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Calendar of Events—

August, 2005

August 1—10:00a.m.-8:00pm
**Easement Signing—Jakes
 Creek Trail**

August 1—Noon
**Police & Emergency Man-
 agement Advisory (Village
 Office)**

August 2—Election

August 3—2:00 p.m.
Board of Public Works

August 4—7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning

August 9—6:30 p.m.
**Joint Mtg Board of Trus-
 tees/Indian Point Chamber
 of Commerce**

August 9—7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees

*Note: All meetings/events are
 held in the Treehouse Condo
 Club Room unless noted other-
 wise. As of publication, these
 are the only meetings sched-
 uled.*

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Election—August 2nd

An election will be held on August 2nd for one issue only. Ballot language is as follows:

Shall the county of Stone impose a countywide sales tax of one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1%) for the purpose of affecting water quality of the County's drinking water, lakes, streams and rivers, as provided by law?

The Board of Public Works and the Board of Trustees have worked together to pass a resolution opposing this tax as the Village of Indian Point is well on the way with the first project on Jakes Creek Trail for a wastewater treatment system. **This tax will not benefit anyone in the Village.**

The Board of Public Works and Board of Trustees are not against having cleaner water in our lakes and streams—but they are against having to pay a sales tax forever for someone else's system. According to information provided at the town hall meetings—this sales tax will be used as a match for state and federal grants—**A match is a one time match—the sales tax will last—how long?**

Why do you have to pay for someone's else treatment system? All homeowners are expected to maintain their own homes, whether it be painting your house, fixing your water pipes, cutting your yard, repairing your air conditioner or your furnace or making sure you have the proper wastewater treatment system—that is part of owning a home anywhere in the country.

This issue is the only issue on the ballot—Get out and vote against the 1/8 of one percent sales tax for Stone County!

Cleaning Up Our Community

How many times have you driven up and down Indian Point Road and notice trash scattered along the roadside?

During the spring, summer, and fall months we have visitors—and yes we have more trash thrown out. But during the winter months—the trash still appears—where does the trash come from then?

The Village pays an individual to mow and collect trash during the tourist season. The state department relies on groups to collect trash from the road sides at no cost to the State! Why should the Village pay for this service, when the money could be used for other services?

Get a group of neighbors together and go out and volunteer to collect trash one day a week along Indian Point Road and your neighborhood roads—Be proud of your community! Call the office to schedule your date at 338-5599.

Office Hours

The Village office hours will be as follows effective August 1, 2005:

**Monday-Thursday—
 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

Closed on Fridays—All Day

TRUSTEES JULY MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on July 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes from the June meeting approved as written.
- June 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—Approved
- First reading Bill No 99, Ordinance 05-14, An Ordinance Amending Bill Number 62, Ordinance Number 02-2 to Identify Capital Expenditures that will be maintained in inventory and capitalized as fixed assets to be amortized over a reasonable life of fixed asset items approved.
- Board of Public Works—Noted a field trip will be held on July 14th at 10:00 a.m. with the media.
- Roads—Greg Fier reported waiting on bids for Long Lonesome Trail. Approval for road signs not to exceed \$300.00. Approved Gene Cantrell and Bill Turner as members of the Road Commission.
- CAAD—Kent Turner requested and received approval for proclamation for Parrot Head Day in August and Indian Rally in May 2006 and a joint meeting with the Indian Point Chamber and Board of Trustees on August 9th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Chamber's annual marketing plan.
- Approved dissolution of building committee for community building and appointed Doug Battaglia to work with staff for village offices and for staff to pursue seeking a grant for roads.
- Tabled Vacancies for Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning Commission.
- A vehicle fee assessment for additional revenue for the Village was discussed. Greg Fier to bring back more information.
- Approved and directed Planning and Zoning Commission to make appropriate changes to the Zoning Ordinances, as well as BPW, to establish a code enforcer and a rough draft be presented to the Board of Trustees at the August meeting.
- Kent Turner announced information regarding the Regional Tourism Tax Board.
- Second Readings of Bill No 97, Ordinance 05-12, establishing policy and procedures for the Indian Point Police Department, and; Bill No 99, Ordinance 05-14; were approved and adopted.
- Accounts payable were approved.
- Executive Session—Section 610.021 (3) Personnel was called at 9:05 p.m.
- Regular meeting called back to order at 9:50 p.m. and noted that action approved was merit increase for the superintendent as of July 15th and to reclassify the Chief of Police position to part time.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:55 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!

Easement Signing Jakes Creek Trail Project

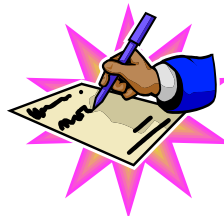
Attention All Residents and Business Owners—Jakes Creek Trail

Mark your calendars to attend a viewing of the easements and signing of easements (if necessary) for the wastewater treatment system for the Jakes Creek Trail Project.

The event will be held on Monday, August 1, 2005 in the Treehouse Condo Clubroom and you may come at any time throughout the day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

The Easement portion of the project will bring us very close to the end of the requirements for the state revolving loan funding through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

You cannot afford to miss this important event. See you there!



