

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration's Message

*October turned my maple's leaves to gold; the most are gone now; here and there one lingers; soon these will slip from out the twig's weak hold, like coins between a dying miser's fingers. – T. B. Aldrich*

Dear Residents:

Aldrich's gloomy quote notwithstanding, autumn is a festive time! Fall is now upon us, and the trees in our Village are bursting with color. Our tree-lined streets are beautiful, and soon children will be crunching through the leaves looking for Halloween candy. As always, this season is a beautiful time in our Village.

Fall is a busy time for our Village Public Works Department, as well, because as they ready our streets for winter, Public Works will be focusing on picking up our fallen leaves. Our Village, like most of us, has had to tighten its belt this year, and has accordingly modified the leaf program and pickup schedule. Because of these changes, please read carefully the information contained in this edition of Smoke Signals to determine when the pick-up will be for your street, and plan your landscaping schedule accordingly. In order to help our Public Works Department, and to assist us with respect to costs, please only rake leaves into these piles. Other items placed within leaf piles can damage equipment, and not only delay pick up, but necessitate repairs and additional costs.

Also, please be careful when driving near the piles of leaves in our streets. Sometimes, children could be playing

and other items (while specifically discouraged) could be placed within these piles.

The younger children in our house are eagerly planning their Halloween costumes, and we are always amazed at the array of goblins and princess that venture down Osceola Trail. Remember that Halloween is on Saturday this year, and so the candy may need to be ready earlier in the day. Please also be alert for the groups of trick-or-treaters traveling on our streets on Saturday, October 31. Our village children should also be on the lookout for our annual Halloween party in the Village Hall. Again, information can be found in this edition of Smoke Signals. We expect all treats, and no tricks!

Enjoy these fall afternoons, the crisp air and the exciting football games that await fans, from Pop Warner leagues through professional football. While some people say spring and summer are the most beautiful seasons, I would venture to guess they have not taken a stroll down Indian Head Park's streets this month. Enjoy October, and Happy Halloween!

*Sincerely, Trustee Brian Bailey*



## Village of Indian Head Park 2009 Fall Leaf Program

The Village of Indian Head Park leaf program will begin on Monday, October 12, 2009. The Public Works Department crews will begin collecting leaves during the following established schedule, weather permitting. The leaf program will end on the first major snow-storm of the season. At that time, residents will be responsible for removing leaves from their properties. There will only be one collection in each area as listed. Once the leaf pick-up in designated areas of the Village is completed, crews will not return to pick-up leaves placed along the streets.

### October 12th through October 30th

Indian Head Trail, Cherokee Drive, Big Bear Drive and Court, Thunderbird Drive, Mohawk Court, Sioux Trail, Apache Drive, Arrowhead Court, 70th Place, Eastern Avenue, 72nd Street, Flagg Creek Drive, 65th Place, Laurel Avenue, Howard Avenue, Acacia Lane, Wolf Road, Indian Ridge Condominiums, Acacia Townhome Development, Wilshire Green Association.

### November 2nd to November 25th

Vine Street, Arrowhead Trail, Indian Wood Lane, Sequoia Lane, Hiawatha Lane, Plainfield Road, Timber Ridge Court, Keokuk Drive, Blackhawk Trail, Pontiac Drive, Shabbona, Tecumseh Lane, Cochise Drive, Osceola Trail, Glenbrook Lane and Court, Ashbrook Lane, Edgebrook Lane and Court.

All leaves should be placed within five-feet of the edge of the curb only during the scheduled pick-up schedule. Once the program ends, any leaves placed in the Village parkway areas will not be collected and possible citations may be issued to individuals for placing debris in the Village rights-of-way or streets. Please note that leaves will not be collected if they are mixed with branches, grass clippings, garden waste, dirt or other debris. Residents are encouraged to mulch their leaves during lawn cutting or to distribute the mulched leaves in garden areas for natural composting. If you have any questions, please call the Administration Offices at (708) 246-3137.

# Police Department Announcement

## Ruse Entry Burglaries

The Police Department has noticed an increase in the number of reports involving the criminal act known as "Ruse Entry" burglaries. The offenders usually work in teams and target elderly residents. One offender will ring the door bell of a home and advise the resident there is a problem with the hot water heater, gas, electric or any service and may be asked to be shown to the basement or other remote location of the home where these facilities are usually located. While the first offender has the victim distracted, another offender will enter the home and steal anything of value. The offenders can be very insistent and may even push past the resident into the home.

### Follow these safety steps:

- Never let a stranger into your home.
- When answering the door to an unexpected stranger, if possible leave the door closed and made use of "peep holes". If opening the door is necessary, leave the screen/storm door closed and locked, and/or have a chain lock in place.

