

Newsletter

Village of Indian Point

Financials:

“The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket”

August Sales tax revenues exceeded budget by \$8K or 7%.

Expenses remain under budget due to deferred expenses and a tightly managed budget
YTD results reflected a surplus of \$33K due to the Village administrative team’s efforts to closely monitor and control expenses. Due to this surplus, more monies will be allocated to the upcoming road improvement projects planned for this fall.

SEWER:

August Fee Revenue came in under budget by \$12K or 69%.

Expenses remain under budget and closely monitored. Due to Revenue shortfalls, Reserve funds were used to cover operating expenses for the month of August. This is the first time that the Reserve Funds have been used to cover expenses. The funds borrowed from the Reserves are expected to be returned once revenues flatten out.

Reforecast Budgets have been completed for the remainder of the year. A surplus is anticipated in both Sewer & Village.

September 15th



The ladies that bring joy to the office!

Sometimes when they arrive sometimes when they go home

Financial Administrator:

Sewer Revenues were down in August due to past due funds still not collected. However, 10K of these funds will be reflected in September Revenues. Although 5k was pulled from the Sewer Reserves, we have managed to successfully operate and maintain a sewer fund account that has solely been funded by sewer revenues for the past 2 years which has never been done.

The MODOR Project is an ongoing project and continues to bring in new business licenses & Tax information as well as updates to ownership of properties within the Village of Indian Point.

September Reforecast for the Village and Sewer was completed for the remainder of the year with a surplus anticipated in both.

Shannon attended the following meeting in August:

- TCED Financial Held on Aug 20th
- Harassment Training conducted by HR Advantage on Aug 28th
- Chamber Luncheon with Chief Lucas on Aug 29th
- IWORQ Kickoff on Aug 26th
- Aflac meeting with Todd Stull Aug 13th

The Christmas Parade’s first meeting is to be held on Friday September 13th at 10:30am at the Village Hall. This is for anyone who would like to assist in the planning & set-up of the parade.

Craft Flyer registrations for Vendors will be going out this week for the upcoming YOGA Retreat Event that is to be held the last week of Jan. Shannon will also be attending the local craft festivals to recruit vendors. For more info on the Yoga Retreat please follow the link: [Hygge - Lakefront Resort on Table Rock Lake | The Village At Indian Point Condo Resort](#)

Village Clerk:

A total of 7 Business Licenses were issued for August with 12 still pending. This brings the total for the year at 156 completed Business Licenses.

One Golf Cart Permit was issued in August bringing the total of 61 permits issued for the year.

No Sunshine Law Requests were completed for the month of August.

Beth attending the following meetings in August:

- IWORQS Kickoff on August 26th
- Harassment Training on August 28th
- SMOG Meeting with Nathan on August 29th
- FD Dylan Honea on Aug 30th regarding a Burn Ordinance



Boss: "How good are you at PowerPoint?"
Me: "I Excel at it."
Boss: "Was that a Microsoft Office pun?"
Me: "Word."



Hollister's Grape & Fall Festival
October 12, 2024 Downing Street Hollister Mo
10am-6:30pm
<https://www.hollisterchamber.net/Grape-and-Fall-Festival/>



Still Waters Resort Harvest Festival
September 13- October 27
21 Stillwater Trail Branson Mo, 65616
[Harvest Festival | Branson Missouri | Still Waters Resort](#)



Autumn Daze Arts, Crafts & Music Festival
Downtown Branson
September 19 – September 21
9am-6pm
Located behind Dick's 5& Dime on Commercial and Atlantic Streets



In Other Village News.....

Sometimes the best part of my day...is when the chair swivels!

Village Manager:

Planning and Zoning:

- Welcome Richard Wieble as the newest P&Z Board member! Richard has an extensive background that includes: Army combat engineer, running a construction company, working for the Corp of Engineers, and spending some time at the Stone County Fire Department. Richard will also be joining the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- The Commission tabled a zoned map amendment, reviewed Burning Ordinance, and tabled for further review.
- 3 Zoning Compliance Permits were issued for August

Board Of Adjustments:

A hearing for a Variance Setback request and the board denied the request.

2024 Road Project:

- 2024 Street Improvement Bid Packet is complete.
- 2024 Project Manual is complete
- The required Advertisements were sent out within the allotted timeframe.
- Pre-Bid Meeting: Nathan & Public Works joined Tim (our lead Engineer) at a meeting where bidding companies came to ask questions about the project.

September Budget Reforecast:

- A Big Shoutout to Shannon for all her hard work on the reforecast. We were able to put together a budget that puts the Village in a great position to end the year with as well as add additional funds to the road repair project!

