



*Calendar of Events—
 November 2007*

November 2—7:00 p.m.
Public Open House for Updating Comprehensive Plan

November 3—1:00 p.m.
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November 5 — 6:00 p.m.
Police & Emergency Mgmt

November 5—7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning

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

November 10—Dusk
Enchanted Forest Event

November 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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**Public Open House—
 November 2 & 3**

You answered the survey and sent back the results, now the work begins!

Public Open Houses for the entire community will be held on Friday, November 2—7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 3—1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Convention Center behind DreamCatcher Resort.

The workshop on Friday will cover the following: Gather of new information from the public; update of what your community leaders have accomplished; and if enough are in attendance, conduct a what does the ideal community need? exercise.

The Saturday workshop will cover the following: Gather of new information from the public and an update of what transpired during the day.

YOU are the community—come to the open house and assist your leaders in planning for the future.

SEE YOU THERE!

**Sunday, November 4, 2007
 at 2:00 a.m.**



Enchanted Forest

By: Kent Turner



Thanks to Bert and Gwen Leman who are “retiring” after more than ten years of overseeing the installation of the Enchanted Forest. Also, thanks to Bob Cary who has volunteered to quarterback the setting up of the displays and lights this year. The work in the Corps campground will begin November 1 (about the day you receive this) and continue daily through November 10, after which the lights will be on from dusk to midnight through January 1. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PUT UP THE LIGHTS DURING THOSE TEN DAYS.** Judy at our Chamber of Commerce office will coordinate all the volunteers. Please call her at 338-2772 to volunteer and to find out the daily schedules. The whole job can be done with 15 to 20 volunteers every day but a few more folks will make the job easier and more fun. There are jobs for everybody, no matter what your health or abilities are. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and contribute to your community. The Port of Lights in Kimberling has been discontinued due to lack of volunteers. This means we may draw well over 100,000 people to our Enchanted Forest this year. This is our largest marketing event of the year. It introduces thousands of people to

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Recycle News

By: Betty Fier



Recycle Hours:

November—April

Thursday 10:00 a.m.—Noon

Except for Holidays or Inclement Weather

If you wish to Recycle and cannot come on

Thursday, call 263-0436

Recycle hours change in the month of November. We will now open at 10:00 a.m. and close at noon on Thursdays for the fall and winter.

Aluminum was collected in October and paid \$162.30. The price of aluminum dropped to \$.50 cents per pound for this collection making our check smaller. The aluminum account is now at \$924.13 plus three (3) \$1000 Certificates of Deposit. This money is being saved for beautification within the village; the first project will be to landscape a new village building. Did you know there is a village committee working to obtain this long promised building?

Indian Point Holiday Bazaar

By: Betty Fier

The bazaar participants this year include: Dru Russell, Mae Burlison, Jan Persinger, Dreyka Beck, Lois Ivy, Jan Rosenburg, Barb McFerron, Carol Kaiser, Leonard Campa, Randy Hausman, Margaret Seifert, Pat Shepard and Betty Fier. They will be ready with many items for your pleasure and shopping, along with goodies to eat or buy to take home. Stop by to browse, shop, have a cup of soup, a roll or a snack on Friday and Saturday, November 2nd and 3rd. Invite friends to come. Remember Silver Dollar City is closed Friday and does not open until noon on Saturday so traffic should not be a problem.

Community Gatherings Continues

The November Gathering date to get to know your neighbors, or renew old friendships, will be on Friday, November 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the convention center behind Dream Catcher Resort. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Last month, we even had a Guinea Hen meeting taking place at our gathering.

Come on out and learn what is going on in the Village of Indian Point.

Police Report—September 2007

		Warnings	Citations
Total Stops	26	22	4
Speed		13	2
Lane Violation		4	0
License		3	0
Equipment		3	0
No Insurance		0	2
Minor in Possession		0	0
Calls for Service		13	
Assist Other Agency		1	
Warrant Arrest		1	
Recovered Property		1	
Patrol Miles—September	1256		
Fuel Cost	\$265.60 (average cost per gallon \$2.86)		

The following individuals received a citation and appropriate fines paid:

Robert Hoke—Failed to yield— \$3.00

Carriga Bayer—Speeding/Seatbelt (32 mph in a 20 mile zone) - \$36.00

Alica Kendall—Speeding (54mph in a 40 mile zone) - \$59.00

Kevin Hagey—Expired Plates - \$34.00

Thomas Eckert—Speeding (55mph in a 40 mile zone) - \$59.00

Mike Kreiner—Speeding (58 mph in a 40 mile zone) - \$86.00

Old Days

By: Arno Wehr II

Sounds like a festival name, i.e. "old days". Well, for twenty years Indian Point did have some notable events. We hosted the International Diving and Dowser Rod contest at Uncle Ike's Post Office. This was unsuccessful, but did make several radio and newspaper spots bringing us attention.

