

The Village of Indian Point

Latest News and Updates

Financials:

Valentine's Day money-saving tip: Break up on February 13th, get back together on the 15th.

January Sales Tax Revenues were down by \$2.7K for the month but expenses were below budget by \$3.1K.
YTD Revenues are down by \$2.7K and expenses are over budget by \$27K.
Some of this is attributed to the weather and a decline in tourism.
January Sewer Revenues were down by \$7K for the month but YTD was up by \$1.7K.
January Expenses were up by \$2.7K.
A portion of this is attributed to delinquent accounts and reduced usage in sewer.
The Village Staff are cutting expenses as needed and monitoring them closely in both the Village and Sewer. We were able to move \$47K to the Village reserve account without any impact to the Villages operational account. The Village Staff believe the revenues will balance out and already took steps in the curation of the 2025 annual budget to account for the slow down in revenues we saw in 2024.



What's going on at the office?



Daylight Saving begins Sunday
March 9th and ends Sunday
November 2nd

Financial & Sewer Administrator:

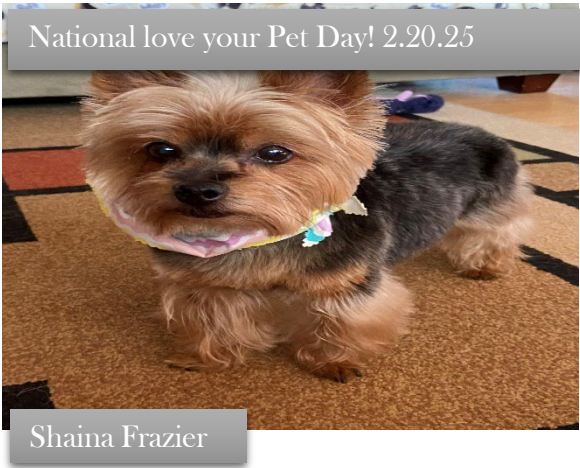
Sewer: Revenues were down by \$7K for the month of January. We are working on alternative ways to collect on delinquent accounts as well as monitoring expenses as usage has been lower than anticipated. The Village of Indian Point held a meeting on February 17th, 2025 for local business that would like to update their information or be added to the 2025 Indian Point Maps. Interested business can still reach out if they would like to be a part of the commemorative map.
Sewer Rate change letters were sent out with ACH forms in the last week of January.
Meetings that Shannon attended in January:

- 1.15.25: IWORQ meeting via zoom regarding payment options
- 1.23.25: TCED Board Meeting at the Branson Chamber
- 1.30.25: Table Rock Chamber Luncheon

Village Clerk:

The new IWORQ system for Business License has resulted in 39 payments and 11 complete Business Licenses this year already. We are excited to see the businesses taking advantage of the new online process! Beth has worked very hard on this project. If you have any questions, please call Beth at the office between 9am-2pm at 417.338.5599.
No sunshine requests or golf cart permits for January.
Beth attended the following meetings in December:

- 1.3.25: IWORQ meeting
- 1.14.25: IWORQ meeting
- 1.22.25: IWORQ meeting



Blood Drive
Reeds Spring High School

February 25, 2025 from 9AM-2PM
Reeds Spring High School Auxiliary Gym
20277 State HWY 413 Reeds Spring, Mo 65686
<https://www.rs-wolves.com/article/1995924>

About Ben Ahem Shrine GLOW Circus

March 7-16, 2025 at Multiple Times
601 St Louis St Springfield Mo
BOGO Tickets at the Village Hall! Arrive an hour before the show to ride the animals, meet the circus stars, and enjoy even more family fun!
www.glowcircus.com

Matilda The Musical
Historic Owen Theatre

February 15,16,20,21,22,23rd at 7PM
205 S. Commercial St Branson Mo
info@bransonarts.com

COMMUNITY SURVEY



**Your feedback will help guide
the Village's future!**

**Participate in our community
engagement survey!**

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code and take the survey!

SURVEY OPENS FEB 1st SURVEY CLOSES FEB 28th

**Help shape the village's future! Share your input in the
Comprehensive Plan survey by February 28th. Pick up and
return paper copies at the Village Clerk or the drop-off box at
957 Indian Point Rd, Branson, MO 65616.**

Public comments and questions may be submitted to Thomas Cunningham,
Associate Planner. TCunningham@MissouriState.edu

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2025 Comprehensive Plan

February 14, 2025

RE: Village of Indian Point Stormwater Improvements

Dear Citizens:

This is an informational letter to let you know about the upcoming meeting regarding stormwater improvements around Indian Point.

