordinance can present significant challenges to homeowners attempting to add to or re-build their homes on these unique lots.

The Commission is charged only with the application of our zoning ordinance to specific variances to that ordinance. We are not an architectural review committee that imposes our individual tastes on the aesthetics of a project. We listen to applicants who wish to modify the zoning ordinance to accommodate their individual requirements, we listen to the community who may have a different point of view, we try to

evaluate the impact of a specific change on immediate neighbors, the village at large, and then make a recommendation to the Village Board for final decision.

Indian Head Park has little open land left for building. Putting the commercial development of the "Triangle" aside for the moment, residential trends in our Village will see significant renovations to existing homes and an increasing number of tear down and re-builds. Our zoning ordinance will be increasingly challenged due to the increasing demand for larger homes with higher ceilings, expanded open areas, and including outside living areas into the overall plans.

This will bring requested variances to our setback and height restrictions, deck requirements, and a myriad of other as yet unanticipated issues as our Village responds to its inevitable participation in the overall growth of our suburban region.

The Triangle has and will continue to present very unique challenges to our Village. It is an area of the Village where an opportunity for commercial activity can expand. It has been designated by the comprehensive plan of the Village as a commercial area. While development of this area into a commercial project is attractive to many residents who will benefit from nearby business, and the village that will benefit from increased revenues, it is most unsettling to those residents of the area who are faced with fundamental changes to their immediate neighborhood.

Change is inevitable and should be accepted and embraced. But change always brings a component of uncertainty, resistance and pain. Consequently, change requires a balance of preserving the character of our Village while recognizing the benefits of improvements and the potential of those benefits to impact the lives of other residents. Your Commission tries very hard to respond to the need for that balance. We are privileged to serve you, the residents of Indian Head Park.

Dennis Schermerhorn
Chairman
Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission

P.S. Mayor Pellegrino and the entire administrative team welcomes our new Village Administrator, Frank Alonzo, Jr.

Meet Your New Village Administrator Frank J. Alonzo, Jr.

EXPERIENCE:

Chief of Police – June 2002 to 2005 – Village of Hillside Police Department

Responsibilities:

- Planning, directing, coordinating, controlling and staffing all activities of the department.
- Manage a three million dollar budget.
- Personnel administrator of 30 sworn full-time, seven civilian and six part-time employees.
- Purchasing agent.
- Responsible for all maintenance contracts.
- Enforce all Village ordinances including code enforcement.
- Promote community relations.
- Collaborated with department heads and Village architect to design a new Village complex (completed in November 2004).

Deputy Chief of Police – December 1990 to June 2002 -- Village of Hillside Police Department

- Assisted the Chief of Police in meeting the goals and objectives of the department.
- Managed all divisions.
- Assisted in budget management.
- Supervised 30 sworn full-time, seven civilian and six part-time employees.
- Responsible for the operation of the 911 center.
- Oversaw the writing of the policies and procedures manual.

Commander of the Detective Division – August 1989 to December 1990 --Village of Hillside Police Department

- Supervised members of the detective/juvenile division.

- Directed all investigations.
- Performed duties assigned by the Chief of Police.

Patrol Sergeant – September 1984 to August 1989 – Village of Hillside Police Department

- Supervised all patrol activity during an eight-hour tour of duty.
- Managed a seven man shift.

Detective – July 1982 to September 1984 – Village of Hillside Police Department

- Investigated all crimes reported to the department.
- Certified as a juvenile officer.
- Promoted community and police relations.

Patrol Officer – July 1979 to 1982 - Village of Hillside Police Department

Detective/Juvenile Officer – May 1976 to July 1979 - Village of Romeoville Police Department

Patrol Officer – June 1974 to May 1976

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Illinois, Chicago

Special Training: Completed Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency's Educational Session on "Legal Issues for Leaders". Completed I.R.M.A.'s Educational Session on Racial Profiling, North East Multi-Regional Training, U.S. Department of Justice 146th Session of the FBI National Academy.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

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

Thursday, March 9, 2006

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, March 2, 2006

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

Thursday, March 16, 2006

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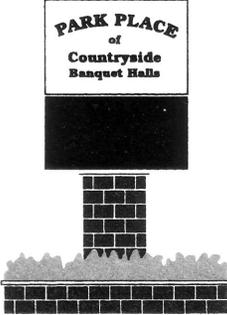