With a taste for more events, our local business people held a square dance festival every fall. At its biggest of the ten years of operation, 100 squares (that's 400 dancers) danced the evenings away on Indian Point. Indian Point hosted exclusively, the first two young Christians weekends and the first Band and Choral weekend in cooperation with Silver Dollar City. We also hosted the Church of God reunion bringing hundreds of families for ten days to our thriving restaurants, tour boat, stores, and accommodations.

You might be surprised to know that Virgil Ward held the United States Freshwater Fishing Championship on Indian Point three years in a row. That put us on the fishing map and into 125 syndicated television network shows. John the Diver helped by doing flyover camera shots of this event. John also held a "Dive in the Old and Dive out the New" scuba New Years event. Divers went into the water in a torch light parade at Indian Point Dock a minute before midnight. These events also were covered by all regional media bringing Indian Point the "Oly" fishing tournament, ProAm Tournament, and the U.S. Bassmaster Club Regional tournament. These were big events.

Bentree Lodge, now Bradford, held a large Alpha Romeo road rally which spun into (no pun intended) a large vintage car competition during Indian Point's Cider Days. This event, held for three years, included an awards and music show, many crafts people, a fiddlers contest, cider of course and brought a lot of regional interest. KY 3 flew in to cover the festival using a helicopter and all area media pumped up the festival. Old cars, music, food, fresh cider, and our pretty September weather made this fun to attend.

Our biggest long term event is the Enchanted Forest which has even hit the Wall Street Journal because of our "Freedom Tree". Thanks to Ms. Ginger that famous tree wasn't cut down by over

zealous rangers. The Enchanted Forest has had as many as 80,000 viewers in a season.

Well 1992 came and a bigger thing happened called "60 Minutes". The explosion of area wide prosperity was immense. Our business people retired, sold out, or just got too busy to stay with any festivals or to sponsor events. Our local attractions, several restaurants, and related businesses closed. Yes, we have businesses that prospered. We also have numerous new homes. What we may have lost are the wild game dinners, cake sales, annual road cleanup picnics, and some of our charm. With a little luck and some unselfish volunteers, perhaps there will be a revival of the Old Days when local people took pride in this type of accomplishment and brought Indian Point fame.

What will spark "New Days" could be a trail, a police department banquet and auction, a new village office building, a tick destroyer club (I can't spell guinea) and your desire to participate positively.

P.S. Did I mention we had a Bass Club on Indian Point, a church and minister, the first regional Ducks Unlimited Club and banquets, and twenty members of our own First Responder Team? What is next?

"PHLOCK at the Rock"

By: Barbara Coggin

The Ozark Mountain Parrot Heads would like to thank the Village of Indian Point for participating in helping to make the "Phlock at the Rock" a huge success.

Proceeds from the gate and auction allowed the Parrot Heads to present a check to the American Diabetes Association for \$11,409.00.

Next year we hope to be even better. Thank you for becoming involved for this fight against diabetes.

**Holiday/
Vacation
Office Closing**

The Village office
will be closed No-
vember 19th through November 23rd



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our Indian Point, many of whom return to stay and vacation here and even live here. This annual event dates back to the 1980's and makes Indian Point a star of the Ozark Mountain Christmas season!

All of our Village businesses collect a local sales tax (paid by the tourists). This money goes to pay the expenses of our Village, including roads, police, etc. therefore tourism is the economic life blood of Indian Point. Please donate a few hours of your time to help in this great cause. Volunteers are also needed to serve as greeters as people leave the drive-through display. Our greeters play an important role in wishing everyone happy holidays, passing out our literature and collecting voluntary donations. Please call Judy to get on the list. "It's a wonderful, fun evening!"

Enchanted Forest Opening Night Party By: Kent Turner



The opening night for this year's Enchanted Forest is planned for Saturday, November 10. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will all gather in front of Hunter's Friend/ Dreamcatcher at dusk for some entertainment and then we'll face the west, cross our fingers, say our prayers, and hope the lights come on! After that, everyone's invited to the Convention Center (behind DreamCatcher) for a complimentary meal, plenty of socializing and probably some more entertainment. You're welcome to bring your favorite dessert to share and if you can donate door prizes, please call Judy at the Chamber, 338-2772.

Holiday Lighting Contest By: Kent Turner

Your Community activities and Development Committee announces this year's holiday lighting contest. Started three years ago, this contest encourages people to decorate for the holidays. The contest has grown each year and now includes neighbors who "go together" and create a whole streetscape of holiday cheer. Judging will be based on originality and theme and prizes will be awarded in two categories, residential and business. Impartial judging is done by non-residents during Thanksgiving week and winners are announced in the January *Smoke Signals*. Everyone is encouraged to have their decorations up in early November to coincide with the Enchanted Forest in welcoming people to our Village. To enter, call Kathy at the Village office, 388-5599 anytime prior to November 15th.