

Village of  
  
**INDIAN POINT**

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## Calendar of Events—

July, 2005

July 4—Holiday  
 Office closed all day

July 6—2:00 p.m.  
 Board of Public Works

July 7—7:00 p.m.  
 Planning & Zoning Commission

July 11—Noon  
 Police & Emergency Management Advisory

July 12—7:00 p.m.  
 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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## Community Member Cards Now Available

Attention: All property owners/renters/and boat slip renters!

Bring your proof of residency by presenting a paid property tax receipt (Stone County), rent receipt or electric bill and get your community member card at the Village of office for \$1.00.

The following businesses will be offering discounts to the community:

- Artilla Cove Resort—5%  
Jan-May/Sept-Dec
- Bavarian Village—10%  
Jan-May/Sept-Dec No Holidays
- Bayside Market—20%  
All Year
- Cottage Resort/Deli/Store—10%  
All Year
- Deer Run Motel—15%  
March-December
- Elmo's Outpost—5%  
March 1 thru Sept 30
- Hunter's Friend Resort—10%  
Mar-May/Sept-Dec No Holidays
- Indian Point Resorts—10%-40%  
Varies by Season/Call for Details
- Josie's Bed & Breakfast—10%  
All Year
- Lakeview Campground—10%  
March-December
- Stillwaters Resort—10%  
Jan-June 14/Aug 16-Dec 31
- Sunrise Suites—20%  
All Year
- Tall Timber Lumberjack- \$10 Tickets (Meal Cost) All Year
- Village at Indian Point—10%  
Condo Rental All Year
- Village at Indian Point—Call Beverly Meeting Room

**Support our local businesses!**

## PHLOCK at the Rock 2005

By: Barbara Coggin

The Ozark Mountain Parrot Heads are members of the Jimmy Buffett's Fan Club and are involved in many environmental concerns.

Over five hundred attended "PHLOCK at the Rock" last year and we raised \$10,400 to benefit the American Diabetes Association.

We would like to invite each of you to join us on Friday and Saturday evenings, August 19th and 20th, at Rock Lane Resort. A \$5.00 cover charge per day per person will be collected.

Several vendors will be present and live music by Eric Stone and Phins out of St Louis will be on hand for entertainment. Food and drink specials will also be available. A live and silent auction will be held on Saturday evening and if anyone wishes to donate items for the auction, please contact Barb Coggin at 338-8315.

Come and join the Parrot Heads for "PHLOCK at the Rock 2005" and help fight diabetes.

## Holiday Closing

The Village office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



## TRUSTEES JUNE MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on June 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bradford on the Lake Conference Room to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes from the May and June (special) meetings approved as written.
  - May financials reviewed and filed for audit.
  - Resolution 05-5—A Resolution for Intent to Participate In Natural Hazard Mitigation and to Work Toward Becoming a Safer Community—Tabled until July to review the plan
  - First reading Bill No 96, Ordinance 05-10, An Ordinance approving Resolution P&Z #6-05 Recommending Approval of an Amendment to the Office Zoning Map, amended to add that owner responsible for maintenance of sidewalk and landscaping in the median area until such time the Village deems otherwise was approved.
  - First reading Bill 97, Ordinance 05-12, An Ordinance Establishing Pol-
- icy & Procedures for the Indian Point Police Department was approved and placed for review for 30 days.
  - Executive Session called for Section 610.021 Legal.
  - Police and Safety—Brett Stump—Reviewed information for the policy and procedures manual and procedures for dock theft within the Village which falls under the jurisdiction of the water patrol and 911 or the non emergency number should be called per the Village Attorney.
  - First reading Bill Number 98, Ordinance Number 05-13, An Ordinance Providing for the Authorization to Provide Mutual Aid or Emergency Assistance was approved.
  - Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement for disaster or emergency events was approved.
  - Planning and Zoning Commission—Greg Maycock reported on violations of the zoning ordinance and recommended action by the Board of Trustees. Taken under consideration by the Board.
  - Resolution 05-6, Resolution to accept the Preliminary Plat for Wolfe Ridge Lodge approved.
- Board of Public Works—Greg Maycock reported on the Jakes Creek Trail project, design plan and easements for the project.
  - Roads—Greg Fier reported waiting on bids for Long Lonesome Trail.
  - CAAD—Recycling—Approved location for recycle pad and fence.
  - Tabled further action on the Community Building. Board of Adjustments and Planning & Zoning Commission vacancies.
  - Approved screening deadline date for Hunter's Friend Resort, July 31st.
  - Second Reading of Bill No 94, Ordinance 05-09; Bill No 96, Ordinance 05-11; and Bill No 98, Ordinance 05-13 were approved and adopted.
  - Accounts payable were approved.
  - Approved Kathy Isaacs to attend SMOG meetings.
  - Meeting adjourned at 10:40 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!*

## Tax Flak By: Arno Wehr II

Incoming! Shudder, a shout many would prefer not to hear. Taxes! Shudder, a threat we all, oh you know...

Let's be logical. The businesses collect sales tax (which is collected from tourists and residents) for the Village. Thank you very much. A resident pays zip (except for sales tax within the Village) and that's good. So here is a problem you can chew over. First, we have some people who duck taxes, we have some taxes going to Taney County, and even if we collected all of this, it isn't enough.

Property tax is not the solution. While it will solve any financial needs of our village in the long term, it will be the

property tax in the county. It will be a tax that will grow every year because it will be based on the newest property sold to determine "fair assessments".

Well, what is left? Yes we could create impact fees and nail every new house, condo, or building. That may give a bump to the taxes, but only for a short term. Aside from enticing Ross Perot to adopt us, we simply have to face a larger sales tax.

