

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Welcome to November, my favorite time of year! I truly enjoy the crisp weather, beautifully colored leaves, and upcoming holidays. Not only is it my birthday month, but it also includes my favorite holiday: Thanksgiving. What could be better than a day in which the focus is food, football, and family--no presents or other strings attached!

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is important to take time to remember those things for which we should give thanks. My thoughts on what to be thankful for in the Village come from not only my numerous years as a resident, but also from my time spent on the Planning And Zoning Commission, as well as my time thus far as the newest Trustee on the Village Board. As I look back over the last year, we have a great deal to be thankful for in Indian Head Park.

Initially, as Village residents, we must remember and be thankful for the services of two individuals who were devoted to keeping our Village safe and making it a great place to live and raise our families. Our former Police Chief, **Patrick Crowley**, who passed away much too young, was dedicated to his profession and position, and respected and admired by all who came in contact with him. Although many of us never dealt with the Police Department on an individual basis, we all benefitted from Chief Crowley and his officers' work in keeping our Village and its residents safe. Additionally, **Richard Pellegrino** decided this past year not to seek another term as Village President. In all my years in the Village, I have never met or seen anyone so devoted to our town. He worked tirelessly, most of the times behind the scenes, on a daily basis on behalf of the residents of the Village. We should be thankful for all the years these individuals gave to us.

We must also be thankful for all the people who help keep our Village beautiful and vibrant. This includes our neighbors and the Village staff, both in the Village Hall and on the streets. From the Family Fun Night and holiday activities and parties to the publication of Smoke Signals, we must remember also to thank all those who volunteer to make our Village

what it has become. Similarly, it is appropriate to remember and give thanks for our elected officials and those who serve on the various Village commission's and boards for the time and effort they devote to conducting Village business on our behalf.

As for our neighbors and fellow residents, it is hard to take a ride or walk around town without marveling at how wonderful our Village looks. We sometimes take for granted the beautiful trees and rolling hills, as well as the beautifully maintained yards and homes we have here in town.

Although this is a Village newsletter, I would be remiss in not reminding us to remember at Thanksgiving the wonderful times with family and friends we have enjoyed over the last year. I lost a sister-in-law in her 40's this past year, and although I am sad, I must remember and be thankful for all the years and great times my family had with her. I hope we can all do the same at this time of year with respect to all of our family and friends.

On a lighter note, and as a benefit to all the residents of Indian Head Park, I decided to keep on my family theme and ask my daughter Jane, who is in kindergarten, how to cook the Thanksgiving turkey. After thinking for a few moments, she initially stated that it first needed a bath. After cleaning the turkey, we should turn the oven to eight hundred degrees and stick the turkey in for ten hours. Of course the turkey needs to be in a big pan. I do not recommend you follow her cooking directions, but do hope that, as I do, you also enjoy all the things we need to be thankful for, especially family and friends.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Village Trustee. I am grateful for your support.

On behalf of **Mayor Andrews** and **Trustees Anselmo, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauer, Walsh** and **myself**, I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

— Brian Bailey, Trustee

Heritage Center Update:

This short note is intended to bring you up to date with the renovations and maintenance planned or in progress for the Heritage Center. By now most of you have noticed the installation of the new fencing along the north and west sides of the Heritage Center which replaces the old one that predates the paving of the parking area. This is still a work in progress and modifications to the fencing as well as landscape screening are planned. Also, the parking lot was recently seal-coated and re-stripped courtesy of a non-resident benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. The chimney, roof, and gutters are in need of repair. A walkway from the parking area to the main entry door in the back is needed. A fire-protection sprinkling system (funded through a grant) will be installed in the future. Of course, the exterior of the house needs to be painted but the structural work must be done first. Most of the outdoor matters will be addressed beginning next spring. We thought you would like to know that improvements for the Heritage Center are a work-in-progress and these matters are being addressed.

Mayor Richard S. Andrews

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, December 6, 2007

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:
Tuesday, December 4, 2007

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

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:
Thursday, December 20, 2007

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

Police Department Briefing.....

