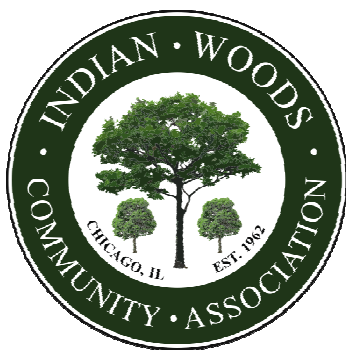


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Other special thanks went out to Leprecan Services who donated a port-a-potty for the volunteers, and special community thank you to William Noelle (Rosedale Avenue) for providing all the paint, brushes, and supplies to stain the IWCA signs on Indian Road and Ardmore Avenue. Letters of thank you have been sent to the people responsible for the clean up day operation and their generous donations.



President Don Walsh Cleans and Stains IWCA Signs on Ardmore Avenue and Indian Road

In the winter edition of *Community News*, we focused on household security and safety tips. Since that publication and the presentation by the Chicago Police Department, there has been one attempted home burglary on Rosedale Avenue, and one auto break in with vandalism on Ardmore Avenue. As a community, we all must be diligent on reporting suspicious persons or vehicles in the community. If you see any person(s) or vehicles you feel are suspicious, call 9-1-1 immediately.

In addition, there have been reports of people attempting to identify themselves as Commonwealth Edison, ATT, and Cable TV employees to get inside homes. Always check the employee's identification card, and ask for a business telephone number to call to verify the person is authorized and scheduled to be there. Do not let anyone in your house without checking first. If the person does not have an ID card, do not let them in your house, and call 9-1-1. Remember, the wearing of a uniform does not mean the person is authorized or an employee of the company.

From The President

Many thanks to the community members that made the 2010 Community Clean-Up Day a total success. A special thank you to Director Wayne Przyby, his wife Renee, and son Nick for the coordination of the day's events and getting all the agencies and resources for the event. The Przyby family donated all the water, trash bags, tools, and machines needed for the clean up.



Nick Przyby Helping With Indian Road Clean UP

Over 50 bags of trash were collected. IWCA signs painted, and business area on Central Avenue was cleaned up. IWCA Director Przyby coordinated the project, working with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, City of Chicago Streets and Sanitation, and the Cook County Sharif's S.W.A.P. Program for the clean up.

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From The President (cont. from page 1)

The Community Garage sale on June 12 and 13, 2010 was a success. About 13 households participated and battled the on and off rain. The Board is thinking about a late fall community garage sale if members are interested. Please let you area representative know if you are interested.

The deer population in the forest preserve has grown. There is approximately eight deer living in the Indian Road Forest Preserve. Be extremely careful while driving in the community, especially on Indian Road. The deer are coming on to community properties and eating owners flowers and gardens. In addition, please do not feed the deer on your property or in the forest. It is not good for the deer and their safety.

On July 10, 2010 there will be a Special General Membership Meeting at Edgebrook Library at 11 AM, at 5331 West Devon Avenue, in the second floor community room. The meeting has been called to address community crime and a permit application for a tavern on Central Avenue. The business owner has been invited to discuss the plans for the new business to the community. The Alderman and Chicago Police officials have been invited too. There will be an official vote by paid IWCA members to approve or disapproved the proposed tavern permit by the Association after the presentations. Alderman Patrick Levar has requested a continuance of the City's Public Hearings until the Indian Woods community has met on this issue. The Alderman supports the community residents. ***Have a safe and healthy summer.***

Donald W. Walsh - IWCA – President

IWCA Membership Meeting Dates for 2010

July 10, 2010 (Special Meeting)

5331 West Devon Avenue
Eddebrook Public Library – Second Floor – **11AM**

September 21, 2010 (General Membership)

Edgebrook FPDCC Volunteer Center
6100 North Central Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646
Time of Meeting: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

IWCA Babysitting List

Need a babysitter? The following IWCA family members provide babysitting services. Please contact any Board members to add anyone else who is qualified and wishes to be added to the Newsletter Babysitting List.

