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Calendar of Events—

November, 2005

November 2nd—2:00 p.m.
 Board of Public Works

November 3rd—7:00 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning Mtg
 Village at Indian Point
 Conference Center (lower
 level)

November 7th—Noon
 Police & Emergency Mgmt

November 8th—7:00 p.m.
 Board of Trustees
 Bradford on the Lake Con-
 ference Room

November 15th—6:30 p.m.
 Budget Workshop—
 Trustees/Committee Chairs/
 Department Supervisors

*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.*



Enchanted Forest Party By: Kent Turner

It's time to decorate and celebrate! Volun-
 teers are assembling the annual Enchanted
 Forest drive-through holiday lighting dis-
 play right now in the Corps of Engineers
 campground along the west side of Indian
 Point Road. Please call Judy at 338-2772
 and volunteer a little time.

The opening night festivities are
 scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Fri-
 day, November 11th on the front porch
 of Hunter's Friend Resort. Following a
 brief lighting ceremony and drive through,
 everyone's invited to gather at the Village
 Resort clubhouse for a pot luck dinner, en-
 tertainment, door prizes and fun. **Please
 bring a salad and/or side dish and/or
 dessert. Meat, iced tea, coffee and din-
 ner service will be furnished. Please
 call 338-8800 to donate door prizes.**
 The entire community is invited.

This should be the Village's largest public
 relations/marketing event ever. Due to the
 closing of Branson's Festival of Lights, we
 expect over thousands of new people to our
 businesses, which helps our tourism econ-
 omy and increases our property values.
 Volunteers are still needed to staff the en-
 trance/exit area to greet our visitors, pass
 out literature and accept donations. Call
 Diane at 338-5729 to sign up for an evening
 between November 11th and Christmas.



Holiday Lighting Contest



The Village will be holding a lighting
 contest and we want your home and
 business to participate.

Get together with your neighbors and
 light up your neighborhood. Let's light
 up the Village for the season! So, put
 up your lights and displays, be it small
 or large, and call the Village office to
 enter the contest no later than Mon-
 day, November 21, 2005.

Judging will be held on Wednesday,
 November 23rd just before the Thanks-
 giving weekend and two prizes will be
 awarded, one for residential and one
 for business.

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Vote—November 8th

Sample Ballot:

Shall the Branson/Lakes Area Tourism
 Community Enhancement District impose a
 sales tax of one percent (1%) for a period of
 ten (10) years, for the purpose of promoting
 tourism in the Branson/Lakes Area Tour-
 ism Community Enhancement District?

Yes No

If you are in favor of the question, place an
 "X" in the box opposite "Yes".

If you are opposed to the questions, please
 an "X" in the box opposite "No".