Coyotes in Illinois

The Village of Indian Head Park Police Department and Administration Offices has received a few calls regarding sightings of coyotes in the area. Coyotes once were rare in Illinois. As many as 30 years ago, coyote populations were low due to now-defunct eradication programs. Coyotes have proliferated since then, moving from the western U.S. into eastern habitat where wolves used to be. Coyotes are adaptable and can live almost anywhere. Chicago is a case in point. The North American coyote has long been a symbol of the wilderness. The coyote can be found anywhere in Chicago Wilderness — from the bustling streets of Chicago to cultivated suburban neighborhoods to the natural wilds. Coyotes differ from most other wildlife species in cities in that they can be considered a nuisance without any evidence of damage, but simply by being seen. Because of their role as a large predator, people are sensitive to the real or perceived threat to pets or children. Coyotes usually are nocturnal and often live near people, but people often never know they are there. Most coyotes are harmless; their goal is to eat more natural foods such as mice and rabbits. However, coyotes are opportunistic. If coyotes see easy food — such as open garbage — and aren't afraid, they may take advantage. That puts pets in direct line for confrontation with coyotes. Coyotes aren't interested in eating pets, these are territorial disputes.



Steps for keeping pets safe, if your home is near a coyote habitat, include:

- Don't feed any wild animals such as raccoons or deer, which encourages coyotes as well.
- Keep cats indoors at all times.
- Keep your dog on a leash.
- Don't leave cat or dog food outside.
- Secure garbage in areas where coyotes can't access it; keep yards clean of refuse and brush.
- Do not let pets out at night unless accompanied by a person.

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Noteworthy Letter

November 1, 2007

Mr. John Murray
123 Acacia Circle #112
Indian Head Park, IL 60525

Re: Donation to the Village of Indian Head Park Halloween Party

Dear Mr. Murray,

On behalf of the entire Village Board, we wish to extend our appreciation and special thanks to you for your generous donation of various Halloween decorations and games that were donated to the annual Halloween party that was sponsored by the Village of Indian Head Park. Our event was held on Saturday, October 27th at the Municipal Facility and the children enjoyed the decorations that you contributed.

It is through the efforts of individuals such as yourself that our community continues to prosper.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Andrews
Mayor



Do you have a family member with a mental illness? The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging and the Pillars Community Services sponsors programs to provide care for a loved one with a mental illness.

The programs provide information about coping with stress, up to date treatment programs, housing options and assistance that might be available to your family member. Please contact the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging at (708) 354-1323

Driving is a routine part of an adult's life and a symbol of competence and independence. But when the body's reflexes begin to decline, it can be dangerous for everyone on the road. Taking privileges away from a loved one is a difficult decision if you are a family care-giver. Distractions can impair the ability to observe visual cues like brake lights on the car ahead or traffic lights and signs. Visual spatial skills also decline and this can cause issues with judging distances. Here are a few factors to consider when deciding whether diminished skills necessitate a driver's license review. Does your loved one have difficulties with coordination or fine motor skills, with reflexes, making decisions, staying alert to changes, judging distance and space, driving at an appropriate speed, recognizing familiar places and memory.

Indian Head Park Woman's Club News...

On Tuesday, December 11, 2007 the Indian Head Park Woman's Club will be hosting the Club's Christmas Party at Ashton Place, located at 341 75th Street, in Willowbrook. The evening will start with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and a delicious dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required and the cost is \$32.00 for dinner, plus wonderful entertainment. Don Reitsma, a baritone, will take us on a sentimental journey back to the 1930's up to the present time. Don has toured the U.S. and other countries and is a versatile musician. Guests are always welcome. Please call Adrienne at (708) 246-8730 for information and to make your reservations.

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Students in the News.....

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

Fenwick High School – Oak Park

Lauren Gula and Katherine Bailey were named to the honor roll with first honors at Fenwick High School.

Montini Catholic High School – Lombard

Jillian Sullivan was named to the honor roll with high honors at Montini High School.

Nazareth Academy – LaGrange Park

Nora O'Connell and Joseph Pellegrino were named to the "A" honor roll at Nazareth Academy.

North Central College – Naperville

Danielle Izac was named to the dean's list at North Central College. To be eligible to be named to the dean's list students must maintain a minimum 3.6 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Eastern Illinois University – Charleston

Kathryn Benson received a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University.

Giving Thanks

— Anonymous

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the 'Land of the Free' —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

Cook County History Famous People

The Cook County Clerk's Office recently printed a publication entitled "Sweet Home Cook County". The information was compiled with the help of DePaul University communications intern Trevor Layton and in cooperation with the Cook County Vital Records Division, its director Tim Dever and deputy director Gerry Weston. The following individuals also contributed to the publication: deputy communications director, Kelley Quinn, Sue Ellen Colon, Mark Mesle, Kathy Kloss, Jimmy McClellan and the hard working team of the vital statistics department. The Cook County Clerk's Office is the official recorder keeper of certificates for births, marriages and deaths that occur in Chicago and suburban Cook County. There are 23 million records that stretch back to 1871. In a massive preservation effort, all of the Cook County vital statistic records have been digitized.