Comprehensive Plan:

- Nathan and Beth met with Jake Phillips (lead planner for SMOG) to discuss the plan
- Jake will be visiting the Village on September 17 to discuss specifics of our current Zoning Code and out goals with land use as well as take a tour.
- The Village Staff are currently in the process of gathering all the relevant data over to SMOG for their review.
- Email will be going out to the Comprehensive Plan Committee soon to set up for their first meeting,

Fall Cleanup:

- Service Agreement created by Lauber has been signed by Chairperson Denise and the project is good to go for October.

If you need to speak or meet with Nathan, please make an appointment by calling 417.338.5599 or email planning_zoning@indianpoint-mo.gov.

Ditch Work:

- A Big THANK YOU to the Public Works for their hard work finishing this portion of our ongoing Ditch & Culvert work. As well as the Police Department for closing the road and direction traffic while they worked. This project consisted of the following roads: Indian Point Road, Cave Lane, & two areas on Table Rock Circle to include a culvert installation.
- Nathan contacted Randy (Head of Public Works KC) and he is going to let the Village use their Jetter System as well as train the Public Works Department on how to use the equipment. This tool will allow the Public Works Department to clean out the culverts in a more sufficient and productive manner.

Meetings Nathan:

- Participated at the Regional Comprehensive Economic Strategy Workshop for our region of the State
- Met with Linda Slaughter to provide input with the newly formed Ambulance district for Stone County.
- Phone meeting with Attorney over assorted items as well as 6 Ordinances the team are currently working on.
- TCED Annual Presentation in Branson
- TCED Financial Oversight Meeting at the Village Hall
- HR Advantage Harassment Training with all of the Village Hall Staff
- IWorq kickoff with Shannon & Beth

Of course, we drive **WEE WOO** cars and do cool things....that's how we roll!

→ Indian Point Police Department



The IPPD are continuing high visible patrols daily! In August, they logged over 1570 miles of police patrols which is approximately 18 miles of roads in the Village. This averages out to be over 84 trips around most of the Village roads. The IPPD makes it a priority to visit with residents and visitors within our community. If you would like more police presence on your street, please let the Chief or any of the officers know! The IPPD responded to 84 calls within our Village. The IPPD was fully staffed through Labor Day weekend and received 8 calls for service during the holiday weekend. Behind the scenes, the IPPD is working on current and past cases, making court appearances & collaborating with surrounding areas. This is to ensure the safety of our Village as well as to make those who choose to perform criminal acts in our Village, that it will not be tolerated. The IPPD attended the following meetings in Aug:

- Chief Lucas participated in the Harbor House charity golf tournament at Ledgestone on August 5th
- Chief Lucas attended the Branson Police Department groundbreaking ceremony on August 7th
- Chief Lucas attended the SW Missouri Police Chiefs meeting on August 8th
- Chief Lucas participated in the Shop with a Hero event at Walmart BW on August 13th
- Chief Lucas attended the monthly Outlaws meeting on August 14th
- Chief Lucast attended the Southwest Missouri Investigators meeting on August 15th
- Chief Lucas attended the Ozark Yacht Club meeting on August 17th
- Chief Lucas volunteered at the Fishing Dreams Event at Big Cedar on August 18th
- Chief Lucas attended a meeting with Keith Kinnard (director of SC 911) to discuss improvements in communication and new systems being implemented county wide on August 20th
- Chief Lucas and Nathan attended the TCED meeting at Branson City Hall on August 22th
- Chief Lucas participated in the annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Indian Hills on August 24th
- Chief Lucas attended the Crane Broiler Fest on August 24th
- IPPD attended Harassment Training at the Village Hall presented by HR Advantage on August 28th
- Chief Lucas and Shannon McQuality attended the Chamber Luncheon on August 29th



What is "Mayflower Day"

Some of the Pilgrims were brought from Holland on the *Speedwell*, a smaller vessel that accompanied the *Mayflower* on its initial departure from Southampton, England, on August 15, 1620. When the *Speedwell* proved unseaworthy and was twice forced to return to port, the *Mayflower* set out alone from Plymouth, England, on September 16, after taking on some of the smaller ship's passengers and supplies. Among the *Mayflower's* most-distinguished voyagers were William Bradford and Captain Myles Standish. Chartered by a group of English merchants called the London Adventurers, the *Mayflower* was prevented by rough seas and storms from reaching the territory that had been granted in Virginia (a region then conceived of as much larger than the present-day U.S. state of Virginia, at the time including the *Mayflower's* original destination in the area of the Hudson River in what is now New York state). Instead, after a 66-day voyage, it first landed November 21 on Cape Cod at what is now Provincetown, Massachusetts, and the day after Christmas it deposited its 102 settlers nearby at the site of Plymouth. Before going ashore at Plymouth, Pilgrim leaders (including Bradford and William Brewster) drafted the Mayflower Compact, a brief 200-word document that was the first framework of government written and enacted in the territory that would later become the United States of America. The ship remained in port until the following April, when it left for England. The true fate of the vessel remains unknown; however, some historians argue that the *Mayflower* was scrapped for its timber, which was then used in the construction of a barn in Jordans, Buckinghamshire, England. In 1957 the historic voyage of the *Mayflower* was commemorated when a replica of the original ship was built in England and sailed to Massachusetts in 53 days.



