

**Calendar of Events—**

**December, 2005**

December 5—Noon  
 Police & Emergency Mgmt

December 7—2:00 p.m.  
 Board of Public Works

December 8—6:30/6:45 p.m.  
 P&Z Public Hearings

December 8—7:00 p.m.  
 Planning & Zoning Mtg

December 13—6:45 p.m.  
 2006 Budget Public Hear-  
 ing

December 13th—7:00 p.m.  
 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.*

**Enchanted Forest Opens**  
 By: Kent Turner

November 11th was opening night for the Enchanted Forest drive-through holiday light display. Over 100 residents and guests were on hand at Hunter's Friend Resort to hear traditional Christmas songs played by an instrumental group and sung by guest performer John Tweed. Special recognition was given to villagers going "above and beyond the call" this year, including Betty Fier for her work in organizing our recycling program; Bob and Diane Cary for their efforts in getting the light displays erected and providing lunches for the volunteers; and Jim Daily and Ron Benson for keeping our roads clear in the winter. Chamber president Bert Leman recognized the Corps and all the volunteers who made the Forest possible this year. The Ozark Mountain Nature Trails Association presented \$5,000 contributions to both Indian Point and Reeds Spring for their trails project. About 70 locals and guests then met at The Village Resort for a pot luck dinner, door prizes and more entertainment by pianist Randy Brown. Thanks to all who worked to set up the lights and contributed food and door prizes. Local media covered the event and follow up articles are planned. Be sure to see the Enchanted Forest this year. It's bigger and better than ever. More marketing was done this year and we expect over 100,000 visitors to see our annual "Christmas Card" to the community and our guests.



**2006 Trustee Election**

In April, 2006, election will be held for three (3) Trustee positions. The qualifications to run for the position are:

1. Must be a resident of the Village of Indian point for at least a year immediately preceding the election.
2. A citizen of the United States.
3. Must be 21 years of age or older.

If you are interested in running for the position of Trustee, please come by the office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to file. Filing dates are December 13, 2005 through January 17, 2006.

**Hurricanes**  
 By: Kent Turner

Once again, villagers have quietly stepped up and answered the call in a time of need. Hurricane victims have been housed on Indian Point, given groceries, clothes and other necessities and have even temporarily sent their children to Reeds Spring schools. Many tears of sadness, gladness and thanks have been shed in our village in the last two months. You residents, employees and business owners who gave comfort to those in a time of need probably aren't the kind of people who will say much about it, but we know you're out there and we want you to know you are appreciated.

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**TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER MEETING**

The Board of Trustees met on November 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Bradford on the Lake Conference Room to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes from the October meeting approved as written.
- October financials reviewed and filed for audit. Line Item transfers with no increase in budget for the General Fund were approved.
- Proclamation for Enchanted Forest Day was read, approved at October meeting.
- First Reading Bill 102, Ordinance 05-17, Resolution P&Z #7-05 Approval of An amendment to the Official Zoning Map, Deer Run Campground and Store was read in its entirety and approved.
- First Reading Bill 103, Ordinance 05-13 approval final plats, Phase VI Lantern Bay was read in its entirety and approved.
- Executive Session called, Section 610.021(1) Legal Issue.
- Regular meeting called back to order at 7:45 pm
- Police & Emergency Management—Brett Stump noted that a grant was submitted for equipment and report

given on the Disaster Planning Session.

- Planning & Zoning Commission—Greg Maycock reported that two public hearings will be held in December to rezone Village properties on Wolfe Lane and property at Jakes Creek Trail and Chestnut Lane. Arno Wehr III was reappointed for a four year term on Planning & Zoning.
- Board of Public Works—Greg Maycock reported on two new systems for approval, and the Jakes Creek Trail project. Discussion held regarding clearing Village property on Chestnut Lane.
- Roads—Greg Fier moved to accept the bid of \$8,000.00 for the grader. There was no second, motion failed.
- Executive session called at 8:25 p.m.
- Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. and noted negotiations for the purchase of the grader will be handled by Jim Daily.
- CAAD—Kent Turner submitted a written report and it was noted that theft and vandalism was done to trucks on Village storage property.
- Recycling—Betty Fier reported that the recycle trailer will be delivered but will have to pay a mileage reimbursement to the driver. Motion to approve the contract with the Solid Waste District N for the recycling trailer and the one time fee of \$100.00 was approved.
- Transportation—Jan Hoynacki re-

ported still waiting on Silver Dollar City.