Chicago and Cook County suburbs have been home to countless figures celebrated for their wit, athleticism, brains or talent. A few of these famous people are listed below:

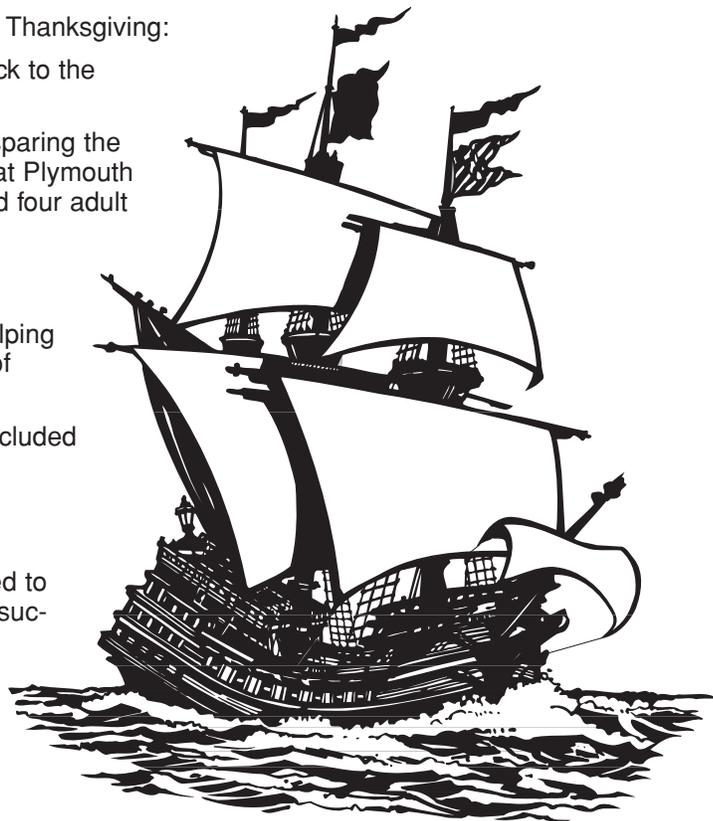
PERFORMERS: Gillian Anderson (actress), James Belushi (actor/comedian), John Belushi (actor/comedian), Jack Benny (radio and T.V. comedian), Paul Butterfield (musician), Dan Castellaneta (actor/comedian), Jay Chandrasekhar (director/actor/writer), Anna Chlumsky (actress), Don Cornelius (producer), John Cusack (actor), Brian Doyle-Murray (actor/screenwriter), Dennis Farina (actor), Harrison Ford (actor), Dennis Franz (actor), Aaron Freeman (comedian, director, writer, actor, cartoonist and social commentator), Jeff Garlin (actor), Benny Goodman (musician), Jaslene Gonzalez (model), Herbie Hancock (musician), Daryl

Hannah (actress), Marilu Henner (actress), Charlton Heston (actor), Terrence Howard (actor), Rock Hudson (actor), Jennifer Hudson (singer/actress), Quincy Jones (composer/musician), Frankie Laine (singer), Bernie Mac (actor/comedian), Justina Machado (actress), Marlee Matlin (actress), Curtis Mayfield (musician), Jenny McCarthy (model, actress, writer), Bill Murray (actor), Bob Newhart (comedian/actor), Suze Orman (t.v. personality/financial advisor), Michael Pena (actor), William Petersen (actor/producer), Harold Ramis (director/screenwriter/actor), Lou Rawls (singer), John C. Reilly (actor), Freddy Rodriguez (actor), Gary Sinise (actor/director/musician), Mavis Staples (singer), Mr. T. (Actor), Marisol Terrazas (recording artist), Rob Tunney (actress), Eddie Vedder (singer/musician), Nadine Velazquez (actress), Raquel Welch (actress), George Wendt (actor), Robin William (actor/comedian), Robert Zemeckis (movie director/producer/screenwriter), Warren Zevon (musician). **COMPETITORS:** Marcelo Balboa (soccer player/t.v. commentator), Dick Butkus (football player), Maurice Cheeks (basketball player), Chris Chelios (hockey player), Shani Davis (speed skater), Bobby Dotter (race car driver), Bobby Fischer (chess player), Cliff Floyd (major league baseball player), Curtis Granderson Jr., (major league baseball player), Dorothy Hamill (Olympic figure skater), Marv Levy (football coach), Donovan McNabb (NFL quarterback), Ray Nitschke (football player), Isiah Thomas (basketball player, coach, executive), Dwyane Wade (basketball player).