Community Member of the Month!

September 2024

Congratulations to Heidi Colon! Heidi is an amazing and vital addition to our community on Indian Point. Heidi and her husband Tony own and operate the



Cottage Resort and Market. They ensure that the market is open at all different hours to accommodate both the locals and visitors. Heidi & Tony are also very involved with all the extra activities their three children are in. Heidi and her daughter Amelia both "clog" out of their troupe in Arkansas and have won competitions. Heidi also leads a group of younger students who want to enjoy clogging! Heidi is an active participant with the Indian Point Women's Club. Heidi is also very active with the Foreign High School Exchange Student Program which assists placement with local willing parents. Heidi has a can-do spirit and is a huge asset to our Village. A huge THANK YOU from your community and the Village of Indian Point!

To keep the Community Member of the Month going each month, **We need YOUR nominations!** The nominee can be an individual, Couple, Business, etc.

Each Community Member will receive a certificate at the Monthly Board of Trustee Meetings as well as a spot in the Branson Globe.

The forms to nominate will be emailed out once a month with a deadline on when to return the form. If you have any questions on the Community Member of the Month, please email office@indianpoint-mo.gov or call the office @ 417.338.5599.



Public Works:

The Public works Department have completed all work orders for August. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed by the Public Works Department, please fill out a work order form online at indianpoint.gov or stop by the Village Hall.

Public Works has completed several ditch & culvert projects around the Village to include Indian Point Road, Cave Lane, and Table Rock Circle. In addition, they have maintained mowing the grass and picking up trash along the main roads as well as patched known potholes .

Daron and Lance have been working with Cochran about upcoming road projects.

There were minimal sewer calls for August compared to July.

Daron and Lance attended a Chemical Spill Response Training class on September 10th



National POW/MIA Recognition Day — which this year falls on Sept. 17 — was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter.

The proclamation reads, in part: "In each of America's wars, our prisoners of war have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices. Upon them has fallen the arduous responsibility of defending American ideals under the absolute control of the enemy.

"Extremely difficult at best, this responsibility becomes magnified almost beyond comprehension when men and women are treated inhumanely — in violation of ordinary human compassion, fundamental moral standards, and basic international obligations.

"All Americans should recognize the special debt we owe our fellow citizens who, as prisoners during wartime, sacrificed their freedom [so] that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty.

"Likewise, we must remember the unresolved casualties of war — our soldiers who are still missing. The pain and bitterness of war endures for the families, relatives and friends."

Since 1979, every president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, aboard ships, in state capitals, schools and veterans' facilities.

No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, there are about 81,600 Americans missing — from the battlefields of World War II to recent conflicts. About 75% of those are in the Indo-Pacific region. About 41,000 of the 81,600 missing are presumed lost at sea.

That agency is tasked with providing the fullest possible accounting for missing personnel from past conflicts to their families and the nation. The agency continually revises its missing count as more are accounted for.

As for POWs, the Congressional Research Service reports:
There are 130,201 World War II POWs; of those, 14,072 died.
There are —7,140 Korean War POWs; of those, 2,701 died.
There are —725 Vietnam War POWs; of those, 64 died.

There have been 37 POWs since the Vietnam War; no one is still in captivity.

The POW/MIA flag, also known as the National League of Families POW/MIA flag, can be seen flying in Defense Department installations and in many other government and private locations. It flies directly below the United States flag during the observance day. If there are two flagpoles, it is always flown to the viewer's left of the U.S. flag.

Besides being flown on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Congress in 1998 legislated that it can also be flown on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. In 2019, Congress authorized the POW/MIA flag to be flown at certain locations on all days that the U.S. flag is flown.

At some DoD dining facilities, it is a tradition that a single table and chair be draped with the POW/MIA flag to honor the missing.

The POW/MIA flag was created for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. That's why the flag has the alternate longer name, as well. That nonprofit organization, which has been recognized by Congress, was created to account for those who are still prisoners or missing in Southeast Asia.

