

### **Summer 2014 News**

### **IMPOA and IMMD JOINT NEWS**

### **Indian Mountain Summer 2014 Community Picnic**

IMMD and IMPOA jointly host the annual Fourth of July Picnic, which will be held on Saturday July 5 from noon to 3pm at the Comfort Station parking lot on Chief Trail. All IM property owners are invited to attend and asked to please bring a side dish (6-8 people size) to share. The main dish is provided by IMMD and dessert and drinks are provided by IMPOA. There is always lots of fun with party games and a raffle drawing with local prizes. IMPOA always has the logo merchandise on display for sale and we have a booth for membership payments and questions. This year we are looking for a new host for the kids games as the special lady that was doing it for so many years has other obligations away and cannot help this year. Many thanks to Carol for all her past years' service with the annual picnic children's games. If someone is interested in this task please contact Samantha Bertin for details 719-836-9043. See you there!

### Highlights from the 2013 IMMD & IMPOA Community Survey

Results were tallied and reported on Feb. 12, 2014....Of the 2000 surveys that were mailed out, 456 property owners responded. Check the websites for full results.

### Number of years owning property in Indian Mtn.

5 years or less	.23%
6-10 yrs	.25%
11-25 yrs	.279
26-40 yrs	.23%
40 plus vrs	2%

Indian Mountain Reside	nces
Full time= 11%	
Part time= 47%	
Have not built= 42%	
Drilled a Well	
Yes= 56%	
No= 42%	
Don't know= 2%	
Facilities, Services and	Programs used in the last year
Read the Newsletter	72%
Visit the IMMD & IMP	OA website54%
Use the Comfort Station	136%
Use the Hiking Trails	33%
Use the Burn Pit	31%
Played Frisbee Golf	24%
Items of Major Concern	
Ensuring our water right	ts and control of the IM water augmentation plan77% major concern
Open fires during fire ba	ans54% major concern
Improving Roads	
Future Services desired	from IMMD
Secure and Manage IM	water aug. plan
Continue to remove fore	est slash55% strongly favor
Keep the burn pit open S	Sat. (May-Oct)46% strongly favor
Support for the sale of the	he Pasture golf course to pay for the IM water aug. plan60% favor
Advice for IMPOA	
Partner with IMMD to s	ecure & manage the IM water aug. plan66% strongly favor
Work with Park Co. to i	mprove the roads64% strongly favor
Advice for IMPOA	
Continue to fund wild fi	re mitigation activities56% strongly favor

Continue to promote compliance among property owners with the IM Covenants

Maintain Community wide email.......48% strongly favor

#### IMPOA MEMBERSHIP

82% joined

17% did not

1% not sure

#### **Joint Community Meeting**

IMMD and IMPOA are hosting a community meeting on May 25 from 1 to 3pm at the Community Center. The entire agenda is on the website and will include info on Community safety, roads, wildfire mitigation, 2014 survey results discussion, and water augmentation. All community members are encouraged to attend to be informed on the latest here in Indian Mountain.

# **Indian Mountain Property Owner (IMPOA) News**

### **Chipping of Forest Slash**

Once again this summer, IMPOA is coordinating some chipper days for forest slash. This is an important element of our *Firewise Community* status with the National Fire Protection Association. About 40 chipping projects have been completed in the past three summers, and we have space to do another 10 or so this summer. The two dates scheduled for the chipper and crew from the Coalition for the Upper South Platte to be in Indian Mountain are Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16. To learn more about this efficient and environmentally friendly way to improve fire protection on your property, dispose of your forest slash and create mulch for your lot, or to reserve a slot on either or both of those days, call Roger Mattson at 303-204-3566 or email rdmattson@comcast.net.

### **Wildfire Mitigation Grants**

There is still time to apply for grant assistance for wildfire mitigation work for your and your neighbors' property during the 2014 season. All grant work must be completed by November 1, 2014. This is a great opportunity for homeowners. Let's say you have \$1000 worth of work to be done to create a defensible space around your home or thin the trees to create a fuel break along your driveway. \$500 could come from the grant, you would provide a cash match of half that amount (\$250). Then you could finish your match with in kind labor at the rate of about \$20 an hour (12.5 hours). Several groups have already signed up. There is room for others, but you need to apply soon, no later than June 15. Email Roger Mattson <a href="mailto:rdmattson@comcast.net">rdmattson@comcast.net</a> to request an application form.

