

Indian Mountain Winter Newsletter

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IMPOA President's Message

Hello Indian Mountain,

I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days of the new year. Hopefully, we have also begun to turn a significant corner on the Public Health Emergency and can look forward to a more normal spring and summer.

With this in mind, you will see in this newsletter a list of activities that IMPOA plans to support in 2022. Some, like the spring open house, annual picnic, dumpster day and annual meeting, will be occurring, barring any unforeseen issues. However, you will notice many are tentative as we continue to ramp up activities "post-pandemic," and as we look for extra hands to support these events. So, please consider sending us your availability, interest and ideas for social events you'd like IMPOA to support. I know I

don't speak for only myself when I say that it has been far too long since we have been able to provide the many fun options for our IM property owners to connect. Please send your ideas and availability to impoa.bod@gmail.com.

In your email inboxes or online, you may have noticed that IMPOA sent out a survey to solicit your feedback and assist us in our future plans. I know I've seen some concern about the length of the survey; however, as many have noted, it only takes about 5 minutes to complete, so I hope you will take the time to send us your feedback. If you didn't receive the survey, please send us your email address to the inbox noted above, and we will get you a copy. Additionally, we will be adding a link to the IMPOA website at www.impoa.net so you can access it there.

Finally, IMPOA has sent out our annual membership drive. If you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, please consider doing so online [via our website](#). Your annual voluntary membership of \$45 provides access to some great services like dumpster day and fire mitigation programs such as this year's chipping program and supports the events I mentioned earlier.

I hope to see many of you at our future events, and of course, please feel free to come to IMPOA's regular meetings and share your feedback in person. We meet on the second Saturday of every month at the Community Center at 10:30 or following the IMMD meeting, whichever comes first.

Thanks for being part of our incredible community,

Kathryn Abrahamson
IMPOA Board President

IMMD President's Message

IMMD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2022 to all!

The board began work on the 2022 budget in September and completed that work in December, 2021. In addition to the normal operational items, the board put significant time and thought into maintaining and improving our facilities. Some work has already been completed thanks in large part to the efforts of Nick Rinaldi and Patrick Smith.

The playground at Indian Mountain Park got a facelift with parts replacements for some of the equipment and new paint.

The Lodge is scheduled for some exterior trim painting and new mattresses this year.

A survey was completed at Breton Park (previously Gold Pan Park) to clearly establish our property lines there. Volunteers then created a clear trail and built bridges over small feeder creeks and boggy areas. Additional picnic tables were also placed in the park. For the summer of 2022, we hope to have a porta potty available at the park as well.

Some short-term improvements were made at the Comfort Station to reduce or eliminate the freezing

issues we have experienced the last few years. We have had some fairly cold temperatures already this winter and have fortunately not experienced any freezing issues to date. We have budgeted for additional long-term plumbing improvements at this facility for this year.

The community center is also slated for some maintenance projects including interior paint, refinishing of doors and trim and resealing and grouting of the floor.

The largest issues reported last year by owners were related to the RV Dump Station. We heard you! Even though pumping of the vault was completed more frequently than ever before, the vault continued to reach or exceed capacity between pumping creating significant inconveniences for our owners. Only a vault is located there, not a full septic system. In addition, we experienced vandalism at the site after it was secured for resident only access. The board considered a number of solutions to this issue and discussed the financial analysis of those solutions. We believe the best long-term solution is to relocate the dump station to an area near the community center with its own septic system and well. This would keep it located on a main thoroughfare through the community, increase capacity, significantly reduce expenses for pumping and enhance security. This project will take some time to complete and there will be overlap between completing the new station and closing down the old one. During the interim, we will do our very best to monitor the vault and have it pumped frequently. We thank you in advance for your patience while we work on this project.

We will need additional snow before we can consider burning what we have at the Burn Pit and getting it ready for next season. Do your snow dance!

We cordially invite all of our owners to join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00am at the community center, to get the latest updates and meet your board members.

Carol Darland
IMMD President

Calendar Of Events 2022

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

In an effort to be more interactive with our community, the IMPOA board is developing an annual events calendar. These are events that occur every year:

- * July 2nd: Annual picnic
- * July 3rd: Dumpster Day
- * August 1st-5th: Chipping! See separate article below
- * August 13th: Annual IMPOA Members Meeting

These are events that we would like to have, pending interest and volunteers to help:

- * February 12th from 1300-1500: this was a success, see below!
- * Apr 16th: Family movie nights at the community center, to take advantage of the new large-screen, video projector and sound system at the Community Center
- * May 28th: Spring open house with the IMPOA board. There will be a Firewise presentation at this

event. Bring your questions.