The flag itself was created by Newton F. Heisley in 1972. Heisley served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II; after the war, he became a graphic artist.

The silhouette of a man, head bowed, with a guard tower in the background is actually Heisley's son Jeffrey, a 24-year-old Marine. The artist died in 2009 at age 88. Many veterans and others have worn POW/MIA bracelets since the late 1960s to show their support for POWs and those still missing.

The 1/2-inch-wide stainless steel, copper or nickel-plated bracelets are engraved with the POW/MIA's name, rank, service, and date of loss. *Britannica*

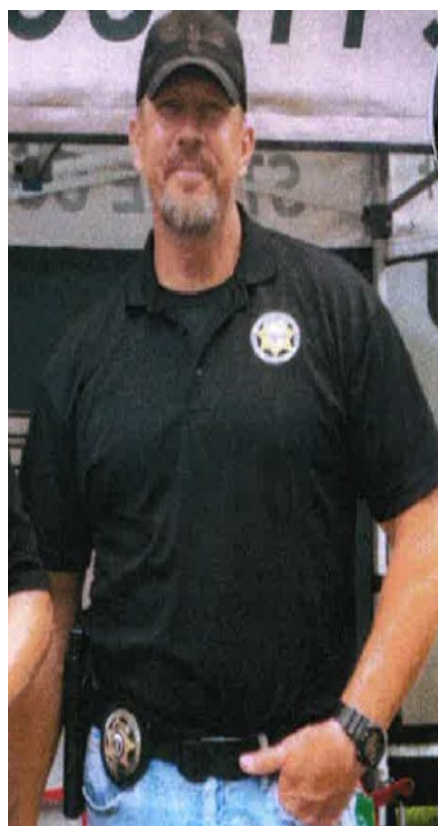
Grab your cheap sunglasses and favorite blue jeans for those legs and go Boogie!

Events:

- Portrait of a Graduate Meeting Hosted by Reeds Spring Schools: Wednesday September 18th – 5:30pm-8:00pm – 175 Elementary Road Reeds Spring Mo. <https://www.rs-wolves.com/article/1724107>
 - Stone county Early-Stage Business Boot Camp: Thursday September 19th – November 14th - 5:30pm-8:00pm - 16407 St HWY 13 Branson Mo <https://missouri.ecenterdirect.com/events/25530>
 - Kids FREE Fridays at the Butterfly Palace! September 2024 – September 20,23,27 – 9:00am-5:00pm – 4106 Hwy 76 Branson Mo <https://thebutterflypalace.com>
 - 2024 Kimberling City City-Wide Garage Sale: Friday September 20- Saturday September 21 – 8:00am-4:30pm – Maps available at the City Hall. <http://www.ckcmo.com>
 - H2Ozarks Shoreline Cleanup 2024: Friday September 27th - 2:00pm-4:00pm – Tablerock Lake, Taneycomo Lake, Bull Shoals Lake - <https://www.h2ozarks.org/missouri-events#MissouriShorelineCleanup>
 - Recovery Jamboree: Saturday September 28th – 10:00am-1:00pm = 1790 Bee Creek Road Branson Mo <https://www.facebook.com/events/1459468018106402>
 - Kimberling City Police Department Hosts 3rd Annual National Night Out: Tuesday October 1st – 5:00pm-8:00pm – 20 Kimberling Blvd Kimberling City <http://www.ckcmo.com>
 - Ozarks Teen Challenge Banquet & Silent Auction: Saturday October 5th – 6:00pm-9:00pm – 415 N State Hwy 265 Branson Mo (Chateau on the Lake) <http://www.otcbanquet.com>
 - Chili Cook-Off SSCFPD 19th Annual: Sunday October 6th – 11:00am-2:00pm – 20281 State Hwy 413 Reeds Spring Mo <http://www.sscfpd.org>
 - Black Oak Amp Presents ZZ Top with Ozark Mountain Daredevils: Sunday October 6th – 7:00pm-11:30pm – 1728 State Hwy H Lampe Mo BlackOakAmp.com
- Hygee At the Lake with Becky at the Award-Winning Village at Indian Point Resort: Tuesday January 30th – Sunday February 2nd – contact info: 417-338-8800 or 800-984-7847

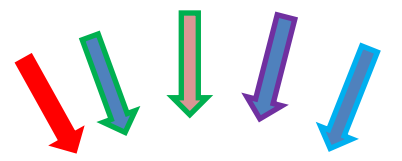
To see local events going on each weekend, please join our Facebook group! <https://www.facebook.com/VOIPGovernment>

