

# Indian Mountain News



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## **Update on Your Community Center**

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the IMPOA business meeting, the design drawings for the Community Center were presented to the property owners. The response was very favorable regarding the location, design, and footprint of the building. You may view these drawings at www.indianmountain.info and click on Community Center.

The Board of County Commissioners has approved our request for a Conditional Use Permit. This allows us to build the new center at the Pond Park location.

The request for DOLA funding has been submitted and we should hear about their decision by mid June. The application for a well permit has been submitted to the state for approval and we hope to have the permit by the first part of May. We have given the go ahead for the Architect to start on the construction drawings. There is still a lot of work to do and your Board is trying to keep this progress going forward in a very timely manner. The Board will have a date for our Ground Breaking ceremony once the construction plans have been approved by the County. We will post this date on our web site (www.indianmountain.info) and invite all Indian Mountain property owners to join us for this special event.

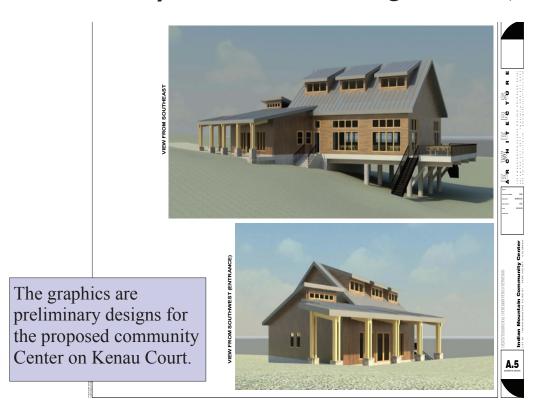
#### Fred Burdick, President IMRPD

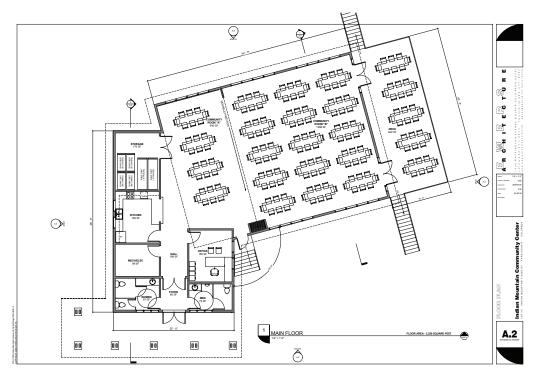


#### \$200,000 coming?

In a few weeks we should learn if the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District has been successful in securing a \$200,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). If successful, the grant will provide much needed money to build the proposed Indian Mountain community center.

# Community Center Building Plans (Draft)





## **RV Storage Lot Procedure**

If you would like to store a camper, trailer, or boat in the storage lot please come by the Recreation District office to fill out a <u>Registration</u>, <u>Storage</u>, <u>and Release Agreement Form</u>. The Rec District Office is located at 1996 Chief Trail and is open Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. You can also call the office at 719-836-0657 or download a copy of the form at www.IndianMountain.info. Submit your completed agreement form to:

**IMRPD** 

PO Box 25

Como, CO 80432

Required information includes: a current driver's license number, the vehicle registration number and plate number for each the item being stored, and proof of Indian Mountain property ownership (a tax notice or copy of deed). Finally you will need to re-register every year in September to continue using the storage lot.



#### **Pine Beetles and Fire Mitigation**

The pine beetles continue to ravage Colorado's 22 million acres of forests. Lodgepole, spruce, fir and ponderosa pine trees are at risk. One hundred years of fire suppression and ecological changes have contributed to the beetle's catastrophic spread. Dead and dying trees will only contribute to South Parks greatest natural threat... WILDFIRES!!! It is critical that each and every one of us do our part to protect our trees. Steps you can take include having your trees professionally sprayed against the beetles, thinning out dead and over crowded trees, (dead wood and slash can be taken to the burn pit) and creating a defensible space around your home. Most importantly, every property owner is urged to use EXTREME CAUTION with all forms of fire, cigarettes, cooking outdoors, or sitting by a campfire. The hot, dry, windy days will soon be here. Preserve and protect Indian Mountain for future generations to enjoy. For information about tree spraying, call JETCO 719-395-8811.

#### **Comfort Station**

The Comfort Station located in Indian Mountain Park at 1996 Chief Trail provides both men's and women's shower and toilet facilities. In order to access this facility an Electronic Key is required. To obtain a key, please mail a \$5.00 check made out to IMRPD, along with proof of ownership of Indian Mountain property to: IMRPD, P.O. Box 25, Como, CO 80432. For additional information, call (719) 836-0657 or (719) 836-9043. Information is also posted on the website at www.indianmountain.info. Click on facilities.

## South Park Natural Heritage Area

Our investment in Indian Mountain----with its values of open space, wildlife, beauty, and outdoor recreation----just got a major boost. On March 30, President Obama signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act, which among 170 other actions across the nation, established the South Park National Heritage Area.

A National Heritage Area is a "place where natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography." South Park is now one of 49 National Heritage Areas across the country and one of three in Colorado.

