

*Calendar of Events—
 December 2008*

*December 3—2:00 p.m. Board of
 Public Works*

*December 4—7:00 p.m. Planning
 & Zoning*

*December 8—Noon
 Police & Emergency Manage-
 ment*

*December 9—7:00 p.m.
 Board of Trustees*

*December 11—6:00 p.m.
 2009 Budget Workshop*

*December 16—6:00 p.m.
 Public Hearing—2009 Budget*

*December 16—6:30 P.M.
 Special Trustee Meeting*

*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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**Community
 Effort Allows Flag
 to Fly Again!**

By: Betty Fier

It all began with the Indian Point Women's Club wish to have a flag fly once again at the entrance to the Indian Point Village.



Now thanks to Brett Stump for providing the man power to replace the rope destroyed by fire a few years back, a flag once again will fly. The first flag has been donated by Bernie Phipps, Community Manager, Treehouse Condominiums. Beverly and Kent Turner, Village at Indian Point have also promised a flag. Flags do wear out. Future flags can be donated for this purpose.

Thanks Brett, Bernie, Beverly and Kent!!!

*The Enchanted Forest is
 now open for your viewing
 pleasure.
 If you would like to host the
 booth for an evening, call
 Judy at the Chamber of
 Commerce office to sign up!
 (338-2772)*

**2009 Budget Workshop
 Public Hearing**

The Board of Trustees have scheduled their second 2009 Budget Workshop to be held on Thursday, December 11th starting at 6:00 p.m. The Trustees will be working to complete the budget in order to hold a public hearing.

The Public Hearing to present the 2009 Budget will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget will be available to the public the evening of the hearing. Public comments will be welcome at the hearing.

A special Board of Trustees meeting will be held immediately following the public hearing to approve the 2009 budget.

**2009 April
 Election**

Election will be held for two (2) Trustee positions in April, 2009. 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 begin on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 and end at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

December 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**

November volunteers included: LeEtta Smith, Rex & Sharon McSpadden, Pat Shepard, & Greg Fier. Special thanks to LeEtta who works full time and each year is willing to serve her community during her vacation month. We can always use additional volunteers.

Faithful recyclers we are now going to accept your aluminum on Thursdays at the recycle center, during the hours we are open. We hope this will be a convenience for you. As with any new plan we will see how this works and if no problems present themselves we will continue to do so.

Pat Shepard and I checked and cleaned out the aluminum collection site at the Cottage in November and removed recyclable plastic bottles, glass and clean food cans. Please try to remember that the company that collects our aluminum **does not** want these extra items and deducts for their work to separate them from the aluminum.

The Thursday Recycling Team wishes all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and Good Health for all throughout 2009.



Police Statistics

October Statistics

Total Calls for Service	47
Calls Resulting in Cases	5
Traffic Citations	7
Warnings	10

Patrol Miles for October 1802

Fuel Cost—\$351.92, avg price per gallon \$2.80

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

None for the month of October

Come on Down!

By: Arno Wehr II

We have somewhere around 700 people who live here full time or some of the time. Well this note is to our "sometimers". First of all on behalf of your community, we thank you. You trickle in all year on weekends or for a little R&R. Sometimes your friends come along, you bring Aunt Tootsie, or you even rent your place to others. Today you are very important to our local economy because you keep boats here, buy your V8 here, and you eat a lot of burgers at our eateries.

You selected Indian Point as your lake escape location. That is an honor. So we intend to meet your expectations and help your investment grow while keeping the peninsula at a quality level. You are all quite important to our residential mix and character. So bring your money, share your ideas, and "Com'on Down!!".

A Christmas Story of Neighbors

By: Arno Wehr II

Back in the 70's Indian Point had quite a bunch of kids all about the same age. Bauer's, Bruclaner's, Maycock's, Wehr's, Hoynacki's, Noel's, Battaglia's, and others, kept our school bus busy. As all kids, they talk and learn from each other. This began the rumor that there was no Santa Claus.

It's a tender time when a child discovers certain realities. Arno III came home and exclaimed at supper just before Christmas that Santa was a big hoax! His sister Heide went into shock. She was two years younger and just knew her brother had finally flipped out.

