

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration Message

Dear Residents:

I am pleased to be able to write this issue's Administrative message to you as I have interesting matters to report. They include the electrical aggregation program that will save you money on your electric bill, good news from Mayor Andrews regarding the Timber Trails impact fee and our commitment to re-painting street signs and a street repair program this year. Also, there may be snow on the ground but spring is around the corner. Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be held March 30, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Blackhawk Park!

### *Savings for Residents' Electric Bills*

As you may recall, last summer, your Village Board voted to place a referendum on the November ballot that would allow the Village to seek lower electric rates for you. That referendum was approved by the voters. Thereafter, your Village Board held two public hearings in connection with the electric aggregation process – one in December and one in January. The purpose of these public hearings was to allow the Village to adopt a plan of governance and request proposals from alternate retail electric suppliers (or "ARES"). Our current supplier is Exelon, formerly Commonwealth Edison. Your Village Team adopted such a plan and a request for proposals was sent to 16 ARES having at least a two star or better rating by the Illinois Commerce Commission. This allowed us to seek electric from companies with average or better service to its customers and eliminated all the potential below-average bidders.

The deadline for submission of proposals was 2:00 p.m. on February 25, 2013. The Village received three bids and a fourth bidder requested an additional few days to respond due to a claimed internal problem but was disallowed. One bidder was Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC doing business as NRG which had a one star rating and did not meet our criteria. The other two companies that submitted proposals are Constellation New Energy, Inc. (a subsidiary of Exelon) and Integrys Energy Services, Inc. which both met our criteria. The proposals they submitted included rates for residential and small business customers for the standard or "brown energy" or various levels of "green" or renewable energy. The proposals were for one, two or three year contracts. After discussion at our special February 28th VBT meeting and with the input of our residents present at the meetings and throughout this process, your Village Team voted to select Constellation New Energy, Inc. for a 12 month term. The rate that our residents will enjoy is 4.899 cents/kWh. This means that for a home that uses 600kWh per month, the homeowner

will pay \$29.39 for the electricity portion of their ComEd bill (distribution charges, etc. will not be affected and are in addition to the cost of the electricity) per month. This compares favorably to the current ComEd rate of 7.491 cents/kWh or \$44.95 per month for 600kWh. This amounts to a **savings of more than \$15.00 per month** at the current rates.

The next step is to establish the time line for mailing notices to our residents providing the opportunity to opt-out if you like and then proceed to the actual cut-over to Constellation as our electric supplier. We hope to have this all accomplished by the start of the May 2013 billing cycle. Some additional features we have been able to procure for you with this agreement is the **waiver of any cancellation** fee for the life of the contract and the **ability for you to choose green energy** if you prefer. Please watch your mail and our website for more information and updates.

### *Timber Trails to pay IHP impact fee*

At the February 28th VBT meeting, Mayor Andrews announced that he has been working with our Village Attorneys to obtain the remaining balance of \$200,000 in impact fees promised to us by the developer of Timber Trails. To refresh your memory, Dartmoor Homes had promised \$675,000 in impact fees to IHP including the sidewalk on the South side of Plainfield Road, West of Wolf Road. As we know that sidewalk was installed at a cost of \$175,000 and paid for by Dartmoor Homes. The balance was to be paid over five installments of \$100,000 per year of which 3 payments were made. Dartmoor had also promised and paid impact fees to Western Springs and the Highlands school. Now, the new owners/developers, following discussions with our Mayor, have agreed to pay the balance as they sell homes in Timber Trails. The money will be received in increments as occupancy permits are issued for the new homes until the \$200,000 is paid to IHP. Mayor Andrews stated, and your Village Team supports, that this money will be used to fund a street/curb repair program in the Village. The VBT has also agreed that a number of street signs need re-painting in Acacia and elsewhere throughout the Village. The re-painting will begin as soon as weather permits.

Finally, as you may know, municipal elections will be held on April 9, 2013. In IHP, three positions for Village Trustee will be on the ballot. Bio's for the candidates are presented elsewhere in this *Smoke Signals*. Please take the time to

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vote. Our democracy works because of the involvement of our citizens.

In closing, I want to thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve and represent you. It is truly an honor for me. Please see the insert about our **Easter Egg hunt set for March 30th at 11 a.m.** See you there!