Come have coffee with your Chief Mike Lucas to help celebrate National Coffee with a Cop day! October 3rd from 10:30am-11:30am Coffee & Donuts provided

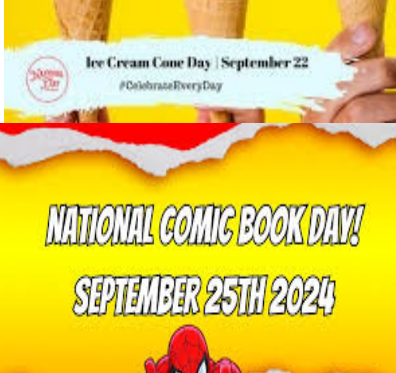
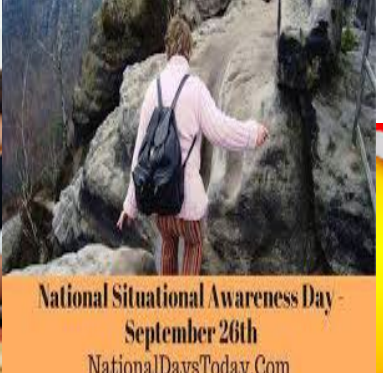
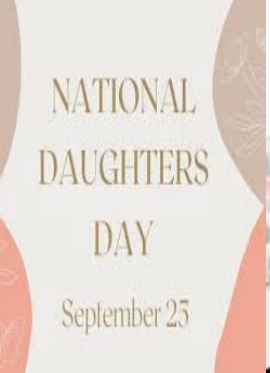
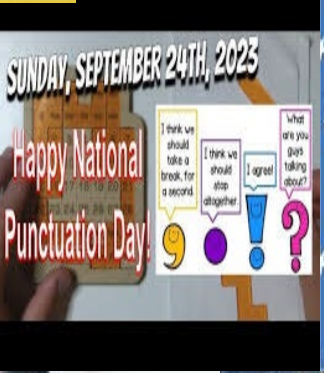
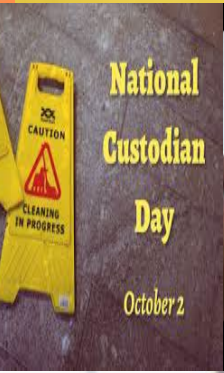
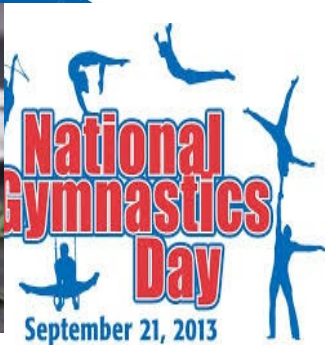


What's a tree's favorite song in autumn? "Don't Stop Be-Leafin."

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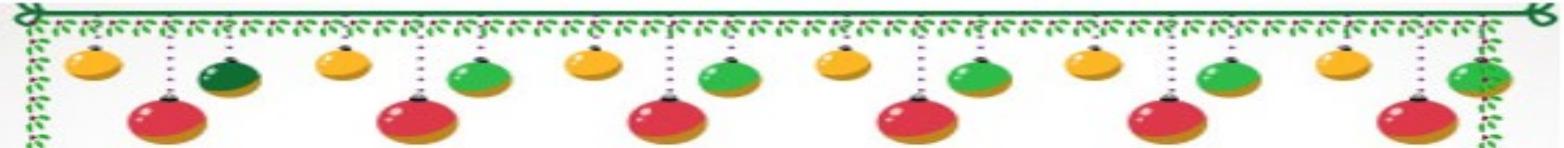


Just when you were pondering what to celebrate.....



THE 1ST ANNUAL INDIAN POINT CHRISTMAS PARADE!





The Village of Indian Point's 1st Annual Christmas Parade


Please fill out the information below and return no later than November 14th, 2024.

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Entry Type: _____

Phone: _____




Sign up and Registration information!

- Saturday December 14th, 2024 at 4:15 pm.
- Parking available at Indian Point Campground, Indian Point Mo. (Branson Mo)
- Line up starts at 3:00 pm at Indian Point Marina
- All participants must be ready to go by 4:00 pm and remain in the parade until the end of the parade.
- All entries must be turned in no later than November 14th, 2024 via email to office@indianpoint-mo.gov
- For more information contact Shannon at 417.338.5599.

