

*Calendar of Events—
 January 2009*

*January 6—6:00 p.m.
 Public Hearing—1/2%
 Sales Tax for Transpor-
 tation*

*January 7—2:00 p.m.
 Board of Public Works*

*January 8—7:00 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning*

*January 13—7:00 p.m.
 Board of Trustees*

Note: As of deadline date, the above meetings are the only ones scheduled. All meetings will be held in the Convention Center behind Dream Catcher Resort unless otherwise noted

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Chamber Ambassadors

The Village of Indian Point has need of a small volunteer staff during business hours to operate the Indian Point Chamber of Commerce information office.

Duties include answering telephone requests, giving walk-ins assistance on directions, and representing area business and facilities.

Volunteers will be given guidelines and scheduling with flexibility. All volunteers will then be eligible for free and minimum costs to all area entertainment, all shows and major attractions. This is a very nice cost savings opportunity. Other benefits to attend area events will also be part of the program.

If you wish to join the volunteer team from March through November or any period of that that time span, call 1-800-888-3313 and leave a message.

Upcoming Trustee Election

In April, 2009, election will be held for two (2) Trustee positions. Qualifications to run for the position are:

- Must be a resident of the Village of Indian Point for at least one year immediately preceding the election and live in the village at the time of the election
- A citizen of the United States
- Must be 21 years of age or older

If you are interested in running for the position of Trustee, please come by the office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to file.

Filing dates began on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Last day to file is Tuesday, January 20, 2009—4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009—6:00 p.m.
 Convention Center, Dream Catcher Resort**

1/2% Sales Tax for Transportation

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January Village Recycling

By: Betty Fier



**Hours to Recycle
November—April
Recycling Center is open on
Thursdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Closed on Holidays and for inclement weather
Other arrangements can be made by calling
417-263-0436**

ITEMS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF ONLY WHEN A VOLUNTEER IS PRESENT. I'm sorry to report that this has become a problem lately. When this happens it makes extra work for volunteers and the items are often wet, frozen to the cement and no longer recyclable when volunteers return.

Indian Point recycled the following during 2008:

Paper Products collected by Nestle/Purina 20.59 Tons. This is 3.1 more tons of paper than we collected in 2007. This also means that 68 cubic yards of paper items did not end up at a landfill.

Branson Recycle Center weighs the items transferred to them from Indian Point. On two occasions IP items were not weighed. One time their scale was broken and another time there was a lack of volunteers to obtain the weights. Thus this is the Indian Point totals for 2/3 of the items collected in 2008:

Metal - 1845 lbs (clean, flattened food cans with label removed)

Mixed Glass - 4224 lbs (brown, green and clear glass separated by color)

Plastic - 1468 lbs #1 and #2 threaded plastic bottles. These items did not end up in a landfill and were used to make new usable items.

If we convert the above pounds into tons, we collected 3.36 tons plus two trailers full that were not weighed. Adding this weight to the above Nestle Purina weight means Indian Point saved 79 cubic yards of landfill space

We couldn't do this without volunteers. Thanks to Barry and Lana Maycock for continuing to willingly transport the blue trailer with metal, glass and plastic to Branson. If you could help out on Thursday morning for two hours please contact Betty at 417-263-0436.

The aluminum fund, following the purchase of the fifth \$1000 (\$5000 in total) certificate of deposit, is \$164.28. This account is being saved for landscaping of a Village building.

Police Statistics

November Statistics

Total Calls for Service	51
Calls Resulting in Cases	0
Traffic Citations	6
Warnings	13

Patrol Miles for October 1823
Fuel Cost—\$370.36, avg price per gallon \$1.89

Police Report—Citations issued and appropriate fines paid through Stone County Court:

Andrew Battaglia, Branson—Speeding—\$174.00

Sean Adlich, Warrensburg—Speeding—\$74.00

Public Hearing—1/2% Sales Tax for Transportation

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Convention Center, Dream Catcher Resort, to present information for a 1/2% Sales Tax that will be utilized for transportation (roads). The 1/2% Sales Tax issue will be placed on the April, 2009 ballot for all voters in Indian Point to approve.

The Board of Trustees have carefully considered this tax for several years and feel that to maintain our roads, this tax is vital for Indian Point.

Revenue for the Road Fund is only \$30,000 per year. Expenses for roads covers snow plowing, salt, mowing right of ways, street lights, road signage, striping, equipment maintenance and fuel, and road repairs. The annual budget for roads is \$68,000 for a shortage of \$38,000 per year. The shortage has to come from either the general fund, capital fund, or reserves each year. Therefore, roads are not being maintained as they should. All of the roads within the village boundaries need striping and major road work, and the passage of the 1/2% sales tax will enable the road committee to begin a plan to start maintenance of roads to ensure safety and passage for all that travel in the village.

