

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

It is autumn once again. The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting colder, and I feel the clean crisp air touch my face whenever I step outside. This time of year, I frequently glance up to observe trees changing brilliantly, and a warm feeling emerges, reminding me how lucky I am to live in this Village.

On August 29th, I had an opportunity to attend a special forum on the Dangers of Radon sponsored by The Township of Lyons and Supervisor, Pat Rogers. Representatives from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Division of Nuclear Safety Radon Program covered many topics regarding potential elevated radon levels in homes in Illinois. Radon is a radioactive element that is part of the radioactive decay chain of naturally occurring uranium in the soil. Radon enters a home because of temperature and air pressure differences between the home and the outside air. Radon and other soil gases are drawn in from the surrounding soil through any openings between the house and soil as air is vented from homes by powered or natural ventilation. The adverse health effect, lung cancer, from elevated radon exposure develops over time. Since radon is an invisible, odorless, radioactive gas, the only way to tell how much radon is in your home is to test it. It is important to know that the USEPA estimates that approximately 13% of lung cancer deaths are radon related. Mitigation is recommended if the radon level is 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air or more. The IEMA Division of Nuclear Safety has developed protocols for homeowners to test their homes for the presence of naturally occurring radon gas to see if these elevated levels exist. Testing for radon is easy and relatively inexpensive. While supplies last, IEMA Division of Nuclear Safety has free test kits. Kits are also available at certain hardware and home improvement stores. After setting up the testing device for a prescribed amount of time, you will send the results of the test for analysis to see if a mitigation system is necessary. For more information on radon call the IEMA-Division of Nuclear Radon Program at 1-800-325-1245 or

visit their website at www.state.il.us/iema, click on IEMA Division of Nuclear Safety, then go to DNS links (Radon).

Parents and Grandparents of children grade 4 and under mark your calendars for the annual Indian Head Park Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th from 1:30 to 3:00 at the Indian Head Park Municipal Facility. Plenty of games and treats are in store for the trick or treaters. Last year was a huge success with everyone in attendance.

On Saturday, September 9th, many residents gathered to see the West Suburban Concert Band and the movie Nanny McPhee in Blackhawk Park. What a beautiful evening it turned out to be. There was a special appearance by Masonic Shriner "**Judgie the Clown**" (our own Village Clerk Joseph V. Consolo). **Thanks Joe. Kudos to Trustees Carol Coleman and Matthew Walsh** for making "Concert and Movie in the Park" a relaxing and enjoyable event for all residents in attendance.

Speaking of Trustees, **Anne Bermier** attended the memorial for the City of Countryside's police canine that was killed in the line of duty. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the police department on their loss.

A giant standing ovation to **Mayor Pellegrino, Village Administrator Frank Alonzo, Superintendent Ed Santen and my colleagues on the Village Board**, who facilitated the request to the Illinois Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic and engineering speed study on Willow Springs Road from 55th Place to Joliet Road to determine the appropriateness of the existing speed limit. The results by the Illinois Department of Transportation indicated that the present limit of 40 mph be reduced to 35 mph. Please observe the new speed limit when the newly revised signage is posted.

As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as one of your Village Trustees.

Sincerely,
Trustee Deborah A. Anselmo

Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, October 12, 2006
Thursday, November 9, 2006

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2006
Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, November 2, 2006

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

No meetings scheduled at this time.

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



For the November 7, 2006 Primary Election:

Voter registration for the upcoming election ends on October 10, 2006. If you recently moved to Indian Head Park, you may register to vote during regular office hours at the Municipal Facility Administration Office located at 201 Acacia Drive (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Please provide two forms of identification reflecting your current address. You may also check your voting eligibility on-line by visiting the Cook County Clerk's Office Website at www.voterinfo.com or by contacting the County Clerk's Office at (312) 603-0906. At the Cook County Clerk's downtown Chicago office, located at 69 West Washington St., Room 500, grace period registration will be taking place October 11th through October 24, 2006. **Absentee Ballot forms are also available at the Administration Offices to request a ballot from the Cook County Election Department for the upcoming election.**

Smoke Signals

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Full page advertisements - \$200.00, 1/2 page advertisements - \$125.00, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" size advertisements - \$75.00, business card size advertisements - \$45.00, trading post advertisements - \$20.00 (no commercial advertisements - the advertisement will run two times at no cost, then a \$20.00 charge).

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Deadline date for the next issue is November 10, 2006.