The new heritage area will be managed locally. Although still be determined, the champion for this designation over the years and the likely managing office will be the Park County Office of Tourism and Community Development. There will also be an advisory board of Park County residents. One of their first actions will be the creation of a 10-year management plan.

With this federal designation, Park County will receive more recognition and publicity as a national destination for visitors interested in historical, cultural and natural resources. This will be a big help to our Park County businesses who will benefit from increased tourism, and to all residents who will benefit from an expanded tax base. The designation will also open access to funds to restore and protect our resources. And lastly on a personal level, our investments in our homes and properties just got a boost too from being located within a national heritage area.

IMPOA advocated for the South Park National Heritage Area-----another example of IMPOA working for the community's best interest.

#### July 4th Picnic

IMRPD and IMPOA are sponsoring a picnic on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Picnic Pavilion. We need a head count, so please call the office at 719-836-0657 and leave your name, how many are in your party and a phone number. You can also sign-up at the office on Saturdays between 9 am-1 pm. The fun begins at 11:00 am. We will provide Hog Heaven's BB (beef and pork), beans and potato salad, buns, and drinks.

- If your last name starts with A-L, bring a salad/side dish to feed 8-10 people.
- If your last name starts with M-Z, bring a dessert to feed 8-10 people.

  Join us for good food, contests and prizes for the kids, horseshoe tournament, frisbee golf, and trail hikes. Sign up early!!

## The Passing of a Gentleman

Hugh H. Hudson passed away on April 1, 2009, at the age of 86.

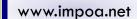
When Hugh retired from his career as a civil engineer, he and Becky bought a cabin in Indian Mountain in the early 90's and immediately got active in the "government of Indian Mountain". Hugh served on both the IMPOA Board as well as the Recreation Board for many years and was instrumental in numerous improvements in our fair community. The building of a new comfort Station, a playground for children and renovation of the old ski lodge are just a few of the major improvements that were accomplished under Hugh's direction. Hugh also was the editor of the Indian Mountain newsletter for over 10 years. He and Becky worked diligently to make the Newsletter both informative and interesting. Hugh is survived by his wife Becky, two sons and four grandchildren. Becky will be going to stay with her son Lawrence in Tempe, Arizona. Please send all letters or cards to her at: 2059 E. Caroline Lane, Tempe, Arizona 85284.

There is no way the owners in Indian Mountain can ever repay or forget the Hudson's for their tireless service to our community. They will be sorely missed.



#### **Cell Tower Approved**

The Park County Board of County
Commissioners approved a new cell tower adjacent to
IM on April 16, 2009. Construction could be completed
by early summer. This tower will greatly enhance cell
coverage to IM, but there will still be
locations on some north-facing slopes that
will be out of sight. IMPOA was a key
player in bringing this service to IM.





# Indian Mountain PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### Carbon Monoxide Death in IM

From an article in The Flume on April 3, 2009, we learned of the passing of an Indian Mountain resident from carbon monoxide poisoning. There have been several similar incidents in Colorado this past year, and we would like to make residents aware how important carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are.

You can purchase both types of detectors in Fairplay at the TrueValue Hardware. I visited Home Depot in Denver and found a wide variety of detectors priced from \$10—\$50 each. You can also buy a combination carbon monoxide/smoke detector that operates with a 9 volt battery or 110 volt wall plug with a 9 volt battery backup. Some are alarm only (horn or buzzer) but others have digital display showing high levels that then triggers the alarm. Carbon Monoxide is lighter than air and has no detectible odor, thus it is often called "the silent killer". Corrective action is ventilation. If you sense there is a problem, open all doors and windows and vacate the area. Then, call 911 for help. Carbon monoxide poisoning is usually caused by a defective furnace heat exchanger or a clogged chimney of a gas/wood burning stove. More information can be found at www.aolhealth.com.



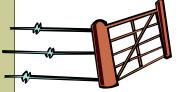
### **Financial Corner**

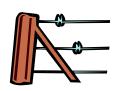
IMPOA 2009 1st Quarter Finances:

- Checking Account = \$25,837
- CD Savings = \$10,860**Total Assets** = \$36,697

## Mending Fences

Anyone interested in helping to mend our subdivision boundary fences can email Dennis Burke at burklings@yahoo.com. Dennis will compile a mailing list and organize a few fence mending days this summer. Please lend a hand!!







# Indian Mountain PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

www.impoa.net

# IMPOA 2009 Annual Dinner and Meeting

On March 12, 2009, 103 IMPOA members and the Board enjoyed an excellent dinner and meeting at Lakewood Elks in Denver. People had a choice of Prime Rib, Baked Salmon or a Vegetarian Entrée.

Following the dinner, President Diana Heyder discussed recent Board activities and plans for the future. Fred Burdick, President of IMRPD shared plans for the new Community Center to be constructed near the fishing pond on Arrowhead Road. Many other topics were discussed by the membership including: improved Cell Phone Service for IMPOA residents, Land Use Regulations for IMPOA by Park County, Fence repairs (to keep the cows out), the Burn Pit, IMPOA merchandise sales, and the "2009 Dumpster Day and Property Swap" planned for August 2009. There was some suggestion that the Annual IMPOA Dinner be repeated again next year at Lakewood Elks.

