



**Calendar of Events—
 April 2008**

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

**April 3—7:00 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning**

**April 7—Noon
 Police & Emergency**

**April 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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**General Election
 Tuesday,
 April 8th**

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 8th and all residents of the Village of Indian Point will vote at the Treehouse Club Room. The ballot contains the following:

**School District No. R-IV
 Reeds Spring**

To choose by ballot three directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said School District. (Three directors for a term of three years each.)

Vote for THREE

**Carolyn Noga
 Ron Smith
 Keith O. Lamb
 Owen L. Allphin
 Richard "Rick" Porter
 Marcia Woodall**

**Village of Indian Point for Trustees
 at Large—Two Year Term**

Vote for THREE

**Greg Fier
 Dave Rawson
 Larry R Stenzel
 William (Bill) Turner**



**"THANKS FOR
 A GOOD YEAR"**

By: Dave Rawson

It's been a humbling educational experience and a dynamic adventure in government since being appointed Village Trustee a year ago. I've especially enjoyed watching many more residents take an active role in the Village during this time by attending our monthly meetings and participating on various committees. Anchoring it all is a strong nucleus of dedicated, long-time citizen pioneers who have created the foundation upon which to build a secure and comfortable future for our community.

Now, we're beginning to harvest the benefits from everyone's hard work. The Jakes Creek Trail Wastewater Project signals the beginning of a community-wide effort directed by the Board of Public Works to maintain environmental protection for all of Indian Point. The Village Office Task Force is steadily advancing toward building a combination fire station, storm shelter and community building. The Police & Emergency Management Committee recruited us a fine new Police Chief to assure our roads, homes and businesses are safe and secure. The Roads Committee is focused on keeping our streets well maintained, and served us especially well during the heavy snows and ice storms of this past winter.

Planning & Zoning Commission members stay diligent to see that homes and businesses—old and new—adhere to appropriate codes and regulations that protect the interests and property values of all who live on Indian Point. The Recycle Center continues to expand its operation and overall support with a wonderful goal of using its income to provide beautification of the

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Recycling a Volunteer Program

By: Betty Fier



The Indian Point Recycle Program would not be possible without volunteers. Good things occur because of the participation of many. As I write this article we are scheduled to empty our blue trailer (see contents below). Each time the trailer needs to be emptied Barry and Lana Maycock volunteer their vehicle with a hitch to take the trailer to Branson and also help with the process of emptying the trailer. The blue trailer was last taken to Branson in November. The individuals and businesses who recycle are our biggest volunteers since no one requires them to recycle. These are our neighbors who care about our environment and what they will leave to future generations.

The aluminum collection sites are possible because the Cottage Resort, Treehouse Condos, and White Wing Resort have allowed collection sites from the beginning along with Deer Run Campground. Dave Storts from Deer Run has built and replaced an aluminum collection bin that was recently damaged, and Vice Rudloff from Uncle John's Resort has allowed the aluminum bin to be moved and placed along Jakes Creek Trail near the mailbox on his property. Vic has requested that no one block his drive when unloading aluminum cans. There is ample room to pull off the road at this location. The above individuals and businesses are all community volunteers to provide this service for our community. We salute and thank them.

Dave Storts has volunteered to build another slightly larger bin using more aesthetic materials. It appears that the Jakes Creek location will fill fast and may be replaced with the new bin that Dave builds. Some concern has arisen about safety locating the new aluminum bin along Jakes Creek Trail. Please use care and pull off the road. We are open to reviewing other sites. The last aluminum collection paid \$120.00 bringing the total aluminum account to \$4303.61. This money, to be used to landscape a village building at the entrance to Indian Point, is set aside in a special account managed by IP Women's Club. Reeds Spring Recycling now charges \$20.00 to collect the aluminum. You could be one of Indian Point's newest volunteers if you are able to provide a vehicle to take aluminum to Reeds Spring, or can provide an alternate site for an aluminum bin, please contact Betty at 263-0436.

Our biggest volunteers every Thursday morning are Pat Shepard and Greg Fier. I could not manage this volunteer program by myself. Greg has supported recycling on Indian Point from the beginning and maintains the Indian Point Recycle Center throughout the week and he responds to individuals who need to come at a time when the center is not open.

Indian Point collects: threaded #1 and #2 plastics, clean food cans with labels removed, all colors of glass, separated by

and clean plastic bags (the blue trailer).

All kinds of paper, magazines, junk mail, clean food boxes, no food residue (green trailer).

Hours to Recycle

Beginning in May - Thursdays 8:30—10:30 a.m.

Closed for holidays and inclement weather

Those needing to recycle at other times may call 263-0436 to make arrangement.

Community Gathering

By: Greg Fier

The date for the next community gathering is Friday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. By popular demand, we will continue to meet and order at the Indian Point Restaurant until the tourist season arrives. This provides a chance to meet and get to know your neighbors. Come and visit, sometimes we play games.

Welcome— Brent Armstrong

The Board of Trustees appointed Brent Armstrong as the Chief of Police for the Village of Indian Point at their meeting in March.

Brent has been working as a reserve officer for the village since August, 2006 and has served as Sergeant in charge since May, 2007 for the village. He is not only qualified as a police officer, but has been an EMT since 1991 and a specialist instructor for the Missouri Department of Public Safety, CPR instructor, first responder and EMT instructor. He also served as a reserve officer at the Ozark Police Department and served as the EMS office manager for St. Johns EMS.

Welcome Brent—glad you are on board and ensuring that our village will be safe!