Argh matey, there's the rub. Kimberling City wants a tax for tourism. The County wants a tax for sewers. (By the way, the county gives \$60,000 per year to the Kimberling City Lakes Area Chamber for I don't know what).

Neither of these groups have a tax plan, just a plan to tax. Then there is a 1% marketing tax ready to pop. Well, at least more marketing will create more business which creates more village tax income. That effort helps solve the marketing needs, most of Branson with some for us villagers.

None of this planning fixes our roads, pays police, or builds any village anything. Right now our sales taxes have been the same for ten years! We are losing ground. You can easily see some wasted money, but get over it. The past cannot be recovered—only learned from. Now this author is no tax expert. So you have to decide what to do. Maybe we'll have to vote for a sales tax for our village. Only, someone has to face the truth about property taxes and 20% sales taxes. Incoming!!

## Village Government

By: Arno Wehr II

A village government is the simplest form of governing citizens. It allows for flexible thought and even shouting matches with onlookers. The wisdom of this messy procedure is that open compromises lead to progress.

If you listen to a trustee oath of office, there is a part in there requiring a trustee by oath to "demean" themselves in order to serve. Simply put our trustees have to realize they represent all of you not just themselves. It's really interesting to watch our leaders in action. Sometimes a little authority makes a trustee become a genius. I get that way after a jolt of whiskey. It is really tough to not want to be an expert trustee in matters of road building, marketing, accounting, snow removal, and phases of the moon. To avoid this self entrapment, the trustees hope (and even pray) that someone in the community knows how to read a balance sheet, design a community sewage plan, or put up lighting displays. It is even harder as a trustee to let go of a

project so a neighbor volunteer can make it work even better.

Now before you think this is a roast of our leaders—stop for a moment and look at ourselves. We have opinions and we tend to be our own brilliant center of the universe. What we haven't done is step up to help or even run for any office. It's more comfortable to sit at home watching the comedy channel reruns of the Cable Guy. Ah! But here is the rub. Some of us have roads that an 1880 ox wagon can't navigate. A few of us are dripping sewage on our neighbors 24 hours per day. We have businesses failing. Naturally we also have an untapped resource to solve our village trustee needs. We have you.

Come be entertained and help our village by attending a monthly meeting. You'd be in shock to learn you may know the answer to a problem the community has. The trustees need you to come forward. You can't throw tomatoes (our Chief is there), but you can interact. Hey, its your Village!

## BPW Begins Design Plans for Jakes Creek Trail Project

The BPW is now taking the next step for the Jakes Creek Trail Project.

Representatives from Heithaus Engineering will be seen throughout the Jakes Creek Trail area for several months diligently gathering information to design the wastewater collection for the treatment system.

In other action, the BPW has been busy working with residents and business owners in the Village to update their systems and assist them as to the type of system will best suit their needs.

Board of Public Works monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Clubroom.

## Recycling News

By: Betty Fier

70 plus hours of community service were provided by volunteers to help with the collection of phone books and paper products during a three week period in the month of May. Thank you to: Shirley Campbell, Sandy Carsen, Jerry Enschede, Donna Ewing, Bonnie Lambert, Lana Maycock, Marilyn & John Ohler, Pat Turner and Betty Fier. Over 3,000 pounds or 1.53 tons of paper products were collected.

Nestle-Purina Pet Care unit from Springfield provided the bin and makes cat and dog litter from the paper products. Thank you to Indian Point residents and businesses who deposited their phone books and paper.

Aluminum cans were emptied from Indian Point collection sites recently, and made ready for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend and summer activities. Another \$105.10 has

been added to the beautification account. **PLEASE, DO NOT PLACE FOOD CANS** in the Aluminum collection sites as they are not aluminum and can not be accepted in this program.

If you have other aluminum items, such as storm doors, windows, air conditioners, etc., please contact Betty Fier at 417-263-0436 and special arrangements will be made for collection.

Collection sites for the public are: The Cottage, Deer Run, and White Wing. Treehouse Condos collection site is for their residents and renters only.

Are you dropping your cans at one of these sites?



Village of Indian Point  
3 Treehouse Lane #11

Phone: 417-338-5599

Fax: 417-338-5279

E-Mail:

PRSR STD  
ECR WSS  
US POSTAGE PAID  
BRANSON, MO  
Permit No. 51

To Contact the  
Indian Point Police call  
Emergency: 911  
Non Emergency:  
877-747-8977  
Do not call the office!

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## Point History

By: Arno Wehr II

Jesse Standish called me up to his Penthouse apartment twenty years ago to have a snort and to discuss Indian Point. He proposed we ask the businesses to collect 1% or more of their gross to build a road on Indian Point. After snort number two, I agreed to the concept. Soon eleven businesses also agreed and we went to the bank (now Ozark Mountain Bank) and borrowed \$110,000 and built the main road and most of the side roads. By "built" it really was to rebuild, repave, and widen.

After we did this, we decided it wasn't near enough. Soon we had a fire pumper truck, a heliport, road lights, and a new voted in Village. Then came street signs,

new road repairs, snow removal, grass and trash removal, law enforcement, and a lot of promises.

So today my pal Jesse is gone but he started a real legacy and my family is grateful. It sure would be nice if some new Jesse's would pour a snort (or two) and keep this momentum going. We couldn't drive on a pavement of promises twenty years ago and we can't rely on our community's future on just maybes either.



## Road Commissioner Seeking Volunteers

Road Commissioner Greg Fier will be forming a committee of volunteers to assist on the roads. If you would like to serve, please call Kathy at the Village office, 338-5599.

Residents—If you should see a road problem, call the Village office with the location of the problem so this information can be given to the Road Commissioner.

