

*Calendar of Events—
 December 2006*

December 4—Noon
Police & Emergency
Mgmt

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

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

December 12—6:45 p.m.
Budget Public Hearing

December 12—7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees

**Note: All meetings will
 be held in the Treehouse
 Clubroom unless other-
 wise noted**

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Ooo-Ah Nite

By Arno Wehr II

Our village annual party had over one hundred participants enjoying the Hughes Brothers, powerful sincere words by Representative Dennis, and Chef Diane’s delicious turkey and the works dinner. There were two problems—We didn’t have cranberry sauce and a bunch of local residents could have shown up but watched reruns instead. So to you absentees here is what else you missed.

The Chamber of Commerce recognized Bob Cary for his work on the lights. Jan Hoynacki and Paul Hough received recognition for their work on new roads, and Chief Marvin got his applause for giving less traffic tickets of any Chief over the past four years. All these folks received the coveted title of Indian Point Chief or Princess and a Tomahawk trophy.

One recognizable statement came from the Hughes Brothers when they became Indian Point Chiefs. It was “we’ve never been to Indian Point and had no idea how nice it is here”. That is the whole point—ooo-ah!



Thank You!

Sincere thanks to our Enchanted Forest volunteers. Manpower and woman power, including business employees and owners, plus the great hard working residents helped make the deadline. The US Corps doesn’t give us much time to complete this huge task. Donors of gifts, money, food, equipment all fell into place to end with a great village party. The work will continue as we “man the booth”, keep up with repairs, turn on and off lights, and pack the whole enchilada up early January. Our volunteers who do this work are very appreciated— you Bet!

If you’d like to help as we operate each night, just drop by the Cottage and get a hug from Bob. Community service takes all types of help. Thank you again and Merry Christmas.



Trustees November Minutes

The Board of Trustees met on November 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.
- 2005 Audit was reviewed and approved.
- October financials were reviewed and filed for audit.
- Police & Emergency Management reported that the committee will be doing follow up interview for the Chief of Police on Friday, November 17, 2006.
- Planning & Zoning Commission reminded everyone about the Comprehensive Plan Pre-Session meeting with HNTB on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
- Board of Public Works reported on a request for construction application, compliance issues, information received from Stone County Water District #2 for providing water for Indian Point; CJ Perme Development (Crowne View Development) regarding combining their treatment plant with the Jakes Creek Trail plant for a more cost effective system; reviewed the third set of plans for the project; and has recommended that the

SRF loan be returned and look at certification of participation for the project; and approved revisions to Rules and Regulations.

- Roads reported that the guard rails need to be repaired; a sign is down and needs to be replaced on the Corps of Engineers portion of Indian Point Road.
- CAAD—No report.
- Recycling reported that the fence is still being stained, the recycle center has been in operation for one year and has grown and phone books are needed.
- Transportation Coalition reported on an article in the *Stone County Gazette* regarding the improvements to Indian Point Road by Silver Dollar City and noted that Silver Dollar City is going to apply for a TIF for the road and also noted that plans for the road are not in concrete, work is still be done.
- Trails Update—Agreements with MoDOT for the two trail grants have been approved and the next step is to complete the programming data forms to be submitted no later than the December Trustee meeting.
- Village Office—Sketch plan for the village office was approved and the architect is to proceed with the preliminary plat to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Funding options were reviewed, no action taken.

- Abandoned Structures was discussed and it was determined that the Public Health and Safety Regulations should be strengthen and the matter was referred to Planning and Zoning Commission to strengthen the Zoning Regulations and that Chief Marv Avery was directed to contact the Village Attorney for further action on the burned home on Spruce Lane.
- Accounts payable were approved.
- Comments from the floor consisted of discussion on abandoned structures; board of public works issues; and suggested topics for the newsletter.
- Executive session was called and regular session was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. for Section 601.021 (1) Legal.
- Regular session was called back to order at 9:15 p.m., and it was stated no action taken in the executive session.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Indian Point will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 6:45 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding the 2007 Budget for the Village. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and all interested parties are invited to attend.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 6:45 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Club Room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding a preliminary plat application for the Village of Indian Point. The proposed preliminary plat is to construct an office building for the Village of Indian Point, Phase I. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting.