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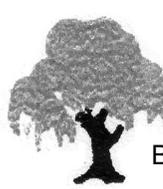
University of Illinois – Urbana - Champaign

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the dean's list at the University of Illinois: Michael Pellegrino, Anthony Perrino and Caitriona Tobin.

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Police Department Briefing

With witches, goblins and super-hero's descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Do not hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

The recommended time for trick or treating in the Village of Indian Head Park is 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Water Department Information



Periodically, the Village receives phone calls from residents who are concerned about higher than normal water bills. If you know that you are not running any water and the dial indicator on your water meter is moving, that means that there is water going through the meter and this will be reflected as "used water" on your water bills. This also means that if you have a leak, the water being used or in this case lost – will be reflected on your bill. It is possible that a water leak in a single toilet can use at least two to four gallons of water a minute! This adds up to a lot of water over a period of time. Leaking toilets can waste from 30 to 50 gallons of water per day. If you have questions regarding water billing, please contact Judy Corvo at the Administration Offices at (708) 246-3137.

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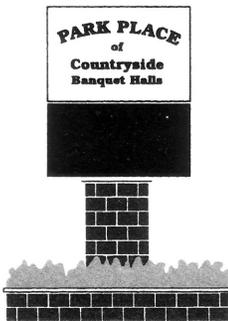
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Building With Trees

Treatment of Trees Damaged By Construction

The processes involved with construction can be devastating to the surrounding trees if no measures have been taken to protect them. The visible injuries such as broken branches and wounds to tree trunks are only the beginning. It is the damage to the root systems that often result in tree loss. Trees can be preserved if the appropriate measures are taken soon enough. Unfortunately, it is usually when the first signs of decline appear that help is sought. There are some remedial treatments that may save some construction-damaged trees, but immediate implementation is critical. If you have trees that have been affected by recent construction, consult a professional arborist promptly. Your arborist can assess each tree for viability and potential hazards, and recommend treatments.

Treating Trunk and Crown Injuries

Pruning branches that are split, torn, or broken should be removed. Also, remove any dead, diseased, or rubbing limbs from the crown of the tree. Sometimes it is necessary to remove some lower limbs to raise the canopy of a tree and provide clearance below. It is best to postpone other maintenance pruning for a few years. It used to be recommended that tree canopies be thinned or topped to compensate for root loss.

Irrigation and Drainage

One of the most important tree maintenance procedures following construction damage is to maintain an adequate, but not excessive, supply of water to the root zone. If there is a drainage problem, the trees will decline rapidly. Improper drainage must be corrected if the trees are to be saved. If soil drainage is good, be sure to keep the trees well watered,



especially during the dry summer months. A long, slow soak over the entire root zone is the preferred method of watering. Keep the top 12 inches moist, but avoid overwatering. Avoid frequent, shallow watering. Make sure surface water drains away from the tree. Proper irrigation may do more to help trees recover from construction stress than anything else you could do.

Improving Aeration of the Root Zone Drilling Holes/Vertical Mulching

Compaction of the soil and increases in grade both have the effect of depleting the oxygen supply to tree roots. If soil aeration can be improved, root growth and water uptake can be enhanced. A common method of aeration of the root zone involves drilling holes in the ground. Holes are usually 2 to 4 inches in diameter and are made about 3 feet on center throughout the root zone of the tree. The depth should be at least 12 inches but may need to be deeper if the soil grade has been raised. Sometimes the holes are filled with peat moss, wood chips, pea gravel, or other materials that maintain aeration and support root growth. This process is called vertical mulching.

Monitoring for Decline and Hazards

Despite your best efforts, you may lose some trees from the construction damage. Symptoms of decline include smaller and fewer leaves, dieback in the crown of the tree, and premature fall color. If a tree dies as a result of root damage, it may be an immediate hazard and should be removed right away. Examine your trees for signs of possible hazards. Look for cracks in the trunk, split or broken branches, and dead limbs. Watch for indications of internal decay such as cavities, carpenter ants, soft wood, and mushroom like structures growing on the trunk, root crown, or along the major roots.