It was our family practice to go to church on Christmas Eve and every year we would return to a treasure of gifts under our living room Christmas tree. This year we went to church a bit early to sing in the choir, but like Hovatro at the gate, Arno III watched us like a hawk. He made sure he would be the last to leave the house and that no one would for any reason back track to go potty or to get any forgotten item. He had already checked every closet, room, resort unit, dock, and all hiding places for hidden so called Santa presents. No siree, Santa was humbug and the young boy smugly savored his victory all the way to church.

That night we returned in a light snow. As we entered the house Heide squealed at the sight of mounds of gifts. My young son was in shock. Pleased, confused, yet joyous that he was indeed wrong. Why even the oatmeal raisin cookies left for Santa were eaten.

As the kids roused around the gifts, I look out and saw the footprints of "Santa" going to my neighbor Harvey Hentschel's house. For many years after, Harvey never admitted he had anything to do with that Christmas, but Arno III knew how Harvey loved oatmeal raisin cookies.

My granddaughter came to live on Indian Point at Christmas time. As she approached four years old, her Uncle Arno said to her "come on, let's go visit Uncle Harvey". She asked why and Arno III said with all the bluster and bravado he could muster

"Well! He knows Santa Claus!"
-----Merry Christmas Neighbor!

Chief's Corner

By: Chief Brent Armstrong

Once again we are in the Christmas season, with the Christmas season also brings with it many other things besides holiday cheer. Here are a few tips to make the holidays a happy one.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle such as purses, cameras, etc. Thieves are opportunists when they see something of value in your vehicle—it takes only seconds for them to break the window and make off with the valuables. The key is to not leave anything of value in your vehicle and always lock the doors, don't give thieves the opportunity to ruin your holiday. If you have a break-in, immediately call the police and then call your bank or credit card issuers and let them know your items have been stolen. Time is of the importance, one of the vehicle break-ins here at Indian Point was early afternoon, 20 to 30 minutes later the card had already been used to make purchases.

If you are going out of town, please contact the Village office or the police so we may put extra patrol on your residence while you are away. Forms can be found at the office. Beware of vehicles in your neighborhoods that don't belong there, if you see a suspicious vehicle please call 911 and have it checked out. Always be aware of your surroundings.

The weather is turning colder and folks aren't out as much as normal, so take some time to check on your neighbors make sure they are all right.

The deer seem to be on the move again, we have had several reports of car versus deer. Be aware when you see them beside the roadway, slow down and go by them with caution.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the police department at 417-338-5599 (non emergency only) or 911.

The Indian Point police department wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please drive safely when you are out shopping or going to relatives houses over the holidays.



Village of Indian Point
3 Treehouse Lane #11

Phone: 417-338-5599

Fax: 417-338-5279

E-Mail:

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

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Bazaar Update

By: Pat Shephard

The Indian Point Women's Club would like to give a big "Thank You" to all the crafters, volunteers, members who donated things to sell, Treehouse for the use of the club-room and especially to all the people who came and bought something from the bazaar. We were able to raise \$460.16 to be used for our beautification project at the entrance to the Village of Indian Point.

To date we have bought a large pot in which we have put an artificial evergreen tree with seasonal decorations. We also hope to soon be able to put up a flag on the flag pole with a light. Again, "Thank You" from all the members of Indian Point Women's Club.

The Indian Point Women's Club meets the first Monday of each month. All women of Indian Point are welcome. Please call Judy Sears at 338-8899 or Pat Shephard at 338-4591 for further information.

Office Closing

The Village office will be closed
December 24, 25, 26, and 30.



Smoke Signals Monthly Ads 2009

In order to keep costs at a minimum and still provide the monthly *Smoke Signals*, the Board of Trustees will be allowing business ads to be placed in each issue of the newsletter in 2009.

If your business is interested in placing ads next year, please call the village office for more information as to size and costs for the ads.

Thank you for your support!

Thank You to Jim Adams and Brett Stump for donating their time and equipment to spread gravel on the shoulders of Indian Point Road by the Corps Camp-ground.