

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration Message

Dear Fellow Residents:

With fall upon us and school back in session, a lot of you are probably finding that your schedules are quite full. The same is true of your Village Board. Recently we have completed our review of the streets, infrastructure and capital improvements and need to determine what projects to undertake and how to pay for them. We need your input and will have a town hall meeting to discuss this topic on November 7th. We intend to update our Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan under the guidance of our new Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman. We are in the process of facilitating some direct resident involvement in Village finances by establishing a Finance Committee. For more details, read on.

### *Town Hall meeting regarding a Street/ Infrastructure/Capital Improvement Plan*

As you may recall, last June I requested that the Village prepare a street maintenance plan and determine the avenues available to pay for it. This was expanded to include the infrastructure and capital improvements needed by the Village. The first step was to study our needs, obtain cost estimates and then decide what we wanted to do and fund those projects. At our September Village Board meeting, Village Administrator Alonzo along with trustees Bailey and Wittenberg presented the needs and cost estimates which included input from Public Works Superintendent Santen and our Village Engineer Dave Vandervelde. The report showed that we have nine streets in immediate need of repair and the others due in the near future. The VBT also discussed our needed infrastructure (water and sewer lines) repairs and capital improvements in the short and long term. The cost estimates of the various Short Term (1 to 5 years) components is as follows: Street Infrastructure - \$1,610,791; General Infrastructure/Capital projects - \$948,400; Water/Sewer Infrastructure - \$1,125,000; for a total of approximately \$3,684,191. The cost estimate for Long Term (5 to 10 years) General Infrastructure/Capital projects is an additional \$1,818,375. (See our website for more detailed information about this.)

Our Village finances, in light of the national downturn in the economy in 2008, have not allowed for large expenditures for these purposes in the last several years. Nor have there been any property tax increases for many years which could have provided funding. Your Village Board agrees that we need to address these issues sooner rather than later. However, every member of the Village Board wants to know what our residents think about this. So, in agreement with the VBT, I have requested a special Village Board meeting for this purpose.

Accordingly, we will hold a town hall style meeting on **Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall to hear from our residents and address street maintenance, infrastructure improvements, and capital needs. Our objective is to ultimately decide a priority for these various projects. Once prioritized, we need to decide what projects to undertake and complete in the immediate future; and how to pay for them. We also need to factor in longer range objectives. Then, once the projects have been prioritized, we will have an idea of the costs to accomplish the projects. Finding village resources to pay for these items include determining the amount we will need to spend, and how to raise those funds. Finding where to get these funds includes possibly raising revenue through taxes and other fees (e.g. vehicle sticker increase) as well as where cutbacks in other areas of the budget are possible. Although the numbers for the overall cost of these projects appear overwhelming, planning together, we can parse it down into manageable portions.

Clearly, there are various viewpoints held by our residents as well as village officials concerning the projects and their priorities and how to pay for them. We all value constructive input from our residents in trying to achieve these goals. So, in order to publicly discuss these issues and to obtain our residents' input, we will have a special "town hall" meeting of the VBT on **Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Village Hall. See you there!

### *50th Anniversary Zoning Code/Comprehensive Plan Update*

At our meeting last August, your Village Board re-appointed former PZC chairman/trustee Dennis Schermerhorn to the chairmanship of the Planning and Zoning Commission. At that time, Noreen Costelloe had volunteered to step down as Chairman, but remain on the PZC, in favor of Dennis. While a trustee, Schermerhorn had suggested that in light of the 50th anniversary next year of our zoning code which was initially established in 1964 (Ordinance 64-1), that it be updated and reorganized. Of course, over the years, the Zoning Code has been amended by ordinance to address development and needs of the Village. Inasmuch as these ordinances have come in piecemeal, it makes sense to the time now to modernize the Zoning Code. Accordingly, I have charged the PZC with the job of updating the Zoning Code and the Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in 1998. This work will be done through the PZC, vetted at public meetings as nec-

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essary, and ultimately finalized by the Village Board. Trustee Wittenberg is the VBT's liaison to the PZC.