- Budget Workshop to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.
- Approved the purchase of a laptop computer for the office not to exceed \$1300.00.
- Second reading Bill 102, Ordinance 05-17 was read in its entirety and adopted.
- Second reading of Bill 103, Ordinance 05-18 was read in its entirety and adopted.
- Approved accounts payable as submitted.
- Comments and discussion was held regarding the traffic issues.
- Approved to research an outside attorney to work out the problems with the traffic.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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!*

**Public Hearings - Thursday, December 8th—6:30 p.m. & 6:45 p.m  
Tuesday, December 13th—6:45 p.m.**

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 6:30 pm in the Treehouse Condo Club Room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding an application from the Board of Public Works to rezone property located in Block B, Table Rock Landing Subdivision, Lots 15-16-17 from R-1 (single family residential) to PDD C-2 (planned development district, general commercial) to be used for the Jakes Creek Trail treatment facility and appurtenances. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 6:45 pm in the Treehouse Condo Club Room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding application for the Village of Indian Point to rezone property located in Block F, Lots 59-63 in Table Rock Beach Subdivision from C-2 (general commercial) to PDD C-2 (planned development district, general commercial) to be utilized for the recycling center and storage buildings. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Indian Point will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 6:45 pm in the Treehouse Condo Club Room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding the 2006 Budget for the Village. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and all interested parties are invited to attend.

## Kid's Christmas Story

By: Arno Wehr II

Now gather around the campfire while I tell you this tale about an Indian Point Santa that was built like a whale! His belly came from jelly. Wait a minute! That belly came from extra fries washed down with gallons of sugary goo. And the whale thing was fishy. He was built more like a tuna. Oh well, let's go on with the story.

It seems one evening whilst pseudo Santa was mowing his parched lawn, that this fellow came by to ask for money to get some food. Well, he didn't really ask for money. He asked if he could cut Santa's yellow grass. Our Santa looked this guy over and could see by his ragged clothes and sad eyes that this man was hungry. So Santa said, "here's \$5.00, go over to the corner deli and get some food. Then come back and I'll let you cut the lawn."

The moocher took the five spot and left. Santa's son, a recent graduate and self proclaimed genius, saw the deal being made. He told daddy Santa what a foolish thing this was. "The man is a bum!", the son exclaimed. "He'll take that money and buy booze and you'll never see him again!" Santa felt a bit sad and pushed his mower some more. The son was right as the moocher never came back.

Some years later, the brilliant son, who now had a good job and new family, came to visit Santa. It was a cold miserable day as Santa, Mrs. Santa, the son and family greeted each other on the driveway of Santa's home. A car pulled up, it was a fancy car, and a man in a snazzy suit stepped out and walked up to Santa. He asked "remember me?" Santa replied with a smile. The fancy looking dude went on to say, "I came here five years ago absolutely starving and you gave me \$5.00 to go eat. It gave me more than food, it gave me hope. I never forgot you and want you to have your \$5.00 back. Thank you sir, thank you very much." Santa took his fiver back and the fancy car drove away.

That moment in time so much happened at once. The son saw the depth of kindness in his dad that he never understood. The grandkids who knew the "dumb handout" story saw something more in their old grandpa, something special. Grandma saw a tear coming out of grandpa's eye. It was really special and this **is a true story**.

So to our neighborhood kids, this tale is presented at Christmas to let you think about what you might do to share a little charity with others. Now, if you happen to be the "brilliant son" in this story, get off the old man's back and lighten up! It's Christmas time!