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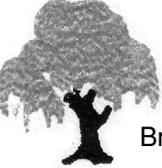
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Proclamation

GFWC Illinois Indian Head Park Woman's Club Federation of Women's Clubs Week

WHEREAS, the GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club is a member of the ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS and the GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, one of the world's largest organizations of volunteer women; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club is a volunteer service organization which has been actively serving this community since February 1986; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club in the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs promotes community service; and

WHEREAS, the object of the GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club is to train women to be leaders and to encourage a sense of service in women; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Indian Head Park Federation of Women's Clubs has developed many leaders and volunteers in our communities throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, THE GFWC Indian Head Park Federation of Women's Clubs is celebrating its 20th year of accomplishments celebration on Tuesday, February 21, 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor of the Village of Indian Head Park, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2006, as the week the GFWC Illinois Indian Head Park Woman's Club Federation of Women's Clubs week and recognize the contributions to our town by the volunteer members of the GFWC Indian Head Park Woman's Club.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2006.

Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. R2-06-2

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONTRIBUTION OF DARTMOOR HOMES TO THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK IN CONNECTION WITH THE TIMBER TRAILS DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Dartmoor Homes is currently engaged in the construction of a new residential development directly to the north of the corporate boundaries of the Village of Indian Head Park on the former site of the Timber Trails golf course; and

WHEREAS, although Dartmoor Homes has elected to voluntarily annex its property to the neighboring Village of Western Springs, Dartmoor has also acknowledged the reality that the Village of Indian Head Park will be impacted by this development; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this impact, Dartmoor Homes, by its president Patrick Taylor, informed the corporate authorities of the Village of Indian Head Park at its January 12, 2006 public board meeting that Dartmoor will be contributing \$675,000 to the Village of Indian Head Park in two components as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the first component of Dartmoor Homes' pledge consists of a contribution of \$175,000 toward the cost of design and construction of a pedestrian walkway on the southern side of Plainfield Road running from the western frontage road at Interstate 294 to the southwest corner of the intersection of Plainfield Road and Wolf Road; and

WHEREAS, the second component of Dartmoor Homes' pledge consists of a \$500,000 payment to be received by the Village in \$100,000 increments, with \$100,000 to be received May 1, 2006 and thereafter for the next four years on May 1st; and

WHEREAS, while the corporate authorities accepted the generous contribution of Dartmoor Homes at its January 12, 2006 meeting, it is their intention to formalize that acceptance as well as their appreciation for the civic-minded generosity and corporate citizenship of Dartmoor Homes by way of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Indian Head Park, Cook County, Illinois, that the contribution of Dartmoor Homes is hereby accepted for the public purposes of the Village of Indian Head Park as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corporate authorities of the Village of Indian Head Park hereby publicly offer their appreciation to Dartmoor Homes for the spirit of corporate stewardship and neighborly cooperation evidenced by this contribution to the Village.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Passed this 9th day of February 2006.

AYES: Andrews, Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Walsh

Approved this 9th day of February 2006.

Richard F. Pellegrino, Village President
Village of Indian Head Park

ATTEST: Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
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Public Works Department News

The Village of Indian Head Park has recently been awarded a tree management grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry program. The purpose of this funding is to conduct an assessment of all public trees within the Village and to develop an urban forestry management plan.

Mark Duntemann, owner of Natural Path Urban Forestry, will be conducting the inventories in seven communities over the next two months. Mark will provide four services. First, he will evaluate every public tree; second, he will provide the data to the Village on a simple shareware software program developed by the United States Forest Service; and, provide training on the software. Finally, he will develop and provide a comprehensive management plan. Recommendations from the plan will be derived from the inventory data as well as from a review of the Village's current tree-related policies.

While in the Village, Mark will be working with Bill McConaughy, our Village Arborist, to identify each tree in the public right-of-way by location, species, diameter and condition to note any structural defects. They will also iden-

tify available planting sites. The data will be maintained in the tree management inventory software application developed by the United States Forest Service in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts. The management plan will provide a summary of the data collected and outline a series of maintenance and management recommendations, including a species diversity program, hazard tree plan, and a long-term maintenance schedule. The software is a user-friendly application that will help the Village attend to specific trees, log maintenance activities, and monitor the population over time.