**Finance Committee**

The Village Board is in process of establishing a Finance Committee to allow for some direct resident involvement in our budget process and related financial matters. Although the composition and details of this committee have not been finalized, it is my belief that it will provide for at least two residents to work with trustees and staff. If you think you might be interested in this, please see the notice soliciting volunteers elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing, our congratulations to resident **Jean Southerland** for taking on the responsibility of Lead Docent of the Heritage Center Library Docent program. Her predecessor Jane Kuhn has stepped down from this capacity but will continue to be involved. Also, let me remind you of the Book Sale at the Heritage Center Library on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of books that will be appealing to many adult and children's interests. Proceeds help fund the activities of the Library. Stop by and find a bargain!

Respectfully yours, Richard S. Andrews, mayor

**Volunteers Wanted**

The Village Board of Trustees and I have been discussing the creation of a Finance Committee to assist us with the preparation of the Village budget and certain other fiscal related matters. This committee will include a few Village residents to work with trustees and staff in connection with this mission. Accordingly, I am soliciting residents who have an interest in serving on this committee to submit a resume to me containing their qualifications, education, and experience by close of business on November 8, 2013. If you are interested in being considered for this committee, please submit your resume and contact information including your e-mail address and day and night phone numbers by email to admin@indianheadpark-il.gov or dropping it off at the Village Hall (or the drop box in front). Although a CPA and municipal finance experience is preferred, consideration will be given to all interested parties.

Mayor Richard S. Andrews

**Heritage House Library Book Sale**

**Saturday, November 2, 2013**  
**6250 S. Wolf Road**

The Heritage House Library is staffed by volunteers of Indian Head Park who service on weekends and maintain the landscaping around the grounds. The library is open on Saturday from 10AM to 3PM and on Sunday from 12PM to 3PM. Beginning this coming Spring, the library will also be open on Wednesday nights.

During the year, residents of IHP donate their used books to the library to be shared with others in the community. Duplicates and other surplus books that include hardcover (\$1.00), paperbacks (\$.25), and children books (\$.25) are sold to help support and continue to improve the library.

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**VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK**

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## Scheduled Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, November 7, 2013 – Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2013 – Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

**Fire and Police Commission: 5:00 p.m.**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

**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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## Reminder Regarding Solicitors

All solicitors are required to contact the Village Offices to obtain a form and also proper approval by the Indian Head Park Police Department before canvassing in town. If they are approved, each individual will be issued identification with an Indian Head Park logo which must be presented upon request by a homeowner. The identification will also include their name, name of the organization and how long the solicitation permit is valid. If you do not wish to be disturbed by solicitors, please make sure to display a "No Soliciting" decal on your front door. The Village Administration Offices has decals at no cost if you wish to obtain one. Please remember solicitors or telemarketers will sometimes use aggressive tactics in order to get a sale or a donation. Even if someone displays a valid solicitation permit, it does not mean you must open your door. If you are not interested in what they are selling, ask them to leave and if you observe an unusual activity, please contact the non-emergency Police Department number at (708) 246-4534.

## Open Burning Restrictions

As we enter the fall season, we are reminding residents that open burning of organic refuse and yard waste is not permitted according to the code. Please dispose of yard waste according to the requirements of your refuse company. The section of our code does not prohibit outdoor wood fires for recreational purposes as long it is contained in an approved outdoor device.

**Tree Preservation.** As a reminder, if you are planning to remove a tree on your property, please contact the Village and review the Village of Indian Head Park Tree Preservation requirements on the Village Website at [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov) prior to contacting a company for removal. Once a tree permit application is submitted, the Village Arborist can provide a report concerning trees that are irreversibly declining, tree diseases or general tree care and planting. A contractor registration is required for all landscaping and tree trimming companies working in the Village as well.