## Village Receives Trail Grant

By: Kent Turner

As many of you know, several of our local resorts have built walking trails and also pathways along the lake. While these are a great amenity and get used constantly, we lack a central trail to tie all the secondary trails together. That is now changing. The Missouri Department of Transportation has awarded the Village a \$192,000 federally funded Transportation Enhancement grant to build the first phase of a major walking and bicycle trail. This phase will run from the Indian Point Boat Dock north to the Stillwater/Rock Lane intersection. It will be a first class trail, about eight feet wide and probably paved in most areas. Parts of the trail will be beside the road and other parts may meander through the forest providing nature walks and beautiful lake views.



There will be benches, landscaping, proper signs and other amenities. The Village is required to match a portion of the grant amount. This match can be in the form of easements, labor, professional services, discounts, cash, etc. There is no doubt that this trail will enhance the quality of life for both our residents and our tourism guests. As a result, our property values and economy will increase which, in turn, will increase the amount of funds for Village services.

In 2006 and 2007, we hope to apply for grants for Phases 2 and 3 of this trail which would run north to the Village limits. Indian Point Road would then feel more like a linear parkway, setting a tone of natural quality that's unique in this area. As this plan becomes a reality, other trails will be built, linking our Village to other areas. Silver Dollar City and the Indian Ridge development are planning to extend our trail concept. Our local Water Taxi will be able to transport our walkers and bikers to and from other trails around the lake. These are exciting times for Indian Point. We'll keep you informed as we progress through the federal requirements for funding and implementation.

## Recycling News—Collection Site Open

By: Betty Fier

The Village of Indian Point Recycling Collection Site opened 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Thursday, November 17th.

Residents and business owners on Indian Point now have a convenient spot to recycle. Need and demand will determine how often the collection center will be open. Beginning on November 17th and all Thursdays, with the exception of holidays, you can bring recyclables to the collection area located at the heli-pad site by turning on Wolfe Lane off Table Rock Circle.

**Please do not drop off items unless a volunteer is present.** Wet items can not be accepted. We will also open on Saturday morning, December 10th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Times to recycle will be posted in this publication each month or on the marquee at the entrance to Indian Point. You can help by notifying your neighbors about the recycle program. Someone will be present at the above times, provided the community supports this effort. More volunteers are needed. If you wish to help or need to bring items at a different time, call Betty at 263-0436.

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## Chief's Notes

By: Scott Thirkell

Happy holidays to you from the Indian Point Police Department! Please help me welcome to our department Officer Ken Smith. Officer Smith brings a wealth of experience to our village after working in the Kansas City metro area, and currently with the Taney County Sheriff's office. Look for more new faces as our department continues to expand and add more highly qualified officers.

The department will be represented at local "Shop with a Cop" events in the next few weeks. The program allows underprivileged youth the opportunity to receive gift cards and shop for themselves and family members. The children are accompanied by local officers and emergency personnel to help them fill their

lists. The program provides a great opportunity for children to see a different side of law enforcement and for officers to impact the lives of kids from surrounding counties.

Recent thefts from Village construction sites involving various materials have occurred. Thieves are opportunists who look for an easy target. Harden your target by moving materials away from the road, locking up equipment, etc. Determined thieves will work to take things, but making your property harder to remove may save you a major loss in the weeks and months to come.

Be safe and enjoy the season!



## Holiday Closing

The Village office will be closed on the following dates in December:

December 19th through

December 27th

**Happy Holidays!**



## Indian Point Chamber of Commerce Meets

by: Kent Turner

Our chamber met October 24th and adopted the budget and marketing plan for 2006. The destination marketing the chamber does is intended to raise awareness of Indian Point as the "Naturally Fun" place to stay while in the Branson/Lakes area. For that reason, it would be beneficial if all village businesses were members of the chamber so they could do their share in paying for the marketing that benefits our economy, property values and village operations. For further information on how you can belong and generate more customers for your business without it costing you anything, call 338-2346.