Thanksgiving Facts

Some interesting facts you may or may not know about Thanksgiving:

- The first Thanksgiving celebration can be traced back to the Plymouth Pilgrims in the fall of 1621.
- The first Thanksgiving feast was held in thanks for sparing the lives of the survivors of the Mayflower, who landed at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. The survivors included four adult women and almost forty percent children.
- The Wampanoag chief Massasoit and ninety of his tribesmen were also invited to the first thanksgiving feast. Governor William Bradford invited them for helping the Pilgrims surviving and teaching them the skills of cultivating the land.
- The celebration in 1621 lasted for three days and included games and food.
- The president to proclaim the first 'National Day of Thanksgiving' in 1789 was George Washington.
- Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, campaigned to make Thanksgiving a National Holiday in 1827 and succeeded.
- Abraham Lincoln announced Thanksgiving to be national holiday in his proclamation on October 3, 1863.
- The 'wishbone' of the turkey is used in a good luck ritual on Thanksgiving Day.



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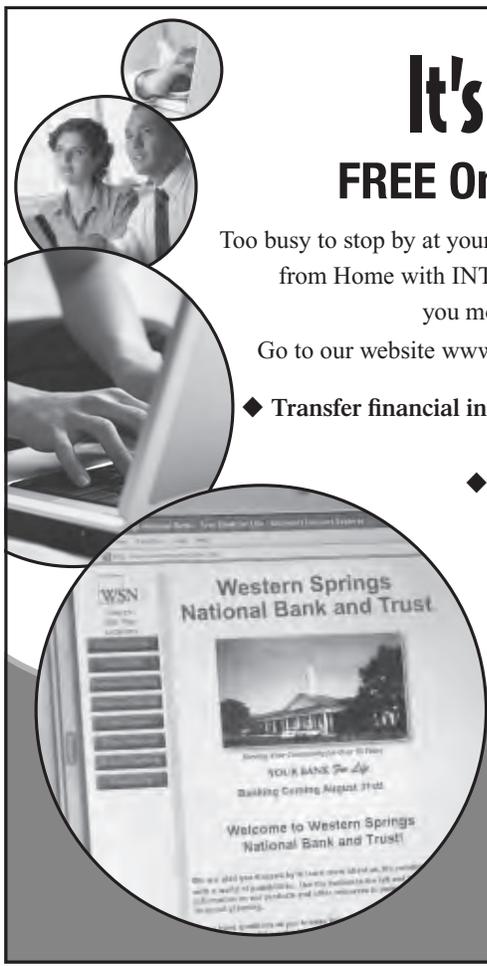
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Congratulations to Cadet David T. Carlson, son of Philip and Suzanne Carlson of Indian Head Park and also the grandson of Walt and Marsha Aalbrechtse of Indian Head Park. David earned the Superintendent's Award for Achievement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York. The Superintendent's Award of Achievement is presented to the top 20% of cadets who excel in the academic, military and physical programs. The insignia is a gold wreath.

David Carlson graduated from Lyons Township High School in 2006, he plans to graduate from West Point in 2010 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and to be prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army.

The Cook County Clerk's Office needs Election Judges to work in suburban Cook County for the February 5th Presidential Primary and November 4, 2008 Presidential elections. Election Judges must: pass a training course, live in and be registered to vote in Cook County and be able to serve from 5:15 a.m. on Election Day until results are transmitted at the end of the night. Join team democracy and earn \$150! For further details, please contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312) 603-0965 or visit the County Website at: www.voterinfonet.com

Come see the play at Lyons Township High School. Adult and Community Actors with special needs presents -- Disney's "**Jungle Book Kids**". The event will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lyons Township High School South Campus Performing Arts Center located at

4900 South Willow Springs Road, Western Springs. Free refreshments will be provided and tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved at a cost of \$4.00. To reserve tickets, please call (708) 246-4478.

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

Do you play bridge? The Lyonsville Bridge Group is looking for bridge players to join its monthly party bridge sessions. Starting its 15th year, the group meets at the Lyonsville Congregational Church at 6971 Joliet Road in Indian Head Park on the second Monday of each month from September through May. For further details, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.

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.

Katie Warren graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a major in Technical Communications. She was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force on October 4, 2007. Katie is a communications officer and will be stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. Katie is a 2003 graduate from LTHS and a lifelong resident of Indian Head Park.

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