Award Categories:

- "The Sleighting It Award" (Most Creative)
- "It's a Major Award" (Most Traditional)
- "Are You Serious Clark" (Best Decorated Golf Cart)
- "The Jolliest Bunch of Elves this side of the Village" (Overall Favorite)

** All entries are welcome - Floats, Vehicles, Bands, Dance, etc.!



Indian Point Fall Clean Up



When: October 9th and 10th 8:00am

What: The Village will be picking up two items from residents to help dispose of larger items for a fall cleanup and assist people clean clutter from their house. The Village will also provide a roll-off dumpster for smaller items so that any resident is free to make drop offs at between: (9th and 10th). The dumpster and fall clean-up will be at a first come first serve basis.

How to participate: Come by the office and put yourself down on our sign-up sheet. After signing up the office will give you ribbons to put on the items, so they know what to pick up. Items will need to be on the curb and marked with the ribbon to be picked up during the approved dates. We cannot assist residents in moving items from their home to the curb.

What items we will pick-up: refrigerator's, freezer's, dish washers, washers & dryers, hot water heaters, also lawn mowers, bicycles, electric motors, chain saws car motors, battery's, wheels, anything metal or aluminum, couches with hide a bed, TVs, and like furniture.

What items we will not pick-up: Hazardous materials, Paint, Tires, yard waste & everyday trash

If you have a question about if we will pick up an item or not: please contact the Public Works department at: PWorks@indianpoint-mo.gov

Items accepted at our Office Dumpster: Beds, Chairs, Dressers, Couch, Desk, trash bags of clothes everyday trash etc.

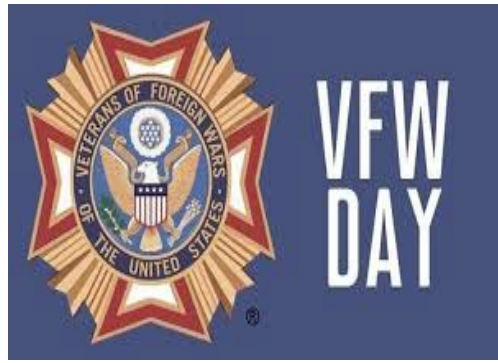
Items not accepted at our office Dumpster: Hazardous Materials, Paint, Tires, Yard Waste



Reminder:

- **YOU must sign up at the office to participate in the Fall Clean up!**
- All items must have a pink ribbon for pick up.
- The dumpster at the office is for those who wish to bring items to throw away in addition to the (2) items slotted for pick up and is available until the dumpster is full.
- Any questions: please call Daron at 417.901.0528

A BIT OF HISTORY



What is the September Equinox (or southward equinox)

It is the moment when the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator, heading southward. Because of differences between the calendar year and the tropical year, the September equinox may occur from September 21 to 24.

At the equinox, the Sun as viewed from the equator rises due east and sets due west. Before the Southward equinox, the Sun rises and sets more northerly, and afterwards, it rises and sets more southerly.

The equinox may be taken to mark the end of astronomical summer and the beginning of astronomical autumn (autumnal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere, while marking the end of astronomical winter and the start of astronomical spring (vernal equinox) in the Hemisphere. At the equinox, the Sun rises directly in the east and sets directly in the west. However, because of refraction it will usually appear slightly above the horizon at the moment when its "true" middle is rising or setting. For viewers at the north or south poles, it moves virtually horizontally on or above the horizon, not obviously rising or setting apart from the movement in "declination" (and hence altitude) of a little under a half (0.39) degree per day.

For observers in either hemisphere not at the poles, the Sun rises and sets more and more to the south during the 3 months following the September equinox. This period is the second half of a 6-month long southerly movement, beginning with the June solstice when the Sun rises and sets at its most northern point.

The point where the Sun crosses the celestial equator southwards is called the First Point of Libra. However, because of the precession of the equinoxes, this point is no longer in the constellation Libra, but rather in Virgo.

The solar point of the September equinox passed from Libra and into Virgo in -729 (730 BCE) and will enter Leo in 2439.

Wikipedia

WASHINGTON – Sept. 29 is National Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day, celebrating one of the largest and most established organizations of war veterans in the United States. It is a day celebrated not only by its members at Posts throughout the country and around the world, but also by the generations of veterans, service members, their families and communities that have benefited from the continued service of our great organization. Established on this date in 1899, a group of 13 veterans from the Spanish-American war and Philippine Insurrection joined together to form what would become the nation's largest and most dedicated group of combat veterans. Originally called the American Veterans of Foreign Service, the new organization differed from previous veteran fraternal societies as it not only opened membership to all ranks from all branches of service, but also to veterans of all foreign wars. In doing so, the young organization ensured its relevancy to every generation of veteran from that moment on into the future. Since its inception, the VFW has been unwavering in its devotion "to honor the dead by helping the living" and has been on the front lines of veteran advocacy in Washington, D.C., for more than a century. From leading the charge in demanding compensation for WWI veterans, to the establishments of the Veterans Administration, the national cemetery system, the GI Bill of Rights and last year's PACT Act, the VFW has proved itself as one of the most powerful and influential voices on Capitol Hill.