Hailey Fredrick (773)-556-7171
Jacque Bickford (773)-613-9412
Cathy Brasic (773)-631-7407
Tammy Brasic (773)-631-7407

Professionals in the Community Needed

The IWCA is looking for members who are in the professional trades (i.e. plumber, electrician, carpenter, heating-air, appliance repair, etc.), and want to provide professional services to community members. Qualified members will be published in the IWCA newsletters. Please contact any Board member to add your name to be placed in the "Professionals in the Community" directory in the next newsletter.

Indian Woods Community History Project

The IWCA is looking for photos, stories, and testimonials on any history of the Indian Woods Community. If you have any old photos, marketing materials from the past, or want to tell your story, please contact Don Walsh at (773)-594-1422.

Fire Pit Safety

Any time you're dealing with an open flame you should always be responsible and take the necessary precautions to avoid any accidents. An open fire is a beautiful, warming accent to any yard or garden setting. It is inviting and invigorating as a central point of congregation and socialization. Make sure it is also safe so that you are free to enjoy it without the worry of an unforeseen accident.

Wood burning fire pits give the most authentic outdoor fire experience.

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Fire Pit Safety (Cont. from Page 2)

The smell of the smoke, the crackling of the logs and the glowing embers combine to create an atmosphere that is magical, one that makes you feel like you're deep in the woods though you're only in your backyard. That being said, a wood burning fire also requires the most attention. Be sure to clear away brush and dead or dry vegetation in a 10'-20' circle around your fire treatment and don't place your fire pit under low hanging trees where errant sparks and heat might ignite dry foliage and branches. Always use a spark screen, especially with wet or sappy wood, so that sparks cannot escape the fire. Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose with a spray nozzle nearby so that if anything does escape the fire area you can smother it quickly and effectively. Finally, be sure to protect yourself. Use a poker or log grabber to move and arrange logs and never try to move a fire treatment that isn't cold. Another way to protect yourself and your investments is to not use lighter fluids to start your fires. They can be unpredictable and dangerous; instead, use kindling and build your fire up slowly so that it is always under control and manageable.

Fire treatments are lovely additions to any outdoor décor. With a little care and forethought they can be safe, almost worry free additions that will bring you warmth and joy for years to come. Protect yourself, your family and your home by using safe fire tending practices and a little common sense.

Before you light the fire, do check for the wind direction. A strong wind can always make a small fire become an inferno with the addition of wind. An inferno like this can go out of control and can spread very quickly.

Leaving a small fire un-extinguished can turn into a big fire under a few circumstances. So put out the fire completely before you retire for the evening. It is better not to use a fire pit under windy conditions as sparks can fly around a lot and the fire can get out of control.

Do not allow children to play around the fire pit. Children can get hurt or burnt while playing near the fire pits. Take utmost care when you are consuming spirits near the fire pit. Spirits are highly flammable and can ignite just from heat. Spirits and fire are a deadly combination. Also make sure that the wood that you use for the fire is seasoned wood. Do not use garden waste, garbage or any other source

that would give out black smoke to burn in the fire pit.

Currently, fire pit screens are readily available in the market. These screens are to protect the sparks from coming out of the fire pit. They can also ensure that the wind has very little effect on the fire as it forms a sort of an enclosure around the fire. Never leave the fire unattended even if you have a fire pit screen placed as prolonged exposure to heat can damage the fire pit screen too. Keep a first aid kit with essential medicines to treat burns near you always. Burns are tough to treat and require some special medications to prevent infection. Reading about treating burns can help you to give the correct first aid when needed.

We sit around fire pits to enjoy our evenings, **but our enjoyments should not be a nuisance to our neighbors. Ensure that the smoke from the fire pit is not heading into your neighbor's yard.** If it does so then you can put off the fire or move the fire pit to another location provided it is a portable one. **Our neighbors want to enjoy their evening just as we want to and it is our responsibility not to spoil their evening.** Follow the safety rules and enjoy using your fire pit to make your evenings a memorable one.