Aging Well Partners with the Theatre of Western Springs

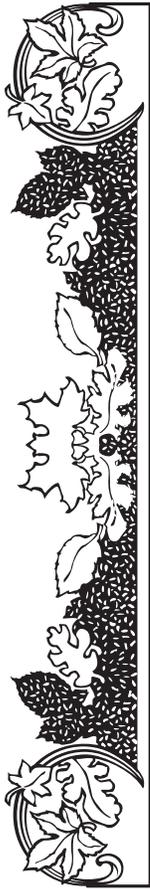
The Aging Well team of Western Springs/Indian Head Park is partnering with the Theatre of Western Springs to bring seniors in their communities a new and exciting program called Aging Well's Senior Scenes. The program entails interactive reading and discussion of Pulitzer Prize winning plays. Mr. Jack Phillips, Artistic Director at the Theatre of Western Springs, will lead the group.

The *Aging Well's Senior Scenes* theatre program will run every other week starting on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 from 1:00-3:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Western Springs Grand Avenue Community Center located at 4211 Grand Avenue. Participants will read plays aloud and discuss content of the readings together. Space is limited and there is a \$2.00 fee per participant to cover the cost of the manuscript copies.

Registration is required. Participants may register for the group even after the program has started. To register or for more information about this program please contact Aging Well at (708) 354-1323 x19.

This program is sponsored by Aging Well, a community partnership that was started in 2001 by AgeOptions. The project's goal is to work with communities to create an environment in which people can age well. Aging Well Community Action Teams exist in many communities in greater Lyons Township. These teams are comprised of volunteers who work together to address the needs of older adults in their communities. Projects vary and include health fairs, distribution of the File of Life and cell phones for 911 emergency use, community health clinics, community forums, and more.

Aging Well is supported by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPFOA) national initiative. CPFOA seeks to foster community partnerships that are improving long term care and supportive services systems to meet the current and future needs of older adults. A project of Suburban Area Agency on Aging, now AgeOptions, Aging Well is supported locally by Community Memorial Foundation and the Township of Lyons.



Indian Head Park Woman's Club

Activities for November

The next meeting of the Indian Head Park Woman's Club will be held on October 17th, at the Village Hall, in the conference room at 201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park, at 6:45 p.m. Ample parking is available in the rear of the building. This month's speaker will be Dr. David Doyle. Dr. Doyle is a podiatrist specializing in the medical care of the foot, ankle, and lower leg. Dr. Doyle is located in La Grange on west 47th Street. At the end of the program, time permitting, Dr. Doyle will answer questions. On Sept 9th, the club held their first fund raiser. The bakery goods were also available at the club's first meeting that was held on September 19th at the Village Hall. If planning ahead, the next meeting will be on Nov. 21, 2006. If you would like to participate in our cookie dough fund raiser, please see a member for a form to order your cookies, popcorn, and peanuts. They will be available on November 14th, although the ordering must be completed by the next meeting date, October 17. This will be a great addition to your Thanksgiving dinner or to bring along with you as a hostess gift.

Senior Men's Bridge...

The Leisuretime Club is a group of men who meet to play bridge every Thursday at noon at the Lyonsville Congregational Church in Indian Head Park located at the corner of Wolf and Joliet Roads. All men are welcome to join. The members cover the complete range of bridge playing ability, so players or any skill or experience level will feel comfortable. Everyone is very congenial and new players are always welcome. The Club has been operating in the LaGrange area for over 50 years. It has three 8 week tournaments a year with open play for the balance of the year. There are Spring and Christmas luncheons each year (wives and companions welcome) usually held at the Edgewood Valley Country Club. Please call either the president, Vern Kramer at (708) 246-8888 or Bob Terp at (708) 784-0921 for additional information.

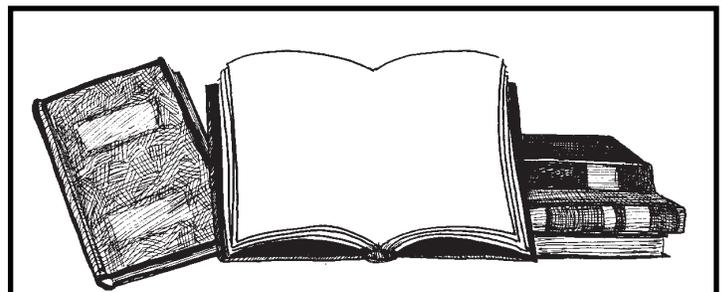
Senior Computer Classes...

The LaGrange Highlands School District #106 will once again be offering free computer classes to senior citizens who live within the district. These classes will teach the use of Microsoft Word, including cutting, saving, pasting, formatting, adding pictures and creating labels as well as other basic techniques. The first session of classes will be held on Mondays, October 16, 23 and 30th. The second session will be held on November 6, 13, and 20th. All classes meet from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Highlands School on Plainfield. The instructor will be Mrs. Lanciloti. If you are interested in participating, please contact Christine English at (708) 485-3447.