Respectfully,  
Deborah Anselmo, Village Trustee

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## Scheduled Meeting Dates

**Village Board of Trustees: 7:30 p.m.:**  
Thursday, March 14, 2013

**Planning and Zoning Commission: 7:30 p.m.:**  
No meeting scheduled at this time.

**Fire and Police Commission: 7:00 p.m.**  
No meeting scheduled at this time.

**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!

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Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

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<b>Trustees:</b>	Deborah A. Anselmo	Dennis Schermerhorn
	Brian T. Bailey	Norman L. Schnauffer
	Anne Bermier	Matthew P. Walsh II

**Village Clerk:** Joseph V. Consolo

**Chief of Police/  
Administrator:** Frank Alonzo, Jr.

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	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>

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	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES CONTINUED . . .

### Tom Hinshaw, Candidate for Trustee

Tom Hinshaw has been active in the community and a resident of Indian Head Park since 2000.

Tom has been a District 106 School Board member for the last eight years, with his second term ending in April 2013. He has been School Board President for the last six years. Under Tom's leadership, the Highlands School Board the district has continued to receive the state's highest financial rating each year, operates with a balanced \$13 million dollar budget, continues to achieve academic success with exceptional test scores and is open and transparent with the public's information.

He has been President of the Lyons Township Little League, Vice President of the Educational Foundation, a Safe Routes to School member, youth coach / referee, active at the school, and an Indian Head Park Neighborhood watch member.

In 2005 Tom created a non-profit organization "Assisting the Homeless" to help the area homeless; having collected donations of over \$50,000 for BEDS PLUS, a LA Grange Homeless organization.

Tom has made a career in technology working at Macy's, United Stationers, Chase, US Robotics & FTD before starting his own technology and staffing business in 2000. Tom was raised in Columbia, Missouri and graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelors of Science in Technology. He has lived in Tempe/Arizona, Los Angeles/California, and Arlington Heights/Illinois before moving to Indian Head Park. He has been married to Melissa for 23 years with two sons Justin and Garrett.

### Brenda O'Laughlin - Candidate for Trustee

Brenda O'Laughlin has been active member of the community and has lived in Indian Head Park since 1997.

Brenda is a co-founder of the Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Fund, which is providing young people the opportunity to fulfill their greatest potential.

The Memorial Fund focuses on education as well as teaching kindness, leadership skills, friendship, and confidence. The fund has provided graduating seniors college scholarships, uniforms to the LTHS Tennis Team, an endowment to Camp Tecumseh and holiday gifts for children at the LaGrange Illinois Masonic home and Maryville Academy homes among other donations.

Brenda has been involved with fundraisers, field trips, and classroom projects at LTHS and LaGrange Highlands District 106. She was also a Catechist Teacher at St. Cletus. Brenda is a Block Captain for the Indian Head Park Neighborhood Watch as well as a member of the Women's Leadership Network and Working Mothers of McDonald's Corporation. Brenda is currently a Finance Supervisor at McDonald's Corporation. She graduated from Roosevelt University in 1996 with a Bachelor Degree in Liberal Study after receiving her Paralegal Certificate in 1990. Brenda is married to John O'Laughlin and a proud parent of four children. Her oldest son Ryan Douglas, wife Melissa and their daughter Norah, daughter Bridgette Douglas, son Daniel Douglas & daughter Kelli Joy O'Laughlin (deceased).

### Amy Jo Wittenberg - Candidate for Trustee

Amy Wittenberg (Nee Adelberg) is a long-time resident of Indian Head Park, having roots in the community for many years. As a child (since 6th grade) and young adult, she lived in the Wilshire Green Condominiums, and was the "paper girl" there for many years. Amy is a graduate of Highlands School and Lyons Township High School and was active in the Community, volunteering with the Village of Indian Head Park as a Police Cadet/Explorer and as an Auxiliary Police Officer. With the fond memories of her childhood experiences in our Village, in 1999, she purchased a single-family home on Timber Ridge Court where she lives with her husband John and two children, Jacob and Jessica. Amy Jo is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, with a Certificate in European Studies from Tilburg University, The Netherlands. For the last 28 years, Amy has worked for RR Donnelley and currently serves as a Senior Sales Representative, selling and consulting with leading multi-channel retail and Fortune 100 clients integrating RR Donnelley services.

She specializes in consulting with clients on process improvement using collaborative methodologies (Six Sigma, LEAN) to make organizations function more efficiently and cost effectively.

Amy has been a District 106 School Board member for the last 7 years, where the District continues to receive the state's highest financial rating each year, and also serves as a Block Captain for the Indian Head Park Neighborhood Watch.

