

**Calendar of Events—
 January 2008**

**January 9—2:00 p.m.—
 Board of Public Works**

**January 10—6:15 p.m.—
 6:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.—
 Public Hearings P&Z**

**January 10—7:00 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning**

**January 14—Noon
 Police & Emergency**

**January 15—7:00 p.m.
 Board of Trustees**

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

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**What's New in 2008
 at the Indian Point
 Marina**

By: Brett Stump

2008 looks to be an exciting year for us at the Marina. Right now we are hard at work building new stalls and when we are finished we will have sixty new stalls. Not only are there new stalls, but we are adding more rental boats to our million dollar fleet.

So many comments have been made regarding the charge for a car fee. Indian Point Marina does not charge a car fee for your vehicle if you are visiting the Ski Shop, Dive Shop, Floating Café or the Marina itself, but there is a launch fee that you can pay at the Marina. So if you come to browse, shop, or eat, park your car, no fees.

In Spring 2008, the Floating Café will open under new management—so be sure to stop by when we open. Dates and times will be announced in a future article.

Indian Point Marina will continue to be open throughout the winter if you want to rent a boat, buy supplies, go fishing, or just stop by. Hours in the winter are Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Watch for information regarding a meeting that will be held at the Marina that will be beneficial to the entire community—date and time to be announced in February.

Happy boating, fishing, sailing or just relaxing in 2008!

**2008 Upcoming
 Election**

In April, 2008, election will be held for three (3) 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 4:30 p.m. to file.

Filing dates begin on Tuesday, December 18, 2007. Last day to file is Tuesday, January 22, 2008—4:30 p.m.

TIDBITS

Results of the Needs Survey will be available for distribution at various meetings or you may come by the office and pick yours up. Due to the number of pages, the survey cannot be printed in the *Smoke Signals*.

All meetings for January have been changed—Please note the changes under calendar of events.

Recycle News

By: Betty Fier



Recycle Hours:
November—April
Thursday 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Closed for Holidays or Inclement Weather
Those needing to recycle at other times may call 263-0436 to make arrangements

I must confess that I made an error last month. I inadvertently omitted from those donating from their profits from the Indian Point Bazaar, Pat Turner. Again those who made it possible to increase the aluminum and donation funds for beautification were Randy Hausman, Barb McFadden, Jan Rosenburg, Pat Shephard, Pat Turner, Frank Carsen and Betty Fier. This made it possible for the Indian Point Women's Club to purchase a 4th Certificate of Deposit. There remains \$183.61 in the aluminum account, which we will continue to build. Please keep bringing your aluminum. Our last aluminum pickup was in October and it appears that the Cottage and Deer Run collection sites are nearly full again.

We appreciate those who labored to put up lights at the Enchanted Forest saving all the boxes and plastic bags in which the lights came in for recycling. A special thanks to Rex and Sharon McSpadden for working along with Pat Shepard, Greg and Betty Fier on four two hour shifts to process it for recycling. While we say "thank you", we cannot leave off Lana & Barry Maycock who again provided the vehicle and labor to take and empty our blue trailer to the Branson Recycle Center. It took the Maycock's and Fier's, along with the Branson team, 40 minutes to empty the trailer. In all seriousness, Lana climbed into the trailer to sweep and who should close the door on her? Barry, who stated "I'll be back to pick you up next week!" So you see, we do have fun with our community endeavor. We asked and obtained the following estimates of the products taken to Branson in late November:

Clean and flattened Metal cans—552 pounds
 Glass—446 pounds
 Plastic—358 pounds

Police Report—November 2007

	Warnings	Citations
Total Stops	17	13
Speed	8	4
Lane Violation	3	2
License	3	0
Equipment	3	0
Nuisance	0	1
Calls for Service	8	
Assist Other Agency	1	
Warrant Arrest	0	
Recovered Property	0	
Arrest Charges Pending		1 Drug Para
Patrol Miles—November	862	
Fuel Cost	\$305.50 (average cost per gallon \$2.85)	

The following individual received a citation and appropriate fines paid:

Tracey Urich, Kirbyville, MO—Failure to secure child in car seat or safety restraint device—\$49.00

The One Thing

By: Arno Wehr II

Our little community is about to see a new dawn. Forgive the poetry. By next year, we have been told that new road changes at and by Silver Dollar City will be completed. Not only traffic flow, but sewage flow will have new and fancy solutions. All the waiting and fussing at Jakes Creek has cut monthly costs about 30%! We are hoping for some grants for this. All around our community little projects are in place. And all around the area leaders are recognizing the potential of Indian Point. So what is the secret or "one thing" that makes our future so special? Well it is no surprise that there is no "one thing". Unless you encompass our entire village mind set you won't understand how our clock is wound. We have the critics, the workers, the angels, the planners, and so many other gifted citizens stirred into our multi-grained local society.