### **Opening on IMPOA Board**

The term of board member Dennis Burke expires this year and he has decided to not serve for another term. He has provided yeoman service in a number of areas, and his assistance will be sorely missed, especially in fence repairs, wildfire mitigation and cattle roundups. The term of board member Fred Whitaker also expires this year, and he has decided he would like to be reelected for another three-year term. Because of these decisions, the

IMPOA board needs one new member for a term of three years beginning in August 2014. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve your community, please contact one of the current board members to inquire about the responsibilities that are involved and, if the way is clear, throw your hat in the ring. The current board then will schedule an interview with you at the earliest opportunity.

### **Annual IMPOA Meeting and Election of Directors**

The IMPOA annual meeting will be held on August 9, 2014 in the IM Community Center at 1:00 p.m. Two director positions are up for election at that time (see previous story). This is the second year that the annual meeting has been held in the summer months when more people are in the mountains. We hope for a large crowd and promise to bring you up to speed on the latest news, show you how we spend your dues money, and give you all a chance to talk, ask questions and voice concerns. IMPOA membership is once again in the neighborhood of 600 this year. It would be great to see standing room only in the Community Center!

### **Annual Dumpster Day**

Dumpster Day this year is Sunday, July 6, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, the day following the IM picnic Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to increased demand, we will have two 40 cubic yard dumpsters available this year. The dumpsters will be stationed in the usual place on Keneu Court, adjacent to the Community Center. Loading will be from the rear only and no materials may be thrown over the side. We must pack them tightly because last year they were loosely packed and over-height, causing the need for a third, smaller dumpster to meet legal requirements. Hand tools will be provided for those who are dumping to dis-assemble items such as BBQ grills, exercise equipment, etc. so as to compact them down. The dumpsters will be removed Sunday afternoon to prevent after-hours dumping which was a big problem last year. Dumping for IMPOA members is free but non-members will be charged \$35 (check or cash), which will include issuance of IMPOA membership on the spot.

### **IMPOA Membership**

Thanks to all those who have diligently paid their 2014 IMPOA Membership dues (with special thanks to those who donate in excess of the \$35 requested), we are moving forward with this year's plans for activities that will support and enhance all Indian Mountain properties, whether the property owner has made a dues donation or not. You will have read in the above articles some of those items upon which we invest the dues, from fire mitigation efforts, to providing dumpsters, road signs, the annual picnic costs, etc.

If you have not yet sent in your 2014 membership, you can do so at any time. Just mail your check for \$35 made out to IMPOA to PO Box 196, Jefferson, CO 80456. Please include a completed membership form which you can find posted on <a href="https://www.impoa.net">www.impoa.net</a> under "Membership".

Remember IMPOA's mission is to benefit all IM Property Owners, regardless of residency status (full, part-time, camper, etc.): *IMPOA acts, informs, educates and advocates on issues of concern to property owners to maintain the quality of life in Indian Mountain*.

### **Indian Mountain Metropolitan District (IMMD) News**

### **Burn Pit 2014 Season**

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Indian Mountain Burn Pit on Saturday, May 10 with the last scheduled Saturday being November 1<sup>st</sup>. Scheduled hours of operation will be 9 am to 5 pm.

Weather and road conditions, willingness of volunteers and other administrative reasons may affect the actual opening or closing dates for the 2014 season. Such closures will be posted on the website.

Only forest slash originating from Indian Mountain or other nearby participating subdivisions is to be admitted to the burn pit. -No construction or building debris or other wood products are to be allowed. - All non-wood materials are banned (i.e., metal, garbage, furniture, appliances, electronics, tires, paint). -We will continue to allow access to property owners that wish to scavenge firewood. Please refer to the website for the 2014 Protocols in their entirety.

The 2013 season proved to be successful with the elimination of dumping of non-approved materials. This is attributed to the volunteers who manned the gate while both issuing season permits and checking loads. This has provided a significant savings to the Metropolitan District when it comes to the maintenance that had been required in the past with the dumping of the non-approved materials.