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Another Choice

By Arno Wehr II

The village Board of Public Works has operated just like a serious that goes into a Chevy dealer to buy a car. The options are astounding! By the time they leave the lot, they can't even begin to decide Bose, racing stripes, Northstar, leather, Whew!

The last four meetings of the Board (BPW) has ground down the cost for Jakes Creek Trail by \$300,000. It's still not enough. In the meetings a new technology was presented that may knock off another \$50,000 plus. It still isn't enough, but we're getting closer. Now we have to consider the best way to fund and, of course, pay for the project.

After a number of years, the choice are becoming clearer and there won't be any impulse buying because of "wire wheels". We would certainly like to have some objective thinkers to help the board. As to your level of technical expertise, don't worry, we don't look under the hood anymore. Our engineers, Mr. Goodwrench and daughter handle that.

2007 Trustee Election

In April, 2007, election will be held for two (2) 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 and registered voter.
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 Tuesday, December 12, 2006 through Tuesday, January 16, 2007.



Recycling News!

By Betty Fier



Recycle Hours:
Thursdays & Saturdays
10:00 AM to Noon

Aluminum cans may be dropped off at the following collection sites:

Deer Run, Treehouse, Cottage, at your convenience

Closed Thursday & Saturday before Christmas
Open Thursday & Saturday before New Year

Also remember the Recycle Center will be closed in case of inclement weather throughout the year, as we cannot accept wet paper products.

Save and bring your holiday gift wrap and gift boxes. Nestle Purina accepts colored paper, however, please remove tape and ribbon. No foil gift wrap.

We have experienced an exceptionally good first year recycling on Indian Point. Thanks to all the residents and the following businesses for using the Recycle Center: Artilla Cove, Cottage Deli & Grocery, Foxfire, German Deli, Indian Point Printing, Lakeview Campground, White Wing. The Village of Indian Point now has aluminum collection sites on their property.

Special thanks to the following individuals for volunteering their time to operate the center: Pat Shephard, Pat & Bill Turner, Lana & Barry Maycock, Judy, John & Jim Donahue, Jerry Ensich, LeEtta Smith, Margaret Seifert, Carol Belt, Frank Carson, John Ohler, Evan McGregor, Ralph & Randy Hausman, and Greg & Betty Fier.

Merry Christmas to All!

Holiday Office Closing

The Village office will be closed on Thursday, December 21st through Wednesday, December 27, 2006 for the holidays.

The Village staff, Board of Trustees and committees wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

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Tidbits

By Arno Wehr II

Several Indian Point residents have been very complimentary about my writings. Some refer to "ramblings" but in either case learning about your own neighborhood isn't a bad thing.

Before (BL) and after (AL) was the guidepost of local discussion. Before the lake came, our communities were based on post offices. My pal, Layne Morrill, said "great grand-dad Uncle Ike, was not the post office. He was the distribution point for mail which then went to the area post offices." Curran, Self, School (used to be "Crank"), Redington, Ruth, Radical, Oto, and Mamaros were the towns and post offices around Indian Point. Even Ponce DeLeon had one because they had a bank, feed store, healing waters, and over 2000 people visiting to "take the cure". There I go rambling again.

A group of Union Soldiers decided after fighting battles in our hills that maybe we had some lead to mine. So they dug around Indian Ridge and had little suc-

Cess. What they did find was bat poop (referred to as "guano") which was used in making gunpowder. This fertilizer sold for about \$700.00 per ton and the town of miners was "Mamaros". The town was built on Indian Point. In 1894 the town burned and most of the residents moved to the end of Indian Ridge (Point) near the Coombs Ferry. There is still evidence of mining at the back of Marvel Cave which was then called Marble Cave. At Deer Run Campground, there was at one time, evidence of mining as well. There is still an area by Capps Cove that has surface mining start ups.

The Mamaros Farm was also a post office and was located by and below Josie's B&B. In the future I'll write about the raids on the wagons that held money to pay the railroad tie cutter wages. These raids took place on the "Baldknobbers Trail" on Indian Ridge.

Our community has a chunk of history hidden away in boxes and once in awhile it's fun to take one off the shelf.