- Look for a utility company vehicle with an easily recognizable or familiar logo.
- Utility workers will not come to your home unannounced; they usually only respond to calls for service from the homeowner and will have some form of company identification.
- You can call the utility company that would be involved to determine if a service person was sent to your home.
- Unless they are following up on a pre-arranged, permit required installation, Village employees will not ask you to show them hot water heaters or potential utility problems in your home.
- If there is an emergency that requires an evacuation such as for a gas leak, the notification would be conducted by uniformed police officers or fire department personnel.
- If you ever have any doubts about a service person having a legitimate need to come into your home, you can always call 911.

## Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, October 8, 2009  
Thursday, November 12, 2009

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

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

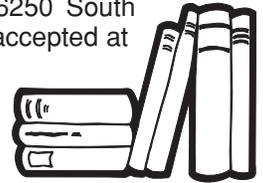
### Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, November 5, 2009

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

## Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library

If you are a reader and live in Indian Head Park, those are the only requirements to sign out books at the Heritage Center Library located at 6250 South Wolf Road. Book donations are also accepted at the Village Administration Offices during office hours. If you have any questions about the library, please call Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293. The library hours are: Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (except holiday weekends).



### Smoke Signals

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### VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK

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## Fall Ideal for Planting Trees & Shrubs



Finally, fall is here. The weather is becoming slightly cooler. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape. Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs “remodeling” or rejuvenating. The fall may be the best season to plant, surpassing even the spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get healthy, well grown plants. All plants have growing requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is it cold hardy? Some nurseries have this type of information on tags beside the plant.

“Plan before you plant” is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant. Good planning is a worthwhile investment of time that will pay off in greater enjoyment of attractive and useful home grounds, and in increasing the value of your home.

Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or for shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. Remember, that a small one gallon size

plant will look entirely different after a few years of growth in your landscape.

Plant properly for success. Here are a few guidelines on getting the job done right:

- Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides. The root ball should rest on a solid soil foundation.
- Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the level of the surrounding soil, to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.
- Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole. Handle the plant by the root ball, not by the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.
- Backfill the hole, using only the native soil removed from the hole; do not use soil amendments when planting large shrubs and trees. Fill the hole, and firm the soil around the plant. Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots and to eliminate any air pockets.
- Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring to do this, and even then, go lightly. Heavy applications of fertilizer may burn and injure the root system, and could possibly kill the plant.
- Watering has been and remains paramount in transplanting. At the time of transplanting, soak the root ball and surrounding soil. A thorough watering every 7 to 10 days dramatically increases the success ratio. More frequent watering may encourage root rot. Remember more trees and shrubs fail from over watering than from under watering.
- Before calling it a day, add 4 to 6 inches of mulch around the base of newly planted trees and shrubs. This helps to keep down weeds and conserve soil moisture. Use pine bark, compost, grass clippings, or leaves.

## Halloween Safety Tips

The suggested hours for trick or treating in Indian Head Park are 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Also, please refer to the flyer insert in this issue of *Smoke Signals* announcing the Village sponsored Halloween party.

- Have adult supervision. Accompany your kids if you do not think they are old enough to trick-or-treat on their own.
- There is safety in numbers. If they are old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell your kids to stay in a group.
- Don't cover the face. Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better.
- Take the long way 'round. Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys and parking lots.
- Try tick-or-treat-friendly homes. Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. And, you might also suggest the houses they visit have some sort of Halloween decoration on the porch.

- Remain visible. Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see them. If their costume is dark, have your kids wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- Remember, shorter - safer. Ensure your kids' costumes are not so long that they can trip over them.
- Check your kids' candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper.
- Say “no” to strangers. Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- Obey the law. Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules including looking both ways before crossing streets.
- Make sure your kids do not go inside someone's house.

Have a great time! Finally, make sure your kids have tons of fun and get lots and lots of candy.



## TEEPEE TOPICS

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park on their academic achievements!

Graduates from the University of Illinois: Kristina Bouzious (bachelor's in aviation human factors), Colleen Creighton (bachelor's in English), Eleni Hasiakos (bachelors's in advertising), Talia Kraft (bachelor's in dance), Anthony Perrino (bachelor's in political science). Anthony Cefali and Jamie Plzak were named to the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

The Center for Disease Control has stated that vaccines are the most powerful public health tool to control influenza and it is encouraging people to take responsibility and get vaccinated

this flu season. Officials are recommending that people receive both the regular seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine. The seasonable influenza vaccine is available now while the H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available in mid October. For further details regarding flu updates, please visit the following website: [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)

The Pleasantdale Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the Pleasantdale Park District Building at 7425 South Wolf Road in Burr Ridge. Karen Caldwell will run a workshop to make decorative gourd birdhouses. For further information, please call Alison Koehler at (630) 662-8061.

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### Change the Clock — Change your Battery!

Do not forget to turn your clock back one hour before turning in on Saturday, October 31st. Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 1st. This is also a good time to change the battery in all smoke detectors in your home when you change the time on your clocks. A working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of surviving a home fire.

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