

Calendar of Events—

June, 2006

*June 5—Noon
 Police & Emergency Mgmt*

*June 7—2:00 pm
 Board of Public Works*

*June 8—7:00 pm
 Planning & Zoning*

*June 13—7:00 pm
 Board of Trustees*

Note: All meetings/events are held in the Treehouse Condo Club Room unless noted otherwise. As of publication, these are the only meetings scheduled.

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Magic Ball

By Arno Wehr II

Municipalities have large glass balls in a black box and elected officials go open the box and see into the ball to learn what you want them to do. Really! That's how it works! I saw this at the movies often in the 1940s.

Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago was often accused of using a glass ball. But that was a false accusation. This Mayor had a system using his political party members who actually pooled citizens as to what they wanted from the city. Can you imagine that? Then about halfway through his term of office he would report to the city with a list of new improvements and changes that the people requested. What a concept! No wonder this Mayor stayed in office for decades and his party still controls the huge city. It was not politics alone as Chicago Democrats vote Republicans into office quite often. The success was simply doing what the voters put him in office for. So the glass ball was simply asking voters what they want.

Our Village will offer you a fresh new concept. It will, in addition to listening to your comments in the monthly meetings, send you a request form asking what you want the Village to do in the future. Well, what is it you want?

No one will look over your shoulder to prompt you about what you should say. The answers, yours also, will be professionally reviewed and an objective report will be given to our leaders. Sharpen your pencils, this is a big deal!

So Ya Wanna Buy a Resort?

By: Arno Wehr II

Can you just see the real estate lady smiling as she chomps down on her cigarillo? Occasionally someone comes up to a resort owner with a "gee I'd like to do this someday" comment. Sure you do bucko! How many days would you last?

Let's see what, say, any Tuesday is like at "Cutsy Wootsy Resort". The client in number 3 lost a ring and his air conditioner froze up. Someone left a dog in unit 6 and checked out. We don't take pets, the phone number they left on file is disconnected, and the dog bit your housekeeper so she quit with five rooms to still be cleaned. Four cars drove in at 11 am, check out is 11 am, and they want their four bedroom unit and can't understand why it's not ready yet. Your mother-in-law just called telling you that she, your dad, and uncle Looie are coming from Des Moines to stay. She asked if you're busy this summer.

Ok, Ok, I'm making all this up because we all know that our resort owners eat a lot of chicken, drink beer, and sit on the front porch. All those air conditioning service trucks, linen services, ambulances, and pizza delivery Nascar runs are just normal things.

To our resort, motel, marina, store, café and other business owners, we all take our collective hats off to you for trying to fool us about how hard you work. You're no different than coffee sipping cops or a fireman playing catch at the station.

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TRUSTEES MAY MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room to review and/or take action on the following:

- Items added to the agenda were: Roads-Long Lonesome Trail; Old Business—Board of Adjustment vacancies and request for extension for Deer Run Campground.
- Minutes for April 11, 2006 meeting approved as written.
- Financials for April, 2006 were reviewed and filed for audit.
- Line Item Transfers, general fund—police department were approved with no change in budget.
- Proclamation for Indian Rally Day was read.
- Police & Emergency Management Advisory Committee Report—Approved appointments of JC Zalog and Kevin McKoy for two year terms and Mike Kugler as Trustee on committee.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Report—Review was given on the public hearing for rezoning and the preliminary plat for Thousand Oaks development.
- Approved increase of the zoning compliance application fee for agriculture districts, all residential districts and all PDD's mixed used development to \$100 per dwelling unit or lot, \$30.00 for administration and \$70.00 for roads as recommended by P&Z Commission.
- Extension granted for Table Rock Sunset Condos until June meeting for submittal of final plat.
- Board of Public Works Report—Reviewed information on tank inspections to be accomplished for the Jakes Creek Trail project and bidding procedures.
- Roads Report—Tabled request from Kim Cook Construction to pave Mayden Lane until options are received. Discussion held regarding the striping and sealing on Long Lonesome Trail that was approved in October, 2006 and was not completed due to weather per Tri Lakes Striping and Sealing.
- Approved to stripe the area only on Long Lonesome Trail, but not to seal the road.
- CAAD Report—Recommended that Arno Wehr III serve on the CAAD committee as appointed Trustee.
- Recycle Report—Update given on the recycle center. Approval given to purchase signage with directional arrows for the recycle center.
- Transportation Coalition—Report given on the regional transportation committee and transportation study for the southern half of Stone County.
- Extension for Deer Run Campground for installation of the median was declined and per legal attorney is now in violation of the ordinance.
- BPW Director vacancy tabled.
- Approved appointments of Bill Turner, four (4) year term and John Donahue one (1) year term on the Board of Adjustments as recommended.
- Notation was made that Marci Manna is in the process of preparing a needs assessment survey to be given to the Board of Trustees for approval and will also be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the CAAD committee.
- Information given regarding the possible leasing of the Corps of Engineers land and additional information as to square footage to be determined as soon as possible. Tabled until the June meeting.
- Indian Point Chamber of Commerce contract for the Enchanted Forest was tabled until the June meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding the MO-DOT grant which was given to the Village last year for trails and as to the status of when work will begin.
- Approved accounts payable as written.
- Approved appointing Arno Wehr III as a member of the CAAD Committee.
- Comments were made regarding trails and parks for Indian Point.
- Approved Brett Stump to contact the Corps of Engineers to inquire about free passes for residents within the Village of Indian Point to use the park and swimming facilities.
- Noted that several signs are posted that are illegal and need to be removed.
- Approved adding a helicopter sign under the recycle signage.
- Approved executive session per 610.021 (1) Legal. Regular session temporarily adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
- Regular session reconvened at 10:25 p.m. and noted that legal issues were discussed.
- Village Attorney reviewed information on the Sunshine Law, regarding two trustees talking about village affairs and stated if two trustees get together then one of the trustees goes to another trustee with the same information, violation of the Sunshine Law has occurred. He further stated that his recommendation as Village Attorney is the same as the MML, no two trustees should talk about Village affairs unless it is in an open advertised meeting.
- Information presented on village office space to rough in the storage building. No action taken.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Copies of the actual minutes of the meeting are in the Village office. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$1.00 per month, per page and the proper forms are available in the office to receive a copy or download the minutes from the website at no charge!