Indian Head Park is one of seven communities selected for this pilot project. The project will be completely funded by the State with the Village's match being in-kind time from staff. The selection criteria prioritized communities in northern Illinois that have populations less than 5,000. Additionally, the participating Villages needed to have Tree City U.S.A. status and committed community involvement in the project. Indian Head Park has been a Tree City U.S.A. community for the past sixteen (16) years.

Police Department Briefing

Central Dispatch Update

Residents, the Police Department has made a complete transition to Southwest Central Dispatch and we are pleased with the initial results. Keep in mind, that if you have a police emergency, dial 911. If you wish to speak with a representative from communications dispatch, dial (708) 246-3161 and if you need police administration assistance that is not an emergency, dial (708) 246-4534. We are always available to assist you; however, the emergency lines must only be used for those purposes.

Indian Head Park Woman's Club

Looking ahead to March, Soukal Florists, a family owned business, will give a presentation on "Container Gardens." There will be something for everyone whether you live in a townhouse, condo, or a large home. So be sure to note on your calendar that for the March meeting only, the day has been changed to Wednesday, March 22, 2006 instead of Tuesday. Everything else remains the same.

Congratulations are given to this year's president, Marge Nelson, who has been given the honor of being on the International Board of the GFWC IL. We all wish her the best of luck in her new position.



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Student News....

University of Rhode Island

Congratulations to Kelly Reda, of Indian Head Park, who has been invited to become a member of the freshman national honor society, Phi Eta Sigma at the University of Rhode Island. The national honor society is one of the most prestigious honors attainable by a first-year student and is a nationally recognized organization intended to foster and reward academic achievements.

Albion College, Michigan

Congratulations to Kelly Parsell, of Indian Head Park, who is in her third year at Albion College in Michigan. She has been named once again to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 2005.

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Congratulations to Michael C. Turk, of Indian Head Park, who was named to the Dean's List for Fall/2005.

Illinois State University, Normal

Congratulations to Jeannine Stupka, of Indian Head Park, who was named to the Fall semester Dean's List at Illinois State University.

University of Iowa

Prescott Hathaway, of Indian Head Park graduated from the University of Iowa and earned a degree in marketing.

DePaul University, Chicago

Congratulations to Eugene Kasmer III, of Indian Head Park, who is a student at DePaul University. Eugene was named to the Dean's List for the Fall quarter at DePaul University for his accomplishments.

Nazareth Academy, LaGrange Park

The following students from Indian Head Park were named to the first semester honor roll at Nazareth Academy for the 2005-2006 school Year: Cate Gula, Lauren Gula, Samantha Matkovich, Lauren Mayer and Daniel Pellegrino. Congratulations for a job well done!

Fenwick High School, Oak Park

Katherine Bailey, of Indian Head Park, was named to the honor roll at Fenwick High School in Oak Park.

North Central College, Naperville

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park: Jason Smith who received a master's in educational leadership and administration and Danielle Izac who was named to the Dean's List at North Central College.

Northern Illinois University

Alan Radevski of Indian Head Park was named to the outstanding honor roll for the fall term at Northern Illinois University.

Northwestern University, Evanston

Allison Valenta was named to the fall quarter Dean's List at Northwestern University in Evanston.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Joseph Farnsworth of Indian Head Park earned a bachelor's degree at Eastern Illinois University.

Western Illinois University, Macomb

Daniel Douglas of Indian Head Park was named to the Dean's List at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Lyons Township School District 204

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the Lyons Township High School Honor Roll. The Semester Honor Roll is based on the entire semester work including final semester examinations. Listed are freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students who live in Indian Head Park who have achieved a grade point average of 3.125 or higher.

Honor rolls are determined using an weighted/unweighted grade point values , whichever is higher.