## Know What's Below

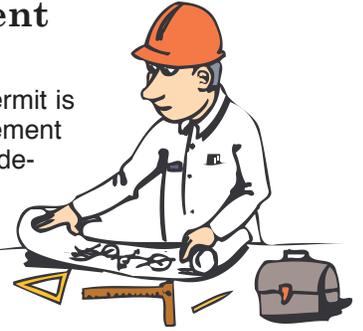
**Call Before you Dig.** Call JULIE's toll-free number 1-800-892-0123 (which is staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per week, dial 811 or visit their website) prior to any excavating.

Illinois state law requires that anyone planning an outdoor project that requires digging, regardless of the depth or the size of the project, must call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators). JULIE is a not-for profit corporation. Their mission is to prevent damages to underground utilities, the environment and property, reduce service interruptions and costly repairs. The call to J.U.L.I.E and the locating service is provided by utility members and is free to homeowners. According to state law, the person doing the digging is required to call J.U.L.I.E. with the locate request information at least 48 hours (two working days) in advance of the start of the excavation, not the homeowner or company for whom the work is being done. What the color flag markings mean:

Blue = water	Individual companies
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Green = storm sewer	Nicor Gas = yellow
Red = street light cables	ComEd = red
Orange = fiber optic cables	Telephone/Cable TV = Orange
Yellow = Nicor Gas	

## Building Department Information

As a reminder, 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. A Plat of Survey of your property is required for all exterior proposed changes to your residential structure.



If you have plans for any remodeling or home improvement projects, please contact the Building Department to discuss your project at (708) 246-7099, extension 101 so we may determine if a permit is required. A building permit is required for example the following scopes 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". Also, as a reminder if your property is located within a Planned Unit Development area or governed by an association, please obtain their approval first before contacting the Village.

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), exterior projects that may include window replacement, gutters, siding and various other interior routine home maintenance projects.

### **Contractor's Business License Requirements:**

The Village of Indian Head Park Board requires contractor's performing work in the Village of Indian Head Park to obtain a contractor's business license to perform work in our community. The annual fee covers miscellaneous projects performed by your company and it is the responsibility of the contractor to obtain a license. The business 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 application 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. If you are unsure if the contractor you are planning to hire is registered with the Village, please contact the Village Offices and we will check our list. Various contractors are required to obtain a registration with the Village such as: carpentry, concrete/masonry, electrical, general, HVAC/mechanical, insulating, sheetmetal, tile/marble/flooring, landscaping/tree trimming, plastering, painting/decorating, paving, plumbing/sewer/irrigation, roofing, structural work, tuckpointing, etc.



# TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees will be convening a special “Town Hall” Board meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013 for the purposes of discussing the Village’s street maintenance/infrastructure/capital improvements plan in order to help prioritize the projects, determine the amount we can afford and wish to spend, and how to pay for it all. Because your input is valuable to the Board, we invite all Indian Head Park residents to attend the public meeting.

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2013

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Village of Indian Head Park  
Municipal Facility  
201 Acacia Drive



## TEEPEE TOPICS

The Indian Head Park Woman's Club meets the 3rd Tuesday from September through April (except for December) at the Indian Head Park Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, at 6:30 p.m. A program or speaker will be presented. The Woman's Club is a member of the GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs as well as the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Save the date on Saturday, October 26, 2013 for a luncheon meeting and Vintage Fashion Show at Park Place of Countryside. The proceeds will benefit the Fisher House at Hines VA Hospital. All residents are welcome to join and there is no requirement to be a resident of Indian Head Park to participate. For further information, please contact membership chairperson Mary Ann Stang at (630) 789-9555.

### *Daylight Savings Time/Fall Back Time Change*

On Sunday, November 3, 2013 (2:00 a.m.) turn your clock back an hour

### *What is Daylight Saving Time (DST)?*

Daylight saving time, or daylight savings (as it is commonly known), starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November throughout most of the United States and Canada. The practice makes for more daylight hours in the evening during the summer months. In the spring, clocks are moved forward one hour, and in the fall clocks are moved back one hour. Daylight saving time is frequently remembered using the reminder "spring forward, fall back".

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