TRUSTEES OCTOBER MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes from the September special and regular meetings approved as written.
 - September financials reviewed and filed for audit. Line Item transfers with no increase in budget for the General Fund, Police Department were approved.
 - Resolution 05-8 to Support the Proposed One Percent Sales Tax was read and approved at the September meeting
 - First Reading Bill Number 102, Ordinance 05-17, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State Revolving Fund Program) Series 2005 was introduced by title, considered and discussed and approved.
 - Police & Emergency Management—Brett Stump reported two reserve officers will begin patrolling. Noted that the Disaster Planning Session will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30 p.m.—Village at Indian Point Conference room.
 - Planning & Zoning Commission—Greg Maycock noted that Zoning Regulation Revisions will be accomplished soon.
 - Approved a one year extension for the VIP Preliminary Plat for the Indian Point Condominium Reserved Properties.
 - Approved the Zoning Compliance Policy Procedures as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - Board of Public Works—Greg Maycock gave an update on the Jakes Creek Trail Project and also noted that a water task force will be developed and volunteers sought to serve.
 - Roads—Approved that six shrubs at a cost not to exceed \$300.00 be purchased and installed by A-1 Land-
- scape to replace landscaping to the area in front of property that was removed when trimming trees along the road right of way and that bill be sent to the Village from A-1 Landscaping.
- Approved bid from Branson Tri lakes Striping in the amount of \$3,439.80 to seal and stripe the recently resurfaced area on Long Lonesome Trail.
 - Greg Fier noted that the tree on Cave Lane has been removed.
 - CAAD—Kent Turner asked that a Proclamation for the Enchanted Forest be made at the opening event and a press release be done regarding the MODOT Trails Grant that was awarded.
 - Recycling—Betty Fier noted that the recycle pad has been started and will be open soon. It was also noted that a \$100.00 deposit for the trailer will be required when received.
 - Transportation-Jan Hoynacki reported that SDC has met with Great River Engineering and is working on details for an improved new entrance to SDC and Indian Point Village.
 - Trustees directed Doug Battaglia to gather funding sources for the plans in existence for the Village office and Community Building and present at the next meeting. Greg Maycock and Kent Turner offered their assistance.
 - Approved reappointment of Randy Stegelmeyer to the Board of Adjustments for a five year term.
 - Planning & Zoning appointment was tabled until November.
 - Jan Hoynacki requested that the Trustees consider addressing a letter to Ken Fosterling to consider the idea of leasing the area from the Corps of Engineers and maintaining the area for an access road to private docks on Table Rock Circle. Trustees approved submitting the letter.
 - Noted that Dr. Marci Manna was unable to assist with the needs assessment survey at this time, but would be available after the first of year. Item tabled.
 - Approved Kent Turner as project director for the MODOT Trails Grant to oversee the project and work with the Trustees and Village office throughout the entire project. Brett Stump will assist on this project.
- November Trustees meeting will be held at another location to be determined due to the election.
 - Budget Workshop for the 2006 budget will be held on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Approved request to change the name of Tree Lane be submitted to 911.
 - Second reading of Bill Number 100, Ordinance Number 05-15, An Ordinance to Amend Title III Traffic Codes to Prohibit the Operation of Pocket Bikes and Certain Motorized Scooters was read in its entirety and noted that no public comments had been received. Ordinance adopted.
 - Second reading of Bill No 102, Ordinance Number 05-17, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State Revolving Fund Program) Series 2005 of the Village of Indian Point, Missouri was read by title only, considered and discussed. Ordinance adopted.
 - Accounts payable approved.
 - Additional Revenue was discussed by Trustees,
 - Bert Leman noted that set up for the Enchanted Forest will begin on November 1st and requested that the recycle pad be completed so as not interfere with the set up.
 - Greg Maycock noted that street lights are out and inquired as to how to get them replaced. It was noted that the Road Commissioner, police department or member of the public should contact the office and report the outage.
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:10 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!

Our Future is in Your Hands

by: Kent Turner

November 8th is Election Day! On the ballot will be a sales tax to raise money for tourism destination marketing within the special tax district including our Village, the City of Branson, Silver Dollar City and area south of the dam including the Branson Belle and the State Park Marina. The 1% tax would be on lodging, restaurants, shows, attractions, retail goods and other things that tourists usually buy. The tax would not apply to day-to-day things we residents typically buy such as groceries, prescription drugs, gasoline, funerals, boats, motors, campers, utility bills, etc.

Using government statistics, a study shows, if you did all your shopping within the tax district (which none of us do), the average person would spend an extra \$26.00 per year. That means if you go to just one area appreciation show a year, your savings would more than offset any extra tax you may pay. The district does not include Branson West or Springfield, so you would not pay the tax on anything you buy there. Your Village Trustees have endorsed this tax. Bert Leman and I have served on this tax board of directors since the district was formed four years ago. If you know us, I hope you understand we wouldn't be do-

ing this if it wasn't the right thing to do. This tax is needed, it will cost you very little, and it will protect our economy and quality of life. Don't be misled. The Branson Landing and other large developments being announced are great, but they won't bring more tourists unless our area does more marketing. All these new projects will do is take their piece of a pie that isn't getting any bigger.

This tax will increase our area's annual marketing budget from \$2.5 Million to over \$9 Million and help us compete with other destinations to attract more people to vacation here. Indian Point may look busy for ten weeks in the summer, but we have very little business the rest of the year. Village gross tourism business has been about the same for over ten years. Even though we've grown in facilities, our tourist income has not grown. Our Village and our property values depend on tourism. Our tourists pay a sales tax that supports our Village government including the office, roads, police and safety and other services. If we want more services, tourism must grow. The Village collects no real estate tax. Let's keep it that way by voting 'YES' on November 8th. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the proposed tax, just go to www.friendsofbart.org or call Bert at 338-2346 or myself at 338-8800. Thank you.