The success of the 2014 season will be dependent on the volunteer network. We will continue with the requesting of two (2) volunteers per each four (4) hour shift. The shifts will be 9 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm. Additional days may be entertained contingent on volunteer availability.

The 2014 Season Permits will be issued during the hours of operation at the Burn Pit or at the Community Center.

Please call or email Bev Bushaw at 303-990-0459 or <u>bbushaw@comcast.net</u> to get your name on the volunteer schedule or if you are interested in participating at the Burn Pit Coordinator.

#### **Water Augmentation Update**

The IMMD and IMPOA remain on a course of action to ask the State District Court to provide a declarative judgment on the ownership and administration of the Indian Mountain water augmentation plan. At this writing, further background research is underway to define and strengthen the position of the Indian Mountain property owners. We are hoping to file the necessary paperwork in Fairplay to start the legal process very shortly.

### **Repurposing the IM Pasture Golf Course**

The 2013 IM community survey indicated that use of the pasture golf course is very light, as the previous 2008 survey also indicated. During a Board discussion about the District's many annual maintenance needs, budget and priorities, the question was asked if there might be other uses for the 54-acre pasture golf course that IM property owners would find more beneficial and of interest.

Ideas have been discussed including using some the acreage for a dog park, a motocross track, a trail system for off-highway vehicles, expansion of the RV lot or burn pit operations, and upgrading the existing golf course to attract more people. Other ideas were to lease the property for a commercial use to generate revenue for the District or to manage an activity such as a motocross track. No decision or change is expected this year, but the Board would welcome hearing ideas from the community.

### **Lodge and CC Rentals**

The lodge and the Community Center are booking up fast, so if you or your family has a need to rent either facility this year you are encouraged to go online to the events calendar and check availability and then place your reservation with the business manager soon. All the details of rental are on the website under the tabs for each facility and you can also call Samantha for any info or questions you may need answered. 719-836-9043

# **Board Vacancy—Call for Nominations**

# **Indian Mountain Metropolitan District**

Effective May 10, 2014, the IMMD will have a 2-year Board position open for appointment by the current Board. We would like to invite all the IM property owners to please consider serving the best interests of the community.

We encourage interested property owners to browse the IMMD website at <a href="www.indianmountian.info">www.indianmountian.info</a>. This site is the best source of information ranging from District's service plan to, governance, minutes, newsletters, surveys and budgets. Feel free to contact any of the current Board members to better understand our roles and responsibilities.

### **Board Member Qualifications**

- 1. A current property owner in IM (Note: if your property is held in ownership by a Trust you are not eligible by State Law).
- 2. Ability to attend the majority of regular monthly business meetings held on the second Saturday from 9 to 11am at the IM Community Center. Teleconferencing is acceptable.
- 3. Ability to put the best interests of the community above your own personal interests.
- 4. Willingness to commit 6-8 hours per month, on average, to the work of the Board including participation in the monthly Board meeting.
- 5. Ability to work as a team member to fairly and objectively address challenging decisions for the betterment of the community.
- 6. Willingness to participate on Board committees, and in special events and planned activities sponsored by the District (e.g., annual picnic, neighborhood clean-up, newsletters, burn pit).

#### **Nomination Process**

Submit a letter of interest (email or hard copy) which explicitly addresses three questions:

- 1. Are you able and willing to meet the Board member qualifications stated above?
- 2. Why do you want to serve on the IMMD Board?
- 3. What skills and related experience will you bring to the Board?

Applications will be received through June 1, 2014. The Board may elect to interview a short list of candidates. It is in the best interest of the IMMD to have the vacancy filled by Board approval at its June 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. If a suitable candidate is not available, the Board will reopen the call for nominations.

### Submit your self- nominations by email, mail, or in person by June 1, 2014 to:

Samantha Bertin at <a href="mailto:indianmtn@hotmail.com">indianmtn@hotmail.com</a>; by mail to P.O. Box 25, Como, Colorado 80432; or by drop-off in the mailbox at the door of the IM Community Center at 31 Keneu Court.

If you have questions please call Samantha at 719-836-9043.

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