Zoning Compliance Application Fees Approved:

**Zoned Residential Districts—Zoned Agriculture District—PDD's mixed use developments:
\$100.00 per dwelling unit or lot**

Zoned C-1 and C-2—\$30.00

High Issues

By: Arno Wehr II

Recently, two entire paragraphs in the Branson paper were devoted to the fact that our golf course neighbor is changing hole number 10 to 11 and hole number 11 to 10! This must be an incredible event to be headlined and written up in such detail. Certainly if you need a counter balance to meth busts or special 4x4 truck sales, this was it. To some it may be the story of the year.

It seems when issues of highway 13 changes, annexations, tanking economy, or a panther near the dam come up it is only learned by the grapevine during coffee. What is worse isn't the issue of being uninformed, but being informed about items that only a groundskeeper would care about. Maybe you like to be kept ignorant about our community, but not me man!

We have local village issues of a new road, a second road to 265, an election, a \$190,000 grant, and 3500 forecasted buildings. We also need sewer, water, and you to step into

the light and inform yourself. Oh my, so much for idealistic thought. You won't become our local George Washington overnight. It took years for George to live up to his own legend. But there are some real ways to get into the information stream of our Village. Yes, by all means, have coffee with your neighbors. But don't become a self serving band of uninformed. Send forth the scout to get the facts perhaps at a village meeting. Don't be shy about going into the chamber of office in season. You'd be amazed the service provided. Our village office has facts, not your opinions, on our planning and zoning laws as well as a great portfolio on how you can stop your sewage mess. By all means come grab free food during our village events. These sparse epics happen for a reason. They are put together for you and your family. Help haul trees to your secret crappie spot or gather aluminum cans. By all means try just a little to be a villager. It's tough to break your bonds from "back home". But you are now a pioneer forging ahead as trumpets blare! Oh Brother! Look, just simply improve your life and peek into our village life.

Recycling News!

By: Betty Fier

338 Pounds of aluminum were emptied from the collection sites (Cottage, Deer Run, White Wing, and Treehouse) in April and paid \$192.91. This money was added to the Beautification Fund.

Village Trustees approved the purchase of four directional signs for recycling at their May meeting and will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Hours to bring items to be recycled during the summer months are:

- 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
- 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays

For additional information call 263-0436.



Help Wanted: Board of Public Works

The Village of Indian Point is seeking an individual to serve as:

Director—Board of Public Works
Four Year Term

Duties for the position are as follows:

- Able to attend monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month
- Able to attend special meetings as needed
- Be able to make team decisions for the benefit of everyone within the Village limits

Qualifications:

- Some knowledge of wastewater
- Willing to learn

If interested, contact the Village office at 338-5599 for further details or attend the monthly BPW meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room.

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A Big Thank You and God Bless

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and donations for our daughter Mackenzie's recent illness.

Many special thanks need to be mentioned:

- Ron Benson, you are like our father and grandfather and we love you;
- Our church family at First Baptist Church of Kimberling City and Shirley Funk, God bless you all;
- Charlie Neubert and Kevin McKoy of Southern Stone County Fire Department;
- Michelle, Albert and Anthony Griggs, thank you for being such good friends;

- Dawn Freeman at Metropolitan Bank for being there for us;
- Diane and Bob Cary at Cottage Resort and Karen Spainhour at Deer Run for your donation jugs;
- Jerri Enschede and Thelma Allard for the meals;
- Indian Point Women's club for their donation, thank you all; and
- Wilma Damme thank you so much.

If we left anyone out, your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated.

In God's Love,
Jim, Laura, Taylor and Mackenzie

So Ya Wanna Buy a Resort?

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Now if any of our readers get mind snap about entering the tourism arena, let me extend the advice of several ancient sages. Take the thought and "Runicus like Hellicus" toward a saner career!!

(this little ditty is a back handed thanks to all our local business people who work so hard in our local economy. Life is lumpy. By the way, anyone need a snarly black dog?)