The VFW's selfless service goes far beyond legislation advancing veterans' benefits. Through its network of service officers and claims representatives, the VFW helped veterans recoup \$11.9 billion annually in VA disability compensation and pension benefits, ensuring veterans and their families get the care they earned and deserve. The VFW has also provided financial assistance to military families valued at more than \$12.9 million since 2004; awarded more than \$12.3 million in scholarships to more than 2,700 veterans and service members since 2014; and donated nearly \$45 million annually to local community service projects thanks to the hard work, charity and commitment of the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary. Our years of military service may be behind us, but we are still serving our fellow veterans, our communities and our country.

VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars

For over 100 years, the United States military has endeavored to master not just the battlefields that we sail or trod upon, but the realms of air and space. As the U.S. Air Force approaches its 69th birthday as an independent service on September 18th, we take these few moments to reflect on where we began, and how Airmen of countless diverse backgrounds came together in times of peace and war to secure the nation's freedom.

The Air Force's history and heritage is rooted in the creation of the Aeronautical Division of the U.S. Signal Corps on Aug. 1, 1907. It consisted of one officer, Capt. Charles deForest Chandler, and two enlisted men, Cpl. Edward Ward and Pfc. Joseph E. Barrett. The division's initial aircraft consisted of kite balloons, before acquiring its first official airplane from the Wright Brothers in September 1908 at a cost of \$25,000. From this period until World War I, the Aeronautical Division acquired more aircraft and individuals such as Benjamin Foulois, Henry Arnold, and Roy Kirtland who established an early tradition of innovation and experimentation that has become the hallmark of our service.

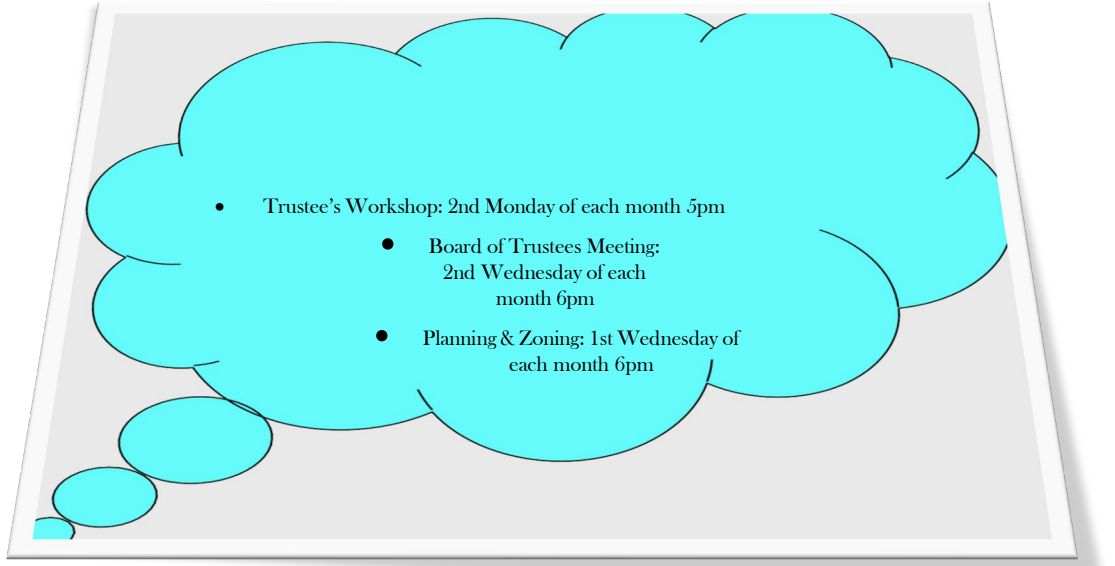
World War I provided these aviators with the opportunity to test the limits of their daring in combat. The exploits of the Lafayette Escadrille, a volunteer flying unit under French command, provided the U.S. with an example of the capability of American pilots in air warfare. The official entry of the U.S. into the war coincided with the transformation of the Signal Corps' air arm into a fully-fledged section conducting parallel air operations in training and combat actions, and requiring its own separate divisions in logistics, civil engineering, research and maintenance. On the battlefield, individuals such as Eddie Rickenbacker and Frank Luke became seeds of the civil rights movements that grew and have flourished across the country in the ensuing decades. At the end of the war, the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki forever cemented airpower as an equal component of U.S. household names as they gained the status of combat aces.