* June 18th: A Disc Golf Tournament

* September 30th: Indian Mountain picture contest. (Look for more information in the summer newsletter, but start taking pictures now!)

* October 22nd: Annual Craft Fair

* October 29th: We'd like to explore having a "Trunk or Treat" at the Community Center. Come down with your kiddos, bring some candy, then pass it out to those attending. We will provide hot chocolate and apple cider.

* November 12th: Chili cookoff contest.

* December 10th: Tamale making class hosted by Nick Rinaldi.

Please feel free to offer any suggestions for events that you would like to see by emailing: impoa.bod@gmail.com. As always, your help in planning and running these events will go a long way to ensuring their success - so send us an email if you are willing to help!

August chipping information: a sign up will be available in May for chipping the 1st week of August Monday-Friday. Property owners do not need to be present. There are no specifications on the size of piles other than no logs greater than 18". We ask that if you have larger logs that you place them in another pile and advertise on NextDoor so folks can get them to burn. If you don't have access to NextDoor, please reach out and we can post for you. If you need assistance, again reach out via email to impoa.bod@gmail.com.

Kim Novitch

IMPOA Communications Director

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.



Our February event was a hit!! On February 12th, the IMPOA board hosted a sledding day with hot chocolate and cookies. If there is enough interest, we'd love to do this again!



Fun times were had by all! The fresh snow on Friday night was great!



South Park - A Special Place for Many Reasons

Owning property in South Park is special for many reasons as we all know. If you want some peace from the hustle bustle of life, you can find it in South Park, want to try your luck at fishing, you have lots of options, want to enjoy a hike with the kids to "experience" nature, this is the place. South Park is special for another reason -- it is a Designated National Heritage Site.

From the website (<https://southparkheritage.org>)....."National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. Through their resources, Heritage Areas tell nationally important stories that celebrate our nation's diverse heritage. Heritage Areas are lived-in landscapes. Therefore, Heritage Area entities collaborate with communities to determine how to make heritage relevant to local interests and needs. They are a grassroots, community-driven approach to natural and cultural heritage conservation and economic development.

The South Park region has long been revered as a nearly pristine example of well-protected

natural resources and existing historic mining and ranching structures. After many years of work to achieve the designation, in March 2009 Congress approved and President Barack Obama signed a bill designating the South Park National Heritage Area – one of less than 50 such congressionally designated areas in the United States that represent the history of the country. The people of South Park believe strongly in the need to protect our abundant cultural and natural resources while encouraging others to enjoy them with us.

The South Park National Heritage Area is managed by the government of Park County, Colorado in cooperation with the South Park National Heritage Area Advisory Board. The Park County Department of Heritage, Tourism, and Community Development utilizes the designation to achieve goals outlined in the Management Plan, along with numerous community partners. The National Park Service serves an advisory role by providing technical, planning, and limited financial assistance to the Heritage Area, but decision-making authority remains in the hands of local people and organizations."

Check out all the information available on their website:

<https://southparkheritage.org/>

~Marcia Logan
IMMD Secretary

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 Director



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Save the date!

The IMPOA board is happy to announce that we will have chipping available for our property owners. Save the date: August 1st – 5th will be our week of chipping. More info will be provided as it becomes available.

Chipping Business Rules

1. Must be a dues paying member of IMPOA to sign up for chipping.
2. If you sign up for chipping and are not ready when they arrive at your property, you will lose your place in line. Based on availability, we can try and schedule you back in, but no guarantees.
3. Items for chipping must be brought down to the road. There are no pile specifications and logs up to 18" in diameter are accepted. Consider stacking firewood sized logs separately and posting a NextDoor Neighbor free firewood message.
4. If you have limitations in bringing slash down to the roadside, please contact us and we will come up with a plan.

This announcement was posted on NextDoor recently and is included here for those not on NextDoor.

Kim Novitch
IMPOA Firewise Director

Be Patient

We've had emails from folks that no longer live here still receiving emails on IMPOA communications. Please be patient with us as we update our database. If you receive this newsletter and no longer want to receive it, please email impoa.bod@gmail.com and we will make sure that you are removed - promise.

Kim Novitch
IMPOA Communications Director

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