(http://firepithelper.com/Fire_pit_safety.html)

Report Aircraft Noise

The Noise Study for Ardmore Avenue and Indian Road has been completed by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation. To see the full report, please go to (www.indianwoods.org).

Is aircraft noise intruding on your daily life? You can report an incident on the Internet or by calling the Chicago Department of Aviation or filing a complaint via the Internet.

Go to www.oharenoise.org to quickly reach the complaint site and save the form.

The brief on-line form asks a series of questions and all responses are tallied in a computer-generated, monthly Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) report which is posted on the ONCC website.

For those who prefer to telephone, the City of Chicago's aircraft noise complaint hotline is 1-800-435-9569. When calling in, try to have the date and time the noise took

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place so the City can match with flight records.

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Electrical Power Outages in Community

Commonwealth Edison Company engineers have notified the Association that new lines, auto fuses, and line separators have been installed to power lines feeding the Indian Woods Community. The work was completed this spring. Since September 2005, there have been 19 power outages within the Indian Woods Community. In June of 2010, the community experienced high winds and electrical storms with no outages. Hopefully the problem has been fixed. Regardless, in the event you experience a power outage, is it recommended you file an ICC consumer complaint. The complaint process is as follows:

Filing an Informal Complaint

Counselors in the ICC's Consumer Services Division are available to provide assistance to consumers in the resolution of **informal complaints** with public utilities and other entities. The Consumer Counselor handling your case will work with you to try to resolve your concerns with the utility as quickly as possible -- typically within 1 to 14 days. You may file your complaint in one of three different ways:

Online

File an informal complaint online by going to: (<http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint/>)

By Phone

You can reach us between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday by calling 1-800-524-0795, 1-217-782-2024 outside the State of Illinois, or TTY at 1-800-858-9277.

By Mail

You can send us your comments or complaint by US Mail:

Illinois Commerce Commission

527 East Capitol Ave

Springfield, IL. 62701

Filing a Formal Complaint

If a resolution is not reached through the informal complaint process, the consumer may file a formal complaint with the ICC. Once filed with the Commission, the formal complaint will be given a docket number and assigned to an Administrative Law Judge. If the formal complaint proceeds to a hearing, the process is similar to a court hearing. Consumers may use a lawyer's service, though it is not required. After the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge will consider the testimony presented; review the evidence; and recommend a decision on the case to the Commission. In accordance with Section 9-252 of the Public Utilities Act, a formal complaint must be filed with the Commission within two years from the time the product, commodity or service as to which the complaint is made was furnished or performed. In accordance with 9-252.1 of the Public Utilities Act, a formal complaint related to an incorrect billing must be filed with the Commission no more than two years after the date the customer first has knowledge of the incorrect billing.

IWCA COMMUNITY NOTICE

Cook County Forest Preserve Police and Animal Control Enforcement in Indian Road Woods

The Cook County Forest Preserve Police and the County Animal Control Officers are currently targeting the Indian Road Woods Forest Perseveres for people feeding stray and wild cats, deer, and other animals on County property. This laws enforcement action has been started by individual complaints to the county government and **NOT** the Indian Woods Community Association (IWCA).

The Police and Animal Control Officers found evidence of illegal feeding and leaving trash and containers feeding cats, deer, and other wildlife on County property. County law enforcement officers have informed IWCA representatives they are targeting the Indian Road Woods and community area for violators and will issue fines for feeding the animals and littering. **Fines can reach up to \$700.00 for each offence.**

IWCA is warning members and residents that if your pet and/or animals are not leashed or allowed to run freely in the area, they could be caught and taken to an animal shelter by the County Animal Control Officers.

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Cook County law enforcement and animal control agencies are targeting our community area with priority due to health and animal population control and individuals harming other animals on county property.

If your pet is missing or you think it may have been taken by animal control, you can call the following animal shelter where the animals are taken:

Animal Welfare League
10305 Southwest Highway
Chicago Ridge, Illinois
708-636-8586.

