

Indian Mountain Fall Newsletter

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Calendar Of Events 2021

**As more people are vaccinated, and COVID rules relax, Indian Mountain will begin resuming traditional events interrupted by the pandemic.*

Craft Fair

The Indian Mountain Annual Craft Fair is October 23rd 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. at the Indian Mountain Community Center, 31 Keneu Ct.

Celebrate and support local crafters while shopping one-of-a-kind, handmade jewelry, clothing, soaps, finely crafted artwork, pottery and much more. Visit with friends and neighbors, you'll meet the artists and see how they take raw materials like clay, wood, metal and glass and transform them into fine craft. The Indian Mountain Craft Fair is the perfect opportunity to find unique holiday gifts or get something special just for you. Admission to our Craft Fair is free. A light lunch will be available for purchase. We love our fur babies, but as many items are breakable, please leave that at home.

For more information, or to inquire about participating, please contact the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District (719) 836-9043.

Board Meetings

Regularly scheduled IMMD/IMPOA Board Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Indian Mountain Community Center. The IMMD Board Meeting begins at 9 a.m., and the IMPOA Board Meeting follows.

IMPOA President's Message

Hello IM Neighbors!

As fall comes into full swing, I hope everyone is getting ready for winter and enjoying our beautiful fall days. The IMPOA board has experienced a lot of turnover in the past 24 months, and with so many fresh faces on the board, we are beginning to embark on several projects to define our mission, vision, values and purpose clearly. As such, I encourage all of you to share your thoughts with the board or any of our members in the coming months as we will be setting priorities for the board and determining what items we should focus on moving forward. Even if you have previously communicated this information, please do so again to ensure we are not missing input from anyone. In the coming months, you can expect to see more frequent communication from the board, including a community survey, as we work on this project.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation and for sharing your thoughts to help ensure the Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association fulfills the needs of our community and our volunteer membership.

Kathryn Abrahamson
IMPOA Board President

IMMD President's Message

Hello,

I was appointed to the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District Board in September of 2020. Since that time, I have served as Vice President II and Vice President I. At the August board meeting, the board voted for me to assume the duties of President and for Glenn Haas who had been the interim President to assume the duties of Vice President I. Thank you, Glenn, for all you do.

I am retired and have lived in Indian Mountain full time since January of 2014. I moved here after retiring from Western Union Corporation. For the last 2 years with the company I was Vice President of Global Sourcing. Prior to that, I was a Vice President in the Information Technology organization where I managed a variety of organizations including data centers, software development and quality assurance. Before Western Union I worked for 2 other financial services companies, First Data Corporation and American Express.

As I am sure all of you have seen for yourselves, Indian Mountain and the surrounding areas are experiencing significant growth. New homes and cabins are being built at a record pace. COVID significantly changed the way in which people work and many jobs can be done remotely which has also increased our residency rates in area by both owners and renters. All of these factors have and will continue to increase usage of our district resources and facilities. The board is currently working on our 5-year budget plan to address both immediate improvements needed at some facilities as well as making sure we have a plan for maintaining all of our facilities as our community grows.

Unfortunately, we have also seen an increase in vandalism at both IMMD owned properties as well as on personal property. For example, IMMD placed a lid and lock on the dump station to ensure that the usage of this amenity was limited to IMMD residents. Keys are available to residents at the community center. However, it has already been broken into and damaged twice this summer. There have also been increased reports of trespassing onto private property. We can all help our community and one another by keeping our eyes open for things that seem out of the ordinary and looking out for our neighbors.

I look forward to continuing to serve our community and working with the other board members to maintain and improve our community.

Carol Darland
IMMD President

2021 Dumpster Day - a benefit to the community!

There were over 40 Property Owners that stopped by to offload their unwanted items. This is a service provided free to IMPOA members and just \$45.00 to nonmembers.

IMPOA had 3 roll off dumpsters scheduled for delivery again this year, two were delivered at around 8:00am and the third was delivered around 11:00 am. All three were filled to the brim by 2:00 pm! Participants did a wonderful job of breaking down the large items and stacking the dumpsters from back to front. Thank you to the volunteers that verified IMPOA membership and helped to unload the vehicles. Our volunteers were Jeff Mason, Dan Mason, Scott Scherrer, Dan Qualman, Kim Novitch and Dennis McQuillan. A special thanks to Walt Kendall our new metal scrapper who dropped off a trailer which we filled up pretty quickly.

Jim Scherrer



Firewise Community

Indian Mountain will continue its status as a Firewise Community for 2022. The burn pit had over 1,000 loads brought in which equates to over 3500 hours that owners spent mitigating their property. There were also over 300 hours that volunteers spent staffing the burn pit. Both of these combined to bring over \$100,000 of value to our community. The burn pit was open much later than last year which allowed owners to work their property that much longer. It was opened up to owners in other subdivisions for a small fee and 1 mandatory volunteer session. Please consider volunteering at the burn pit – it's a great way to meet your neighbors and have fun, it's really pretty easy! Over 40 properties had slash piles either picked up or removed, 1 property had 70 slash piles! We will continue this work next year and hope that as we progress over time, there will be less and less to mitigate.

Kim Novitch

IMPOA Board Communications Director & Firewise Committee Lead



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Volunteer Luncheon

We recognized the volunteers with a volunteer luncheon. It was held Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Community Center. It was a catered event (Jefferson Market and Dorothy's Tamales). The volunteers each stood up and told the group what they volunteered for-the vast majority was the burn pit. They all suggested that more burn pit users volunteer. Jeff Mason discussed IMPOA and answered questions.

The centerpieces were hummingbird nests (with a fake hummingbird attached) and

feeders, and a glass hummingbird. These items were raffled off and almost everyone went home with one of the above.

We look forward to hosting another luncheon next year.

Kelly Halligan and Faith Marlin



IMPOA Volunteers of the Year

At the IMPOA Annual Meeting the IMPOA Board recognized three impressive volunteers - thanking each one for their contributions to the community.

- Andy Farish – Andy has been running the Firewise program since Dwight Cates left. This includes the burn pit and the chipping program.
- Larry Siverson – has been a member of the IMPOA board, maintained the perimeter fencing around I.M., is a former maintenance man for IMMD and is always there when a community member is in need.
- Jannene Sherrill – Without prompting from anyone, Jannene rounded up a few friends and walked some of the major roads in I.M. covering about 18 miles, they picked up over 18 bags of trash. (Mostly beer cans). She suggested that “if you are going to drive around I.M. please don’t drink, if you do, please keep the cans in your vehicle.”

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