Recycling Update

By: Betty Fier

The time has arrived to save and recycle on Indian Point. The recycle center is now under construction at Village property known as the heli-pad at Wolfe Lane and Table Rock Circle. It should be up and running early November. We plan to operate the recycle center on Thursdays for two hour periods; times may vary according to public need. You can also recycle by appointment if you find it impossible to make it on Thursdays. Items that should be saved and recycled are: **Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office/school papers, paper cartons for berries/fruit**

and eggs, flatten pasteboard gift boxes, pasteboard core inserts from kitchen papers, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, telephone directories, wrapping papers, steel cans that have been cleaned of food with the label removed, plastics that contain the number 1 & 2, cardboard that that has been cut 2 feet by 2 feet. Do not bring glass at this time. We cannot take hazardous waste.

Please continue to use the collection sites that currently exist at Deer Run, Treehouse, Cottage and Whitewing. For appointment or information, or to volunteer to assist with recycling call Betty at 263-0436 or the Village office.

Travel is Educating

By: Arno Wehr II

Yours truly recently returned from Boston. Lobster, Old Ironsides, Old everything, \$3,000,000 condo's, \$150,000 more for a parking space, and grid locked roads with madhatter drivers. We had a great time while being educated.

Here is a 350 year old city. A grand place with a lovely seaside location. For over three centuries a system of roads have been scattered like overlapping long noodles. Boy it's good to be back home with one road that plugs up. Indian Point over 35 years (10% of Boston years) has plugged up its road for 35 years. We've seen widening, underpass, striping and not too wise people directing traffic for 35 years. Excuse me, but is there a lesson to be learned? Do we have to live decade after decade knowing the solutions to our traffic, but not taking action?

We can expect over 1000 new condos and houses here in the next five years. There are no committed plans to add a new road, widen any road, or even putting up sensible signage. Nada, Nyet, none....And if we did have a master plan, would it consider any of this? Oh yes, we have a master plan now built in the last century and it doesn't plan for improving our traffic either.

There is good news—We at least restarted a dialog with the county and Silver Dollar City.

Holiday Bazaar

You are cordially invited to come and purchase your Christmas Gifts (or maybe something just for you) at the:

Holiday Bazaar

When: November 4th & 5th

Where: Treehouse Club Room

Contacts:

Betty Fier—263-0426

Dru—816-645-3401

Village of Indian Point
3 Treehouse Lane #11

Phone: 417-338-5599

Fax: 417-338-5279

E-Mail:

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Disaster Planning Update

What would happen to our community if a disaster strikes—Are we prepared?

A Disaster Planning session was held on October 18th and evaluations of what disasters could possibly strike the Village of Indian Point were outlined:

- Forest Fire
- Earthquake
- Weather
- Plane Crash
- Terrorism

Disaster Planning is vital and in order to get prepared an inventory of resources within the Village will be sought and the entire community's help will be needed.

Watch for details as to the date of the next session.

Board of Public Works to Form Water Task Force

The Board of Public Works will be forming a potable drinking water task force. This task force will be responsible for evaluating the need for one water system in the Village.

If you would like to serve as a member of this important task force, or would like additional information, please contact the Village office, 338-5599 as soon as possible.

Zoning Compliance Inspectors Needed

The Planning and Zoning Commission is actively seeking Zoning Compliance Inspectors. If you would like to serve as an inspector, please contact the Village office, 338-5599

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

When: Saturday, November 5

Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Where: Southern Stone Co Fire Station #1

For all: Household, Automotive, Lawn & Garden, Home Improvement, Products—TV Sets & Computers (\$10 charge for monitors, TVS, microwaves only)

Appointments must be made—Call 739-4903, 272-3313, 723-8305, 272-3309, or 357-6226 or for additional information.

Holiday Closing

The Village office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday—November 24, 2005.

Remember the office is closed on Fridays.

Happy Thanksgiving!