There is a \$85.00 release fee and \$15.00 per day fee to get your pet back from the shelter if your animal has its current vaccinations and rabies shots. If the animal does not have its updated or current vaccinations it will cost \$135.00 and \$15.00 per day to get your animal back.

IWCA Recommendations

1. Do not feed any animals in the Indian Road Woods Forest Preserve.
2. Do not leave any animal food cans or containers, food products and/or food related trash in an attempt to feed any animals in the Indian Road Woods.
3. Do not allow your pets to run freely and unleashed in the community and in the Indian Road Woods.
4. Do not feed any stray animals on your property that you do not own or have approved management control or ownership.
5. Do not feed deer or wild animals in the woods or on your property.
6. Report and violators to the Cook County Forest Police and Animal Control at (708)-771-1001, or (708)-974-8140.

NOTE: Feeding wild animals and leaving food for animals in the woods is not good for the animals or the community.

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Please visit the IWCA web site for up to date information and community alerts.

Official Actions by the Association

The Indian Woods Community Association is organized to support the community. The Board of Directors volunteers all their time and energy to support and bring this community together. As a Board policy, the Association will not act on any community matters or issues that are not submitted in writing and/or submitted anonymous. Board members are required to follow the guidelines of the Association's by-laws. Members and community residents are encouraged to submit community ideas, issues, problems, and matters to act on by completing a **Member Request Form** or submitting concerns at an official membership meeting. A Member Request Form is enclosed with this newsletter.

How To Be a Good Neighbor

You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your neighbors. If you are lucky, you have good neighbors. But some neighbors are not pleasant and can make your life miserable at times. If you have good neighbors, consider yourself blessed. Neighbors can play an important role in our community and our lives, and remember, you are a neighbor too.

What's a good neighbor? By definition a neighbor is someone who lives close by you, but "close" is a relative term. A good neighbor is friendly and considerate. Though good neighbors may live close, they respect your space and privacy. Good neighbors wave at you, may stop to pet your dog and chat, and buy lemonade from your children. Good neighbors take time to talk and smile. They reach out to connect to you.

Good neighbors' actions support community. A good neighbor looks out for others. This idea is illustrated in communities throughout the United States who have developed neighborhood watches. To deter crime and violence neighborhood watches comprised of people who are good neighbors have developed. Their goal is to keep watch on each other's homes so if a burglar is prowling about, or suspicious people are casing out someone's home, a watchful neighbor calls the proper authorities to investigate the situation.

Good neighbors help each other. For example, in my

community we sometimes get heavy snowfall. When this happens, younger people in the community go out and shovel for people who are older or who have medical problems that prevent them from shoveling. Also, people help each other when cars get stuck, a common occurrence during the winter months.

Most importantly, good neighbors are respectful. They consider the others who live around them. They avoid keeping others awake with loud parties and barking dogs. They mow their lawns and maintain their property. They avoid parking their cars in front of neighbors homes. They teach their kids to be respectful too.

The Importance of good neighbors: Good neighbors are important. Ask yourself, "Am I a good neighbor?" Remember you get what you give. Try to be a good neighbor. (<http://hubpages.com/hub/Being-a-Good-Neighbor>)

Ten Qualities of a Good Neighbor

1. They practice frequent positive communication.
2. They want to build good relationships.
3. They are quick to lend a helping hand.
4. They look out for other's property and possessions for possible theft or damage.
5. They are involved and are responsive to unusual situations.
6. They promote the well being of the whole community.
7. They are concerned for widows, elderly, and children.
8. Parents are willing to provide a safe place for neighborhood children.
9. They obey the law.
10. They seek a win-win situation when problems arise.

Cooperate with others through positive and reasonable communication, observing speed limits (15 mph), having an attractive yard, parking vehicles in front of your home or in your driveway, storing trashcans out of view from the road, and not disturbing the peace.

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Other reminders are to attain proper permits for building and tree removal, obey leash and dog barking laws, and are careful to conserve our precious water.

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