Freshmen Bridget Anselmo, Katherine Campbell, Vincent Cefali, Angelo Christopher, Lauren Countryman, Megan Creighton, Grace Fisher, Justin Gouty, Spyridon Hasiakos, Madeline Hasler, Joseph Hladik, Benjamin Kabialis, Stephen Kovalsky, Jessica Koziel, Charlotte Mikat-Stevens, Molly Minton, Brittney Pitello, Samantha Pitello, Matthew Polega, Nikki Romano, Jory Samuelson, Michelle Sangirardi, Paul Schied, Miranda Skeehan, Timothy Stuart, Michael Valenta, Alyssa Whaley. **Sophomores:** Anna Bosy, Lauren Brooks, Kevin Campbell, Peter Fiffis, Marjorie Fisher, Karlyn Hilbrich, Sarah Johnson, Evan Kriz, Amanda Krystyniak, Harley Lonergan, Kelly Mcnamee, Brian Murphy, Jamie Plzak David Schmidt, Shannon Toland, Simeon Tzolov, Stephanie Ulfing, Daniel Unger, Antoinette Valenta, Parker Warf, Brittany Yelnick **Juniors:** Brittany Anselmo, Chara Dubin, Janice Falotico, Andrew Hult, Andrea Kovalsky, Anna Lundin, Tyler Metcalf, Rose Phinick, William Rante, Robert Sophie, Gabrielle Walsh. **Seniors:** James Austermuehle, Jennifer Bert, David Carlson, Anthony Cefali, Sarah Corbridge, Steven Daar, Julia D'Angelo, William Falotico, Maxwell Figliulo, Mairin Gilmartin, Thea Green, Brad Hilbrich, Kathleen Howard, Margaret Jarr, Danielle Krystyniak, Brett Marley, Kristen Parsell, Diana Rajki, Chelsea Strohl, Rachel Stuart, Sarah Stuck, Madeleine Suter, Michael Swarbrick, Andrew Tepavchevich, Christine Villarreal.

The Illinois Shotokan Karate Club sponsored the annual Jennifer Malloy Memorial Tournament on February 19th at Harper College Wellness and Sports Center in Palatine, Illinois. Congratulations to Rachel Pellegrino, who competed and won 1st place in the beginner division for Kumite (sparring) and Kihon (basics). Rachel won 2nd place for Kata.

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TEEPEE TOPICS

Jane Stallard-Kuhn, a long time resident of Indian Head Park, recently became a proud great grandmother when her first great grandchild was born, William John Korber of Phoenix, Arizona.

Congratulations to the SEASPAR organization who will be celebrating 30 years of providing recreation programs to individuals with disabilities and physical impairments.

The American Cancer Society will be hosting a Relay for Life of West Cook ceremony event at the Pleasant Dale Park District at Walker Park at dusk on Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. A ceremony will be held to honor those who have survived cancer and to remember those that have lost their battle with the disease. For further details, please contact Suzette Matkovich at (708) 784-0324.

The Flagg Creek Historical Society will be hosting a "Heart of the Matter Fundraiser" on April 19, 2006 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pleasantdale Park District at 7425 South Wolf Road, in Burr Ridge. If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets for this event, please contact Alice Latham at (708) 839-9616. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will benefit the Vial House. The drawing will take place on April 19th during the annual Flagg Creek Historical Society dinner meeting. The grand prize to be awarded will be round trip airfare for two to anywhere in the Continental U.S.A. on American Airlines. Winner need not be present to win.

The Pleasantdale Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at the Pleasantdale Park District Building, 7425 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge. Bill Karges from Pioneer Garden & Feed Supply will lead a discussion on what to plant to attract and feed the birds. He will display some feeders and a variety of seeds. Pleasantdale Garden Club is a member of Garden Clubs of Illinois and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

For further information contact Pat Hucko @ 630-323-6170 or Carol Prohaska @ 630-985-8404.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Mary Anne Knetl, a 23 year resident of Indian Head Park, who passed away at the young age of 50.



The Aging Well teams of Western Springs and Indian Head Park will offer a seminar, Mind Your Memory, on Monday, March 20th, from 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and Meadowbrook Manor, LaGrange. This free seminar is open to the public and will be held at the Western Springs Recreation Center, 1500 Walker Street in Western Springs.

The seminar will feature Catherine Prusko, Associate Director of Program Services of Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Ms. Prusko will discuss normal age related changes in memory, techniques you can use to enhance your memory, and symptoms of serious memory loss.

Aging Well is a grassroots initiative started in 2001 by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging. The project's goal is to create communities that are elder friendly. Teams of concerned citizens meet in small local groups throughout greater Lyons Township to expand and improve services to older adults. In May the Aging Well partnership will begin implementing an innovative four-year plan to address specific issues identified by the community. 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.

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