Planning & Zoning Tip

Planning on putting a fence around your home in the near future? A zoning compliance permit must be obtained prior to putting up a fence. The Zoning Ordinance states:

Article V, Section 1.6:

Fence Regulations. A fence may be constructed within setback yards to the backyard and either or both side yards with the exception no fence shall extend beyond the front corner of the main structure. Any exception from this must be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Chuckles

By: Arno Wehr II

Neighbors have a way of having fun that can be delightful to talk about. These stories are shared only for enjoyable purposes—so don't get too up tight!

Halloween was "old Jerry's" favorite time to scare people. He'd walk in the shadows from his Red Eagle Resort over to neighbors and tap on windows, yell, or pound on a door and run. The sun had set when old Jerry crept up to Ernestine's house. Her front door was on the second floor so he bellied and slithered up the stairs to give a frightful scare. Slowly he worked to the top landing and began to stand up when suddenly Ernestine burst forward from being crouched down on the landing and she screamed "BOO!". Old Jerry fell and tumbled back down the landing in fright. It was a lesson learned.

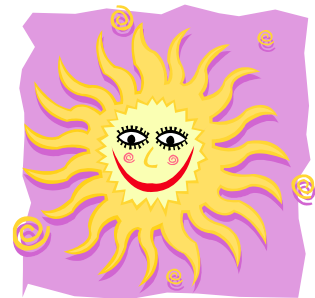
Then there was the time when evenings in the summer were much quieter here. You could hear more owls, bugs, buzzes, and calls off your back porch. Jim at White Wing, the first one, was relaxing in the moonlight on his porch in August. Suddenly he heard a baby cry. At first he took little notice, but the sound came clearly from across the cove. Now there were no houses on that side of the lake, so "someone

must have abandoned a child!" Jim got into an aluminum row boat (remember them?) and huffed and puffed as quickly as possible toward that crying baby. With only slippers on, no flashlight, and no help, our would be hero got ashore and stumbled uphill toward the sound. After several attempts to locate the baby, he began to realize the baby moved around the woods a lot faster than a resort owner. Soon the noise abated, and discouraged, Jim rowed back across the cove and went home. It wasn't until a week later, as he related this story, that our local conservation agent explained that bobcats call and cry like babies.

Another evening event that takes place is dumpster dumping. Perhaps owning a new car or a several hundred thousand dollar home causes financial stress. This is understandable. During times of penny pinching, some folks may cut coupons, not eat at the Chateau, or dig up their own bait worms. Others save huge sums by waiting till after sunset to dump their trash into local resort dumpsters. By the way, this is a felony crime. Anyway, most resort owners know who the penny pinching souls are because they see them, or they get out the tossed trash and read the magazine mailing labels or bank receipts. Well

when you are under financial stress, you forget a few key cover ups. Duh! But one "DD" was a tough one to find. He was a champion beer can tosser with a three bag minimum. And like old Jerry, he was pretty stealthy. This last February, it was a bagful event and as he tossed, two of the resort owners, on one dark evening, caught him and one yelled "BUSTED!". Without stairs to tumble back on, our would be felon jumped in his truck and drove off (ah, oh, not off the Point, but rather around the corner to his house).

So the chuckle of all this is when you may think you are the "stuckee" you may find you are the "stucko". None of this is important to any world movement, but it is funny!



Recycling News

By: Betty Fier

Currently phone books and other paper products can be taken to Branson Recycle Center or the Nestle Purina bin located at Reeds Spring High School. To locate the bin at the high school, take the road to the left in front of the school. Follow it around the high school and the University Extension Technical School to the unimproved road which is located to the right of the stadium. Continue around the back side of the school. The bin is located just beyond the green house and is unlocked and you can take your paper items whenever it is convenient for you.

The Trustees and Village Superintendent will have a pad and fence constructed in the helipad area for the purpose of recycling as soon as contractor bids are in and the contractor completes construction. It is estimated this will occur late this summer or early fall.

We will need volunteers to help with the collection of recyclable materials. Would you help with this task? For more information, call Betty at 417-263-0436 or Kathy at the Village Office, 338-5599.

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Chief's Notes

By: Scott Thirkell

Greetings to all Indian Point residents and business owners! As the summer season winds down, I am attempting to meet more citizens each week here on Indian Point. As you see me on patrol in the coming weeks, please feel free to introduce yourself, and I will try to do the same!

Hopefully in the weeks and months to come, Indian Point will have a different look to its Police Department. New approaches to budgeting have been taken, and you should soon see more officers on our roads. The position of Chief of Police at Indian Point has been reclassified to a part-time position. The money saved by this action opens up opportunities to train and

equip our own force of reserve officers. We will also contract with other agencies in our area to provide officers during our busiest weekend and holidays.

Please continue to contact Stone County Central Dispatch if you need help from law enforcement. If you have an emergency that is endangering life or property, (happening right now!) immediately call 911. If you have information regarding a crime or incident, (happening right now!) but you feel an emergency response is not necessary, call the Non-Emergency number: 877-747-8977. If you have a complaint regarding any ordinance violations or want to report suspicious

activity, either call the Non-Emergency number or call the Village Office at 338-5599, or better—fax your complaint to 338-5279. If you call the Office, please remember to leave your name and phone number along with the nature of your complaint. In a case involving violation of ordinances— you will be asked to complete a written statement.

Thank you for your time, and for helping to make Indian Point a safe place to live and work!

Did you know that it is a violation to place your trash in a dumpster that belongs to a someone else! Anyone caught placing trash in someone else's dumpster (not their own) can be fined! Be responsible for disposing of your own trash by contacting one of the many trash services that provides door to door pick up!