By the end of the war, although nominally under the command of the U.S. Army, the unique nature of its mission began providing the first glimpses of independence to come, as iconoclastic personalities such as Billy Mitchell and Carl Spaatz sought to establish airpower within the military's pecking order. The period between the world wars brought with it further innovations and watershed achievements in the field of aviation, ranging from aerial refueling to helicopters to the first rocket launches. Improvements in aircraft design led to new records in flight endurance, highlighted by the spectacular cross-Atlantic voyages of Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. The Air Service itself was again redesignated as the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1926 and slowly grew to 15 groups and three wings by 1938.

As the world once again fell into global conflict in the late 1930s, the efforts by Mitchell and others to solidify airpower's military importance paid off with the endorsement of President Franklin Roosevelt to increase the number of aircraft in the Air Corps to 20,000 planes—a wildly optimistic number at the time, but one that proved prescient after the attack on Pearl Harbor officially brought the country into war and forever changed the course of the nation's history. Industrial factories sprouted up overnight to produce a seemingly never-ending supply of fighters, bombers and transport planes, while bases across the country were established to train Airmen in every conceivable aspect of aircraft combat and mission support. The "all-in" effort required of the American population not only led to the successful victory in battle, but the increased roles played by women and minorities in enabling this victory, such as the Women's Army Air Corps and the Tuskegee Airmen, planted the first military might.

As the United States assumed its place as a global superpower during and after the war, so too did the role of the Air Corps transform, first into the Army Air Forces in 1941 and finally as a separate branch known as the U.S. Air Force in 1947. As the U.S. and the Soviet Union settled into the Cold War, the Air Force took the lead in developing increasingly sophisticated weapons platforms, merely hinted at during World War II, which exponentially increased the capabilities of national defense. This resulted in both spectacular achievements as well as national tragedy as it evolved and grew into a truly strategic combat and defense force. The Korean War saw the full flower of jet fighter combat, aerial medical evacuations and aerial resupply, while the Vietnam conflict featured close air support, dogfights with air-to-air missiles, search and rescue, and massive multi-year bombing operations. The Air Force took the lead in extending the nation's defense into the "final frontier" of space, establishing early warning networks for aircraft and intercontinental ballistic missiles while developing rocketry and spacecraft technology that allowed us to land men on the moon and place satellites in orbit around the earth.

Today, the Air Force continues its tradition of innovation, constantly striving to produce ever-more sophisticated platforms in both air and space to protect the nation from those who would seek to do us harm. Its pilots fly jet fighters that have not lost an air-to-air engagement in over 40 years, while its bombers can penetrate anywhere in the world protected by stealth technology. Its special operations and personnel recovery teams maintain the dedication of their forebears to "leave no one behind," "so others may live." Its space operators execute a 24-hour/7-day a week no-fail mission, watching our adversaries the world over with increasingly sophisticated satellites and sensors to detect even a hint of hostile action and enable the destruction of their decision cycle. All are supported by tens of thousands of dedicated support personnel in communications, logistics, civil engineering, aircraft maintenance, security forces, medicine, finance and dozens of other functions. As the world and its threats continue to evolve, so too will the U.S. Air Force in anticipating and meeting those threats to ensure that our liberties are sustained. *Airforce.com*



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TREASURER'S NOTE

My name is Barbara Manisco. I am a Trustee for the Village of Indian Point Board of Trustees and currently serving as the Treasurer for the Village Board. In a recent Village Board meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about the Board's financial approach. The Board thought that it would be helpful to explain the Board's fiscal policy. So, I am taking this time to share that information with you.

In August of 2022, the Board met to work through some of the long-term challenges facing the Board. From that day-long meeting, 5 key financial objectives were identified. Here are the main guiding concepts we use when making financial decisions for the Village.

- Do not implement or exercise a budget or spending plan that incurs a deficit for the Village.
- Pay-off long-term debt and avoid incurring debt going forward.
- Build a Village reserve equal to one year's budget to assure Village operations will continue when our tourism-based revenue takes a downturn.
- Bring sewer operations into the red and build a sewer reserve to assure that the sewer is self-funding and there are funds for repairs and maintenance of the sewer system.
- No commingling or cross-over of funds between the Village and Sewer operations.

These guiding principles are a long-term approach to assure that this Board, when no longer serving, will leave the Village in a solid financial position for years to come.

If you have any financial questions for the Board, please submit them to the Village office and we can address them in future Newsletters.



Happy Fall Y'all!
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