The Village of Indian Point is preparing for a grant funded master stormwater study. **A meeting is being held on March 6th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm, at City Hall, 957 Indian Point Rd, Branson, MO 65616.** This meeting will be held in order to hear from concerned citizens regarding troublesome stormwater areas that may need to be addressed in the study. Certain areas around Indian Point have already been included in the evaluation.

The Village would like to see and hear from you to ensure that all stormwater drainage issues are covered in the evaluation of this study. Hearing from you will help the Village and the engineering firm on this project to ensure that any stormwater problem areas can be included in the study.



January, longest month ever.....

Well done is better than well said!

Planning and Zoning: one PDD review and three Zone Map Amendment applications were reviewed in the January commission meeting. There will be 3 Public Hearings prior to the March Planning at Zoning meeting starting at 5:30PM. Updates on applications and permits will be discussed in the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The Comprehensive Community survey is live through February 1st through February 28th 2025. This has been emailed, mailed, and posted on social media for all residents, businesses, and guests to complete using the QR code or a paper form at the office.

Storm Water Management Grant: Nathan alongside Public Works has a meeting with Cochran and SMCOG grants administrator to go over the timeline of implementation and the agreement for the Stormwater Grant. Cochran Engineers did a site visit on January 30th while we were receiving rain to see any potential issues and how our current infrastructure function flows. They will be taking this information and preparing for their first public hearing to hear from the community as to where residents/business may be having issues.

Code Supplementation: We have received our 6th code supplementation from General Code. 6 chapters of our codes will receive updates from the passed ordinances last year.

Nathan attended the following meetings in December:
1.14.25: SMCOG Exec Meeting
1.16.25: Legislative Affairs Meeting
1.23.25: Meeting with SMCOG & Cochran
1.23.25: Public Hearing for Roundabout MODOT
1.30.25: Site Visit with Cochran



Resources for Low cost Spay and Neutering:

- The Branson Humane Society has a new low-cost clinic! This new clinic is next to the Human Society and is offering \$25 for spay/neuter of dogs and cats.
info@bransonhumanesociety.com (417) 337 – 7387
- Thomas Veterinary: Spay/Neuter Low-cost Vet Services in Branson If you are searching for a Low Cost, Spay and Neuter Clinic please call Thomas Veterinary. Find a trusted veterinarian at Thomas Veterinary Branson to perform this surgery on your pet. For low-cost Vet Services, including spaying and neutering, we are the best.
<tel:866-983-4131>



Indian Point Police Dept

The latest from the Chief

The IPPD responded to 22 calls of service for the month of January. They also completed 100 miles of police patrols within the Village which is approximately 18 miles of roads throughout the Village.
Reminder: **There is no road or area in the Village where the speed limit is over 35 MPH.**
Indian Point Police Department Outreach and Community Involvement.
1.6.25: Chief Lucas and Officer Thomas attended the POST Training in Stone County
1.8.25: Chief Lucas was formally invited alongside Chief Lemoine by Representative Burt Whaley to attend his swearing in at the Capital in Jeff City.
1.9.25: Chief Lucas attended the monthly SW Missouri Chiefs meeting
1.15.25: Chief Lucas was recognized at a retirement ceremony at the Springfield Police Department
1.21.25: Chief Lucas attended the yearly MOCIC breakfast

1.21.25: Chief Lucas met with a rep from Lexipol and for updates to policy policies
1.23.25: Chief Lucas and Officer Thomas participated in the Firearms Training held at Drury University
1.23.25: Chief Lucas attended the monthly regional investigators meeting at MOCIC
1.27.25: Chief Lucas attended the quarterly Stone County Emergency Management Meeting held at the Stone County Health Dept
1.29.25: Chief Lucas hosted the Director (SAC) of the Springfield DEA at Indian Point
1.30.25: Chief Lucas attended the Table Rock Chamber Luncheon alongside Shannon McQuality

Flock Cameras: We are now sharing cameras with 3911 Networks as of 1.9.25. In summary, we have had 223 overall Network additions in just 7 months at no cost to the Village. Flock cameras help to keep crime out of our Village.

Public Works

We love snow...when it comes in a paper cup and covered in strawberry syrup!



A HUGE Thank you to the Public Works Department for the many hours spent keeping our roads cleared during the last two snowstorms! The Public Works department purchased a new salt dog in January which allows both Public Work trucks to salt the roads during winter weather. This will allow roads to be salted more efficiently and in a timely manner. Winter materials have been restored since our last snow in January to use as needed.
Daron has been working closely with representatives from Cochran regarding Stormwater Management Grant as well as upcoming road projects projected to start as early as March 2025.
Sewer repairs were completed at one residential from a work order request. If you have a work request for Public Works, please fill out a work order request. These forms can be found at indianpoint-mo.gov or at the Village Hall office.