Aging Well Initiative Upcoming Events

October 16th - Legal Issues for Seniors & the 5 Wishes Document Presenter & Sponsor - Bill Wilson of Wilson & Wilson in Countryside. Special start time at 2:00 p.m. Flu shots available starting at 1:00 p.m.- call (708) 354-1323 x19 to sign up for a flu shot. \$24.00 per shot (that's a \$6.00 discount) Medicare Part B (non HMO) and Medicare Railroad accepted.

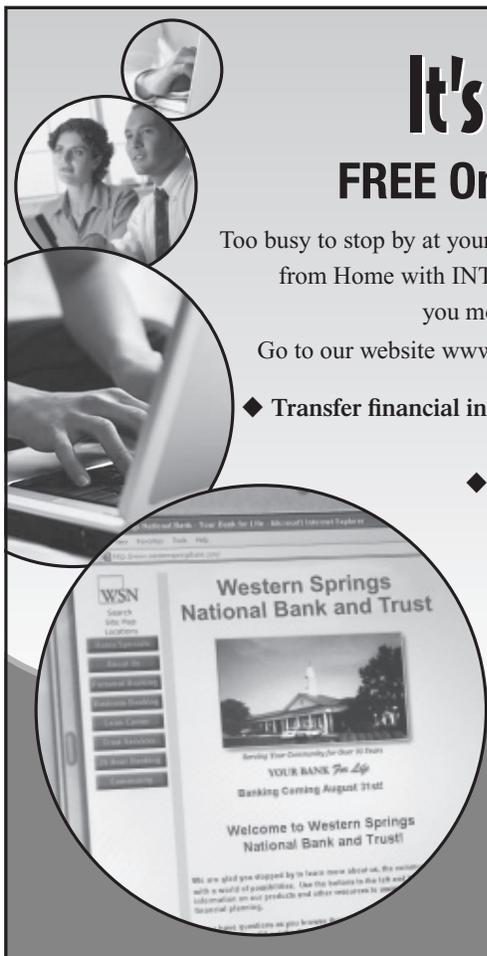
The featured speaker is Attorney, Bill Wilson of Wilson & Wilson in Countryside. Mr. Wilson will present the highly requested 5 Wishes document. Mr. Wilson has practiced over 20 years, concentrating in the areas of Elder Law, Estate and Medicaid Planning, Estate Planning for Families with Disabled Children, Probate, and advising not-for-profit corporations. Bill is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and of the Chicago Bar Association Committees on Trust Law, Asset Protection, and Elder Law. He is the past president of Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center, an agency for developmentally disabled persons and also of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. He is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging in LaGrange, Illinois, and serves on the Economic Development and Strategic Planning Committees. He is currently a member on the Aging Well Council, a LaGrange area group interested in furthering the resources of senior citizens in the LaGrange area. Bill received his B.A. in history at the University of Texas at Austin, with high honors, and graduated from Northwestern School of Law. He continues to present seminars on Elder Law, Estate Planning and Asset Protection throughout the LaGrange area. Unless noted, all presentations begin at 1:00 p.m. and are held at The Western Springs Recreation Center (1500 Walker Street, Western Springs). For more information, call Mike Doepke at 708-783-1220.



Heritage Center Library

6250 South Wolf Road

The Heritage Center Library is open to the public on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. If you have time to devote to the library, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.



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TEEPEE TOPICS

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grounds and callings as well as from the relevant trade associations and bodies. ... Many members of the royal family are active members of livery companies." Frank, who has been a resident of Indian Head Park since 1978, is also currently President Elect of The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) and a member of the Board of Directors of The Great Lakes Chapter of ASHI. He does residential, commercial, EIFS (Dryvit) and new construction inspections.

Dogs Running at Large – Residents, please keep in mind that the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code requires that dogs must be securely fastened on a leash not more than eight feet in length and under the control of the owner. Citations for violations of the Municipal Code may be issued to the owner if their dog is running loose.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Catherine Mable Fregeau, age 97, who was a fifty year resident of Indian Head. Mary Gloria Farrell, age 81, who was a member of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary.

Dr. Hugh Rae, age 83, a long time resident of Indian Head Park. Dr. Rae earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his medical degree from the University of Chicago. He practiced podiatry for 45 years and also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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