If there is "one thing" that can slow progress down, it is false rumors and plain old boola boola. Because of fear of progress, Branson saw itself trashed by uninhibited development. Towns around us became back water slums. Branson woke up almost too late. Right here some of us, believe it or not, think the solution to a better community is to cut the rope of the village government and let the boat float off and sink.

Oh yes, let's do that! Then we can contend with loan paybacks to the state. We could also fill our road holes with extra yard dirt and use our bright car lights to compensate for no road lights. We could then be under county police, taxes, and (oh oh) setbacks. The setbacks would make 40% of our homes and commercial stuff useless and non-conforming. You get the picture here and in your mix of community benefits, please don't see your bright future including an attack on the Bastille! That will lead to a form of poverty you don't want.

**Trustee Meeting—
Tuesday, January 15,
2008—7:00 p.m.**

Of the People...By the People

By: Kent Turner

As you know, our village is governed by a five member Board of Trustees. Three of the five will be elected in April. In the past, trustees have run the village as they wanted, or, hopefully, the way they thought the people wanted it to be run. That's what happens when nobody knows for sure what the people want. Now, everything's changed. A questionnaire was sent out last fall to all 1,120 village property owners. An astounding 292 replies were sent back. The consulting firm hired to interpret these results stated that's more responses than they usually receive in towns of 25,000 to 50,000 people! What does that mean to the village? For one thing, it tells us a lot of us are interested in the future of the village and how it is run. For the first time, we now know what "the people" want for the future of our village.

Your village staff, chairs and committee members, Planning and Zoning Commission and 3 of the 5 trustees spent four full days with consultants, discussing and evaluating the response to the questionnaire. Summaries of the replies are available to anyone who is interested. Open meetings were held at the end of the each day to inform the public what we were doing and to get their ideas and input. We are now updating our ordinances and Comprehensive Plan, which will chart our course for the near, mid and long-term future of the village. For the first time, our trustees won't have to guess what the people want and they will be obligated to run the village the way the people want. That means the two incumbents and the candidates running for trustee positions must be willing to support and work toward achieving the desire of the people, whether they agree with all those desires or not.

The questionnaire results ranked certain areas high on the priority list. They should all be addressed as our budget allows. We all know our village sales tax income isn't enough to accomplish all our goals right way. That means the trustees must be willing and able to fairly allocate our annual budget in ways that address everything the people want, in proportion and to the extent the money allows. That means one budget category cannot receive a high amount of our income to the detriment of other things the people want. Trustees must also seek other possible sources of funding. Already, the planning of the budget for this year has led to serious conflicts as to how much should be allocated to certain categories. That means some still don't understand the people have spoken and we must support their wishes. We've all had our pet projects we'd like to see done. Now we know what things the majority of the people want done and, as a democracy, those are the things we must do. We need trustees who understand this and have the business experience, temperament, common sense and time to serve the people.

Candidates must be able to understand accounting statements and ordinances. They must be willing to learn, understand and abide by the Sunshine Law. A trustee must be able to prepare for and attend at least three meetings every month. This is a serious time commitment. If work, travel or other commitment prevents people from devoting this much time and energy, then

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they shouldn't be trustees. Also, if you don't want what the people want, it would be hard to serve as a trustee. If, however, you have some experience, are willing and able to quickly learn our ordinances, have the ability to get along with people and compromise when necessary, then please consider running. If elected, your reward will be in knowing you helped to make our little community the best it can be, "of the people and by the people". This will be a great time for the Village if we have the proper leadership. We need at least three good people to step forward and file to run for trustee. Are you one of those people? The filing deadline is January 22nd.

Are you interested?

By: BPW Directors

Any person interested in serving on the Board of Public Works is asked to conform to the BPW regulations and support the BPW/village goals. The regulations are available on the village website or you may stop by the office to pick up a copy for a nominal fee.

Applicants are requested to read the BPW regulations before applying for the board and written applications are in the office to be completed and submitted to the BPW Directors for review.

Did You Know?

Indian Point Restaurant has changed their hours . Winter hours, January 2nd through March 1st are:

Monday—Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Open for lunch only

Saturday & Sunday—
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Open for breakfast and lunch
5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Open for dinner

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