Remember—if you have an emergency, call 911. If you have a non-emergency, call 417-339-9117—Do not call the office!



Little Bit of Indian Point History

The Village of Indian Point is located in a region called the Ozark Plateau, which up until the early 1800s was settled by the Osage Indians. The Osage were an aggressive tribe known for their ability to raise large armies of trained warriors.

In the early 1800s, growing concern over possible Spanish governmental control of the western portion of the Ozark Plateau induced the US Government to take action. A lieutenant from the US Army, Zebulon Pike, was sent to protect the Ozarks from Spanish invasion. He invited Osage Indian slaves, taken by the Potawanamie Indian tribe near St. Louis to join him on his journey to the Ozarks and back to their homeland. On returning these slaves to the Osage tribe, Chief Wind granted Zebulon Pike permission to explore Osage Indian territory, including Indian Ridge, which is now Indian Point.

In November of 1808, the Osage Indians entered their first treaty with the Federal Government, which renounced Osage claims to the Ozark Plateau. The Osage were supposed to relocate further west, but many ignored the treaty and continued to hunt and fish in the Ozarks.

Settlers slowly began to migrate to southwest Missouri during the mid-1800s. Among the first white explorers of the region was Henry R Schoolcraft in 1818. Hunters and trappers found this territory suitable for exploitation for food and fur pelts. One of the first families to move into the Missouri Ozarks was the Yocum family, who located near which is now called the City of Ozark.

During the Civil War, Brigadier General Stand Watie, an Osage Indian, and 1,000 mounted warriors fought for the South on the strategic location of Indian Point. Under General Marmaduke's command, 6,000 rebel soldiers used Indian Point as a watch post for the Ozark territory. Approximately 17,000 Union troops under General Wilkerson were outposted in southern Missouri, closer to the existing site of the Table Rock Dam.

In the late 1800s, a post office was located at the end of the Indian Point peninsula on Marmaros Farm, near the Coomb's Ferry crossing. This is the first evidence of white man's settlement on Indian Point. At this time the community was known as Marbel, governed by Baldknobber law and justice. The

legend of the Baldknobbers is that of a vigilante moral enforcement group which sought revenge on known thieves and murderers between the years of 1885 and 1888. "Devil's Hole", now known as Marvel Cave, was over eleven stories deep and was used to incarcerate criminals. Marvel Cave (known earlier as Marbel Cave) was at one time also used for mining purposes. First mined for nitrates for the production of gun powder, Marvel Cave was eventually mined for gold and silver.

Indian Point has evolved through various economic stages throughout the twentieth century. In the early 1900s, agriculture was still the dominant industry on the peninsula, evidenced by a number of sheep, cattle, and tomato farms. The introduction of the railroad to the Ozarks region expanded business opportunities as canneries and packaging plants located on Indian Point.

It was not until after World War II and after Table Rock Dam was built in 1958 that the strong potential for tourism in this region arose. As Table Rock Lake began to fill, the first tourism related businesses were built. Today, approximately fifty-two hotels, motels, resorts, condominium developments and other related businesses on Indian Point cater to the area's tourists and serve as the backbone of the community's economy.

As more people moved onto Indian Point, actions were taken to establish Indian Point as a cohesive community. Local businesses worked together in the early 1970s to build roads and to provide emergency medical service for village residents and tourists. On April 20, 1989, Indian Point was officially incorporated as a Village of Stone County.

Today, Indian Point is a vital part of the growing tourism industry in the Ozarks. The tourist season now begins in March (spring break) and continues through December and the village still has the only "free" lighting display, the Enchanted Forest. During the summer season, approximately 7,000 tourists are on Indian Point daily. The popularity of Southwest Missouri and the opportunity for recreational activities has made Indian Point an increasingly desirable tourism destination as well as a location for new residential development.

Change of date for April Trustees Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15—7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars!

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“Thanks for A Good Year”

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community building. The Transportation Coalition has achieved tremendous results in its area-wide effort in conjunction with Silver Dollar City, county commissioners and highway department officials to improve the traffic from Indian Point and SDC to Highway 76. The new road construction is due for completion in May. In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, the Enchanted Forest continues to build tourism which helps bring in additional income to the Village.

But there's still much more to accomplish as indicated by responses from the recent survey. This includes how to pay for future major road repairs with the Village's limited income; how to best protect and preserve our residents' privacy, serenity and freedom as tourism numbers continue to rise; how to prevent overdevelopment and overpopulation on the Point; how to properly enforce our codes and

regulations; how to appropriately manage our growing deer herd. And on and on...

But working together with a positive focus and without personal motives we can find the right solutions to maintaining the highest quality of life for all on Indian Point.

Indian Point Women's Club

By: Pat Shepard

The Indian Point Women's Club held their monthly luncheon and business meeting March 3, 2008. The monthly meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month and the next meeting will be held April 7, 2008, and the following will be held on May 5, 2008. Any resident, full-time or part-time of Indian Point, is welcome to attend. Please

contact Pat Shepard or Judy Sears at least one week prior to the meeting for more information. The Indian Point Women's Club is having a Yard Sale Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 1652 Indian Point Road from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Just look for the signs. All proceeds from the sale will be given to various non-profit organizations located in Southern Stone County that the club supports. If you have items you would like to donate to this sale, we will be accepting donations of household items, toys, children's clothing, knickknacks, etc (no adult clothing please) on Tuesday April 22nd from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the above address.

If you have any questions, call Pat Shepard at 338-4591 or Judy Sears at 338-8899.