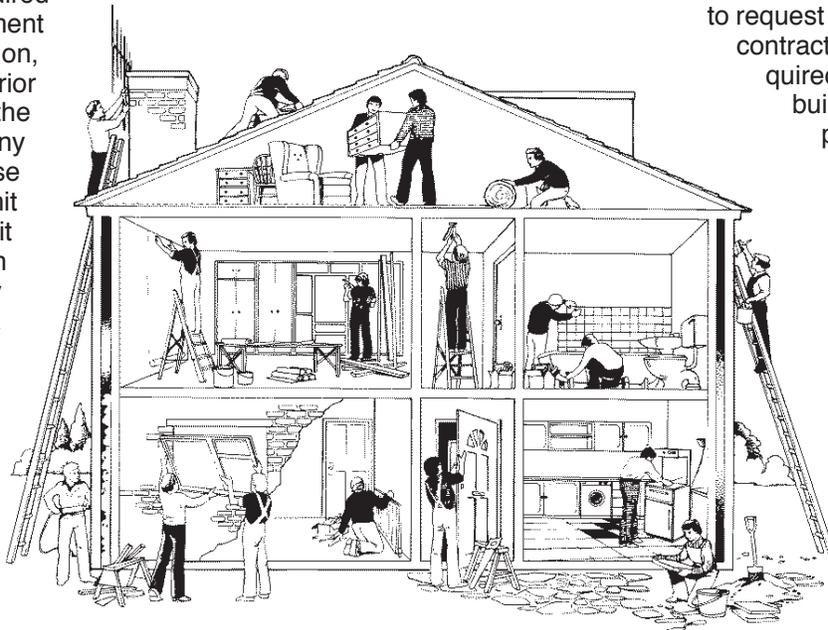
### **Election Information**

*For the Tuesday, April 9, 2013  
Consolidated Election:*

Regular voter registration will be taking place through March 12, 2013. However, the Cook County Clerk's Office announced that grace period voter registration will take place at specific locations only which extends grace period voter registration to April 6, 2013. For the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election, grace period registration and early voting will take place at the Cook County Clerk's downtown Office at 69 West Washington Street and also five suburban locations. You may also register to vote in the Village Offices during regular office hours. If registering to vote in person, you must provide two pieces of identification reflecting your current address. Further details regarding the upcoming election as well as checking voter registration status may be obtained on the Cook County Clerk's Website at [www.voterinfo.net](http://www.voterinfo.net)

# General Building Permit Requirements

A building permit is required prior to the commencement of any construction, addition, demolition or interior/exterior remodeling affecting the structural integrity of any building structure. Please complete the attached permit application form and submit your request along with plans to be reviewed by the Building Department. 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) 246-7099, extension 101 to discuss your project so that we may determine if a permit is needed. 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 (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). However, a contractor license registration with the Village is required.



ation form or contact the Village Offices to request a form by e-mail or by fax. A contractor's business license is required for projects that require a building permit and also those projects that are considered routine maintenance.

## Everything you need to know about resale inspections.

Pursuant to Ordinance #2011-6, a resale inspection ordinance was enacted by the Village on August 11, 2011 which requires a property inspection prior to the sale of a property. The inspection shall include, but may not be limited to:

(1) proper and legal use and/or uses conforming to those regulations for the zoning district in which the building and/or structure is located; (2) any illegal construction work not done under a Village permit; (3) failure to install and maintain fire safety devices as required by state law and; (4) failure to comply with any other applicable codes, rules, ordinances or laws of the Village or any other governing body with jurisdiction. If you are planning to sell your home and working with a realtor, please inform them a resale inspection is required prior to the sale of your property.

Resale inspections protect the community's health, safety and property values by requiring a minimum standard for housing at the time of any transfer of ownership. The resale inspection process can be very simple if you plan ahead and observe the following:

### Resale Inspections:

1. Is the responsibility of the seller to schedule.
2. Must be completed within sixty (60) days prior to closing.
3. Are not guaranteed if you wait until the week of the closing to schedule the inspection.

### Don't Forget to:

- i Complete your resale inspection application thoroughly.
- ii. Make sure your water bill is paid to date and that all other payments due to the Village have been paid.
- iii. Schedule your inspection in advance of your closing.
- iv. See Village checklist for items to be inspected.
- v. Please visit the Village's Website at [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov) to download and print a resale inspection form.