#### **South Park Documentary**

An Arts & Entertainment documentary about the 36-day man hunt for William Burkhart in 1994 is being filmed in South Park this year. The documentary will be broadcast in early 2010 on A&E.



# Important Contacts for Indian Mountain

Keep the following contacts for handy reference...

Sheriff Park County 719-836-2494 Sheriff Wegener pcsheriff@parkco.us

Park County Main Web Page http://www.parkco.us/main\_page.htm Park County Gov't Main Line 719-836-2771

Animal Control 719-836-4380

Land Use Regulations (Bldg Dept) Tom Eiseman 719-836-4271

Report Dumping (Code Enforcement) Herb Burton 719-836-4262

CO Division of Wildlife 719-836-2207

US Forest Service 719-836-2031

Road Conditions 719-836-4131

#### New Board Members 2009!

The election of two new Board members and renewed terms for the other Board members on the IMPOA Board was announced at the recent IMPOA dinner. IMPOA now has a fully staffed board! We are thrilled with the addition of our two newest members: Ben Lane and Jerry Graves. Welcome! Your full board includes:

Diana Heyder, President Karyn Pederson, Vice-President Secretary, Dennis Burke Treasurer, Wally Techentien At-Large, Loren Klain At-Large, Ben Lane At-Large, Jerry Graves



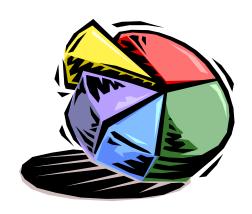
### **IMPOA Proposed 2009 Budget**

#### **Projected Income:**

Interest Income (Checking Account)	\$ 50
Membership Dues	\$16,500
Merchandise Sales	\$ 300
Total	\$16,850

#### **Projected Expenses:**

Joint IMPOA & Rec Board Activities	\$ 500
Annual Meeting (Misc. Expenses)	\$ 300
Association Insurance	\$ 4,000
Dumpster Day Expenses	\$ 1,700
Fence Repairs	\$ 2,000
Merchandise Procurement	\$ 350
Membership Expenses	\$ 850
News Letter Expenses	\$ 3,500
IMPOA Board Expenses	\$ 500
Signage (Streets & Entrances)	\$ 800
Web Page Expenses	\$ 350
Compliance (Survey & Enforcement)	\$ 1,500
Contingency Fund	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total	\$16,500



www.impoa.net

#### Join IMPOA

The Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association (IMPOA) was legally created in 1985 by a group of community volunteers to *promote the health*, *welfare*, *safety*, *and interests of its members*. It is a voluntary membership organization. Today, we are 500+ IM property owners working together to ensure the protection of our homes, investments, personal and community rights, and our rural quality of life. Please join with us by sending in your membership form today!

#### **IMPOA Membership Form**

Here is a \$35.00 check for my annual membership dues. I would like to join IM-POA, along with 500+ other residents in Indian Mountain, in order to help protect our homes, investments, and rural quality of life.

Name:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
IM Lot #: IM Filing #:		
IM Street Address:		
Home Phone:		
Email Address:		
10736 N.	for \$35 payable to Hagman Logan Court n, CO 80233	"IMPOA" and mail to

#### **IMRPD Board Members**

Fred Burdick, President (719) 836-3686 Como1073@hughes.net

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Jerry Graves, At-large

Indian Mountain Property Owners Association P.O. Box 105 Como, CO 80432

Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District	Indian Mountain Property Owners Association	
IMRPD protects and maintains the District's parkland, recreation facilities, and hosts community events. Its functions are strictly limited, and at this time include:  • 356 acres of park lands  • Pasture golf course  • Ski lodge and recreation hall  • IM Park with trails, playground, frisbee golf, horseshoes  • Comfort station and potable water  • RV dump station and storage lot  • Pond and information kiosk  • Social events	<ul> <li>IMPOA informs, educates and advocates on issues of concern to IM property owners. Its functions are very broad.</li> <li>The Board tracks local, county and state plans and policies that may affect IM (e.g., mining, sale of public land, cell phone coverage, taxes, development, land use regulations, water augmentation)</li> <li>Periodic drive-around covenant compliance check</li> <li>Dumpster and swap days</li> <li>IM apparel sales</li> </ul>	
Government Entity Special District - State of Colorado Created in 1975	Non-profit Association Federal 501( c) 4 - State of Colorado Created in 1985	
Mandatory property taxes paid by all IM property owners (6.94 mils)	Voluntary annual dues (\$35) from willing property owners.	
April 2009 financial assets—\$309K 2009 projected revenue—\$125K	April 2009 financial assets = \$36K 2009 projected revenue—\$16K	
www.indianmountain.info	www.impoa.net	

#### Change of Address?

Keep us informed of address changes to ensure you receive the IM News. Call and leave a message at (719) 836-0657.

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