You are encouraged to attend this hearing to ask questions and to become more informed about the need of this 1/2% sales tax. See you there!

New Year Diet

By: Arno Wehr II

For the past several months we've had a diet of bad economic news shoved at us. Then a host of specialists crawled out to forecast our woe is me future. How many times have we been fed mountains of bad news since 911? The turn of the century was going to shut down my computer and canned beans were sold by the case at Wal Mart. Visions of monks in hooded outfits smacking their foreheads with large books came to mind. Yes, with all this bad news there has got to be a better diet for living we could consider.

Wait, What is that? Is that the sound of good news? If you listen carefully our local tourist economy was up! It is a moderate gain, but it is up! Yes, we have some businesses way down, but did they make the extra effort to overcome the diet of woe? Get this, we are going to have a regional airport, we have a \$5,000,000.00 new entrance, and Tanger Mall is open all year. Search your own thoughts Can you tell yourself ten good things coming up for the new year? Of course you can.

In the past we've had three recessions in our economy and those were the best tourist season we had. Money flowed to our local schools, restaurants stayed open, employees worked longer, homes and commercial buildings were built in our village, new stores opened in the local area and it was a boom town in the midst of a diet plate of dumb forecasts.

If our village is going to pick a new diet plan for the coming year, who will be the cooks? My choice is give me that tough guy who forced the Mustang into the market. Give me that mayor from New York the day the planes attacked. Give me the little gymnast who jumped to a gold medal with a sprained ankle. Give me Billy Graham, Pastor Hagee, and please, please keep the leadership in our village in a positive aggressive mode. We might not get overly fat on our positive success next year, but we sure can avoid shriveling up on a diet of woe.

There are some of you in our community that have special talents and could offer just a little bit of time to ensure a positive village future. We need your help on trails development, sewer treatment, our appearance, representation at area forums, and we need it very soon. That may be the real secret of our diet, namely, felling good about living here.

Trustee Candidates

By: Kent Turner

The following are simply my personal thoughts from thirty plus years of civic involvement. You read in last month's *Smoke Signals* the legal requirements to run for Village Trustee. I've seen other attributes that, although not required by law, may be even more important for anyone wanting to be a trustee. For instance, it would be very helpful if candidates have an adequate educational background and experience in operating a business with annual budgets of hundreds of thousands of dollars. They should be able to understand financial statements and legal documents. They must have high ethics and morals when it comes to fairly representing the people of the village. They must conduct themselves in a civil manner in all public meetings. If trustees have personal agendas not in keeping with what the people want, they should always be guided by the will of the people and not their own. Before the election, candidates should read and understand all of the village ordinances since those are the rules and guidelines they will be operating under. They must also read and understand the state Sunshine Law and the state Ethics Commission rules and requirements, such as avoiding conflicts of interest, and be willing and able to conduct themselves accordingly. Stiff penalties await those who violate those rules.

Trustees no longer have to guess what the people want. A questionnaire was sent out to all residents over a year ago, asking everyone to list the things they would like to see in our Village. These results were then prioritized by a consultant and our village's comprehensive Plan needs to be updated to reflect the will of the people. Trustees should read these documents and use them as guides in running the Village.

Throughout their terms, trustees are expected to attend all meetings of the trustees as well as all commissions and committees to which they are appointed, whenever they occur. This may sound complicated, but it's not rocket science. Above all, candidates must have good old common sense and the ability to balance a checkbook.

Serving as a Trustee or on any of the village committees and commissions takes time and dedication. Some people are cut out for these civic volunteer jobs and have the experience, temperament and time to devote. If you are one of those people and you do a good job, you will have the opportunity to run a fiscally responsible community and improve our quality of life. Your reward will be in knowing you've helped to make our Village a better place. Coming soon....what we can all do to assure a better village.

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Indian Point Police call
Emergency: 911
Non Emergency:
417-339-9117
Do not call the office!

We're on the Web
<http://indianpoint-mo.gov>

Office Closing

The Village office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2009 in observance of New Year's.



Thank You

Thank you to Bob Cary and Brett Stump for keeping our roads clear during our recent inclement weather. Without Bob and Brett, our roads would have been very icy and treacherous to drive.

Thank you Bob and Brett from everyone in the Village.



Smoke Signals

All future issues of the *Smoke Signals*, including this issue, can be found on our website at: <http://indianpoint-mo.gov>. Mailing of the *Smoke Signals* has been discontinued in order to save the costs of printing and postage. Thank you for your understanding.

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