Stone County Library

What do they offer?



Stone County Library:
322 West State Hwy 248 Galena Mo 65656
Blue Eye Library:
138 State Hwy EE Blue Eye Mo 65611
Crane Library:
201 Main St Crane Mo 65633

When you think of your local Library you probably just think of books right? Your Stone County Library has so much more to offer:

Monthly Events:

- **Story time:** a program designed for young children where picture books are read aloud often incorporating songs, fingerplays, and other interactive activities.
- **Activity Hour:** Family friendly events that range from games, movies, dance parties, crafts, and cooking.
- **Cookbook Club:** 18+ group: share and exchange your favorite recipes with the group!

Services:

- **Books to go Delivery Service:** this is a service for individuals living in Stone County who are unable to visit the library due to temporary or permanent restrictions. This could be due to illness, injury, mobility issues, disability, or age.
- **Copies & Faxes:** twenty cents for B&W – Fifty cents for Color. Faxes: Sending \$1.00 for the first page and \$0.50 per page after. Receiving incoming faxes is \$.50 per page
- **Youth Services:** Stone County Library offers a range of outreach services from daycare and school visits to homebound delivery to residents of Stone County.
- **Free Meeting Room:** Please call the library branch where you wish to reserve a room or email info@scl.lib.mo.us
- **Free Wi-Fi**
- **Free Exam Proctoring:** Need a test proctored? Call the Galena Library at 417.357.6410 or email info@scl.lib.mo.us
- **Curbside Pickup**

Resources:

- **Digital Resources:** Stone County Library has access to a variety of online resources – everything from eBooks to Ancestry.com.
- **E-Card:** It's Free! Gain access to hundreds of e-books and e-audiobooks!
- **Tax Resources**
- **Local Links**
- **Consumer Links**

Continued....

- Homework Help
- Parenting Resources
- Online Catalog

<http://www.stonecountylibrary.org/>

Read Across America Week

March 1st – March 5th

Below is the schedule of activities

My Many Colors - March 1st
Wear your House colors

Cat in the Hat - March 2nd
Wear your coolest hat

On the Places You'll Go - March 3rd
Dress for your future career

If I Ran the Zoo - March 4th
Wear animal print

Fox in Socks - March 5th
Wear your craziest socks



Peace Corps Day: March 1st, 2025

The History of the Peace Corps

On October 14, 1960, at 2 a.m., Senator John F. Kennedy spoke to a crowd of 10,000 cheering students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor during a presidential campaign speech. In his improvised speech, Kennedy asked, "How many of you, who are going to be doctors, are willing to spend your days in Ghana? Technicians or engineers, how many of you are willing to work in the Foreign Service and spend your lives traveling around the world?" His young audience responded to this speech with a petition signed by 1,000 students willing to serve abroad. Senator Kennedy's challenge to these students—to live and work in developing countries around the world; to dedicate themselves to the cause of peace and development—inspired the beginning of the Peace Corps.

Just two weeks later, in his November 2, 1960, speech at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Kennedy proposed "a peace corps of talented men and women" who would dedicate themselves to the progress and peace of developing countries. Encouraged by more than 25,000 letters responding to his call, Kennedy took immediate action as president to make the campaign promise a reality

The Peace Corps program was an outgrowth of the Cold War. President Kennedy pointed out that the Soviet Union "had hundreds of men and women, scientists, physicists, teachers, engineers, doctors, and nurses . . . prepared to spend their lives abroad in the service of world communism." The United States had no such program, and Kennedy wanted to involve Americans more actively in the cause of global democracy, peace, development, and freedom

A few days after he took office, Kennedy asked his brother-in-law, R. Sargent Shriver, to direct a Peace Corps Task Force. Shriver was known for his ability to identify and motivate creative, visionary leaders, and he led the group to quickly shape the organization. After a month of intense dialogue and debate among task force members, Shriver outlined seven steps to forming the Peace Corps in a memorandum to Kennedy in February 1961.

The Peace Corps was established by executive order on March 1, 1961, and a reluctant Shriver accepted the president's request to officially lead the organization. Shriver recruited and energized a talented staff to implement the task force's recommendations. On his first trip abroad as director, he received invitations from leaders in India, Ghana, and Burma to place Peace Corps volunteers in their countries.

Tanganyika (present-day Tanzania) and Ghana were the first countries to participate in the program. President Kennedy welcomed the inaugural group of volunteers at the White House on August 28, 1961, to give them a personal farewell before their departure to Africa

Congress approved the Peace Corps as a permanent federal agency within the State Department, and Kennedy signed the legislation on September 22, 1961. In 1981, the Peace Corps was made an independent agency.