## Contractor's Business License Requirements:

The Village of Indian Head Park Board requires contractors performing work in the Village of Indian Head Park to obtain a license to perform work in our community. This includes the following trade contractors: carpenters, concrete/masonry, electrical, general contractors, HCAV/mechanical, insulators, sheetmetal, tile/marble/flooring, landscaping and tree trimming, plastering, painting/decorating, paving, plumbing/sewer/irrigation, roofing, structural iron, tuckpointing/cleaning. Contractors not listed would be included under the general contractor category. The annual fee covers work being completed by your contractor for routine household maintenance or work under a permit issued by the Village. The license issued by the Village of Indian Head Park is valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. Please visit the Village's Website at: [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov) under the Building Department category and select the link to download the appli-

# IHP ELECTION

- Brenda O'Laughlin
- Tom Hinshaw
- Amy Jo Wittenberg

# VOTE

IHP Village Trustee Election

April 9, 2013

## **Hinshaw – O'Laughlin – Wittenberg Can Move IHP Forward**

### **The HOW candidates believe in open and transparent government**

Information should be readily available; it is the community's information.

### **The HOW candidates will not accept the \$3,000 annual pay**

It is a privilege to be elected as a Village Trustee and give back to our community.

### **The HOW candidates have Integrity and Accountability**

HOW candidates have a strong background in the corporate and not-for-profit sectors and as members of elected boards.

### **The HOW candidates bring business sense to IHP government**

HOW candidates have corporate and entrepreneurial backgrounds with tactical experience working in high-performing collaborative teams in the public and private sectors.

### **The HOW candidates will bring collaboration & fresh ideas**

HOW candidates believe that setting priorities & goals are important to our Village.

### **The HOW candidates are active in the community**

HOW candidates listen to community needs and priorities, serving on local groups and boards - bringing common sense ideas and solutions to every day issues.

## **❖❖ Come Meet the HOW Candidates ❖❖**

*You're invited to meet Brenda, Tom & Amy Jo and share your ideas regarding our future!*

Join Us  
on  
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Friday - March 15, 2013  
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
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## SHAME ON YOU "HOW" CANDIDATES

By politicizing our special local newsletter Smoke Signals with your political ad in the January 2013 issue, you have stooped to a new level of negativity by injecting a "Chicago style" of politics into our precious Community. The *Smoke Signals* is a newsletter for the citizens of Indian Head Park, not a newspaper. It is printed and mailed with taxpayer funds as a service to the residents and has never been used to subsidize anyone's political campaign. As such, it should remain free of political ads. Free Speech is a right we all enjoy but you have no right to use taxpayer's money to fund your agendas! Reach in to your own wallets and not ours!

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Advertisements

A candidate forum for the Indian Head Park Village Trustee election will be held on Monday, March 11th at the Acacia Clubhouse, 111 Cascade Drive, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Questions can be submitted by the audience at the forum or advance questions can be sent to: [questionslwv@gmail.com](mailto:questionslwv@gmail.com)

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## TEEPEE TOPICS

### **Charles "Peanut" Tillman Headlines Aging Care Connections Sports Ball**

Outstanding Bears cornerback, Charles "Peanut" Tillman, has signed on to appear as a celebrity athlete at the 12th annual Sports Ball Benefit Gala to be held Friday, May 17 at 6 pm at Pinstripes, Oak Brook. The event will feature tailgate cocktails, skybox dining, auctions, bocce and bowling. Sports Ball is Aging Care Connections' major fundraising event held to support the organization's social service programs assisting those 60 years of age and older in suburban Cook County communities.

The event will give guests the opportunity to meet celebrity athletes who will sign autographs and answer questions about the outstanding careers they have enjoyed with major league teams. Auction items showcasing a Notre Dame package including a football autographed by alumnus and Heisman Trophy winner John Lattner who will attend Sports Ball, and the opportunity to "borrow" John Lattner's Heisman trophy for two weeks; sports memorabilia including a football signed by Heisman Trophy winners; and trips to the Ottawa Culinary Institute, Scottsdale, Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and Blue Harbor Resort.

Aging Care Connections is accepting auction items and sponsorships to support the event. Tickets are available for \$150 each, and information about Sports Ball is available



by calling Niki Chibucos, director of development and public relations, at 708-354-1323, extension 226.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. To learn more, visit [www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org).

Congratulations to Jessica Koziel who was named to the Dean's list at Marquette University and also to Taryn Kryza, Rachel Pellegrino, Anna Rafanelli, Cara Rafanelli, Michael Yu and Kevin Connelly who were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy.

Our condolences to the family of Patricia Kolodziej, who passed away at the age of 77.

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