In the 1960s, the Peace Corps was very popular with recent college graduates. But in the 1970s, the Vietnam War and Watergate eroded many Americans' faith in their government. Interest in the Peace Corps began to decline and government funding was cut.

In the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan tried to broaden the Peace Corps' traditional concern with education and agriculture to include more current fields such as computer literacy and business-related education. For the first time, a rising number of conservative and Republican volunteers joined the largely progressive Peace Corps contingent overseas. Peace Corps membership and funding increased after the opening of Eastern Europe in 1990.

To participate in the Peace Corps program, countries must meet certain requirements:

- A country must invite the Peace Corps
- Based on its limited budget, the Peace Corps decides which countries it can be active in and prioritizes each country's needs
- Peace Corps volunteers must be safe

Once these requirements are met, the Peace Corps begins working with the foreign government. Countries seeking help from the Peace Corps propose areas that could benefit from the skills of volunteers. The Peace Corps then matches assignments within foreign nations to applicants with the appropriate skills.

Life as a Peace Corps volunteer is not easy and volunteers face many challenges, from language barriers to poor living conditions. There is no salary. Volunteers receive a monthly stipend for room, board, and few essentials" enough to be at a level sufficient only to maintain health and basic needs. Men and women will be expected to work and live alongside the nationals of the country in which they are stationed—doing the same work, eating the same food, talking the same language."

Culturally, volunteers work to build trust within their communities and share their skills to solve challenges that face developing communities. Volunteers work in many different fields, including education, health, nutrition, HIV/AIDS training, agriculture, business, community development, forestry, and environmental protection. Since the inception of the Peace Corps, some 200,000 volunteers have served in 139 countries. They have learned more than 200 languages and dialects.

The Peace Corps is always adapting to the times and to an ever-changing world, but has never wavered from its three original goals

- To help the people of interested countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained workers
- To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served
- To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans

Today, on average, volunteers are older than their predecessors and more experienced in specialized fields. After more than five decades of service, the Peace Corps is more vital than ever and still growing. From John F. Kennedy's inspiration came an agency devoted to world peace and friendship and volunteers who continue to help individuals build a better life for themselves, their children, their community, and their country. jfkhistory.com



Public Hearing Notice on March 5th, 2025: The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider an application from Bobby Morrell located at 282 John the Diver Trail for a Zone Map Amendment from Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C-2) at 5:30pm. The Planning and Zoning Commission will also consider an application from Blue Water Developers located at parcel # 13-3.0-05-003-002 & parcel # 13-3.0-05-003-002-001.003 located on Indian Point Road for a Zone Map Amendment from Residential(R-1) to Commercial (C-1) at 5:45 PM.

- Trustees Workshop: 2nd Monday of each Month at 5pm
- Board of Trustees Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each Month at 6pm
- Planning & Zoning:



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Community Member of the Month

February



Sharon has been the **President of the Indian Point Women’s Club since 2008**, not necessarily because she wanted to, but in reality, it was something no one else wanted to step up and take over. In this capacity **she held our meetings in a friendly, organized, and professional manner**, raising funds to help charities in the local community, and made sure the Club ran efficiently drawing Community Members together, sharing monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month.

Sharon loves being a person **drawing neighbors together** and encourages anyone of our neighbors to get together at local restaurants to share camaraderie and stories every Tuesday evening. As a huge portion of our community is ‘seasoned’, this might be the only social activity where some of these attendees feel comfortable.

Also, as a **long-time member of the Ozarks Women’s Club**, meeting once a month, on the fourth Monday – Sharon is **active in getting information out** to our local schools **encouraging young high school women** to apply for one of the three scholarships every year sponsored by the Club. To help make money, the Club members take turns volunteering their time selling tickets at the Lions Club, on the nights their hold Bingo.

Another passion, **Sharon is active in our Stone County Republican Club**, spending **countless hours researching** politics from both sides of the aisle to share at meetings held on the second Thursday of every month.

She is also **active in the Annual Veterans Event** put on by the Club, raising funds to help support the November Event where Veterans are fed free of charge and where they get to enjoy an evening with other Veterans and their families. She is retired, living a quiet life with Rex, her spouse of going on half a century, and their four-legged family member, Skippy, the home alarm system. Sharon is very deserving of this recognition as a valuable member of our very diverse but wonderful community. A HUGE Thank you from the Village and the Village Hall staff! Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed!



And thank you, Brett Stump, for your assistance during the recent snow!

Also noted, Brett assisted with clearing local and surrounding area businesses and churches with the clearing of their lots as well.

Brett Stump is always around during snow to assist our Public Works which the Village is always very grateful for during times when we receive so much snow.

From all of us at the Village Hall, we THANK YOU!