

Community News

The Official Newsletter for the Indian Woods Community Association



From The President

The community has been very busy this summer. Neighbors have been planting new trees, remodeling homes, and the community has some new homeowners. Please reach out to introduce yourself and your family to new homeowners of the community.

Community Crime

This late summer and fall we will continue to concentrate on the community's number one priority project, "community crime". Since the first of this year, five vehicles have been vandalized and two attempted home invasions have taken place in the Indian Woods Community. One attempted home invasion was stopped by an observant homeowner on Rosedale Avenue, which led into a police chase of the offender. It is imperative that you call 9-1-1 on any suspicious persons or vehicles. Make all attempts to get a good description of the person(s) and/or vehicle(s). Get license plates number and good car description. We all must take part in the safety and security of our community. In addition, please make sure to complete the Membership Application if you are a current or new member. We are updating our records and need correct information.

The IWCA Board of Directors is working very close with the 16th District Chicago Police Department. Special attention is being scheduled by specialized police units and teams to patrol the Indian Woods Area. If you see our local Police Beat Car, 1621 in the area, wave down and introduce yourself to the officers. If you have any questions regarding our community crime watch, please feel free to call a Board member or myself.

North Branch Bike Trail Extension

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) is planning to extend the North Branch Bike Trail from Devon Avenue to Foster Avenue through Edgebrook Woods, Indian Road Woods, Forest Glen Woods, and La Bagh Woods, ending on the east side of the Edens Expressway in the City of Chicago.

The new trail will provide the residents of Indian Road Woods, Old Edgebrook, Albany Park, Sauganash, and Forest Glen direct access to the existing North Branch Bicycle Trail. This project will serve an important segment of the connection between the North Branch Trail and the City of Chicago Lakefront Trail. Project planners and the FPDCC have given consideration addressing all models of transportation and preserving the scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources,

Federal funding was requested for the project to fund Phase I engineering, Phase II engineering and construction of the 4.2 miles of trail. The project will include two bridges and one signalized at-grade railroad crossing.

The proposed plan is as follows:

Phase I (2010-2011)

Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Studies.

Phase II (2011 – 2012)

Detailed Design (Plan Preparation) and land acquisition.

Phase III (2012 – 2013)

Construction

On Tuesday August 10, 2010, members of the IWCA Board met with project team members and FPDCC employees regarding the project. A list of questions have been submitted to the project team managers and the Board has asked the team to present the project on September 21, 2010 at our next scheduled General Membership meeting.

The project will have a large impact on the Indian Woods Community, please try to attend this most important meeting.

IWCA Membership and Dues Drive

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This year the IWCA Board has planned our 2010 membership dues drive for the month of September. You will receive an application and self-addressed envelope for your 2010 dues. Please complete the application and make sure to add your telephone numbers and email address so we can improve our communications and membership database.

Many people ask why should I join the Association and pay \$20.00 a year. My answer is simple: for just \$20.00 a year, your streets are privately snow plowed, you have a group of volunteers that are your neighbors that attend city, county, and community meetings representing the you and the best interest of the community, we assist with civic activities, and provide educational programs for members and residents.

In 2009 (62%) of the Indian Woods residents paid their dues and became members. A list of all 2009 paid member's addresses will be published in this *Community News* newsletter. Please help us obtain a 100% membership. Talk to you friends and neighbors to join and be part of the community.

In this edition of Community News, Treasurer Michael C. Kendall will be reporting on the Association's financial status and the audit the Board completed earlier this year. If you have any questions on the financial report, please feel free to call Mike Kendall or myself.

By popular demand, the Association will be having another Community Garage Sale on Saturday and Sunday – October 16 & 17, 2010. In addition, the IWCA Annual Halloween Party will take place on Saturday – October 30, 2010. A special community notice will follow with details. Last year's event was a great time for the children and adults.

Lastly, the Association has been attempting to promote news business in the store complex at Ardmore and Central Avenue. The Association disapproved the proposed tavern permit last month and notified the 45th Ward Alderman's Office of the vote. Since our Special Meeting, the permit application was pulled by the applicant., but other businesses are currently looking at the property. The Association will keep you posted on these new developments.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Donald W. Walsh - IWCA – President

Paid 2009 Members of the Community

In 2009, 62% of the 201 residents of the Indian Woods Community were paid member. The following addresses are paid Indian Woods Community Members who paid their due in 2009. If your address is not listed below, or you are not a paid member, or never joined the Association; please complete the Membership Application and mail it in the dues envelope. Please help us operate and keep the Association alive and running. If you did not pay your 2009 \$20.00 dues, please do so with your 2010 dues payment. If you have never been a member of the Association, please complete the enclosed Membership Application and your 2010 \$20.00 dues payment.

If you do not see your neighbor on the 2009 paid list, please ask him/her to join.

Rosedale Avenue – 5333, 5335, 5339, 5343, 5403, 0405, 5407, 5409, 5411, 5419, 5421, 5425, 5427, 5431, 5444, 5515, 5519, 5523, 5527, 5531, 5535, 5539, 5543, 5547, 5551, 5555, 5556, 5561, 5562.

Luna Avenue – 5828, 5834, 5841, 5846, 5847, 5858, 5859, 5863, 5878.

Linder Avenue – 5822, 5826, 5833 5834, 5839, 5840, 5844.

Central Avenue – 5823, 5827, 5831, 5849, 5857.

Ardmore Avenue – 5245, 5245R, 5247, 5251, 5255, 5259, 5301, 5309, 5511, 5317, 5319, 5320, 5324, 5326, 5327, 5337, 5338, 5339, 5342, 5345, 5346, 5352, 5358, 5362, 5401, 5402, 5409, 5410, 5415, 5421, 5426, 5427, 5429, 5432, 5433, 5500, 5501, 5508, 5510, 5511, 5515, 5519, 5521, 5528, 5529, 5534, 5541, 5542, 5544, 5548, 5549, 5552, 5555, 5561, 5563, 5564, 5568, 5572.

Indian Road – 5826, 5832, 5836, 5840, 5850, 5862, 5868, 5870, 5878, 5884, 5900, 5908, 5910, 5914, 5926, 5928.

If your address is not on the above list of paid dues members for 2009, please send proof of payment or receipt. If you are not on the list and want to join as a new member, please complete the enclosed 2010 membership application and send a check, money order, or cash in the self addressed envelope attached to this newsletter

IWCA Membership Meeting Dates for 2010

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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

Agenda

- I. **President's Report**
- II. **Treasurer's Report**
- III. **Secretary's Report**
- IV. **Approval of Past Minutes**
- V. **Old Business**
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Special Presentations**
 - i. **Royal Auto Body Presentation – Expanding Business on Elston Ave.**
 - ii. **New Business Proposal for Central Avenue – Daycare Center**
 - iii. **Forest Preserve Proposal on the North Branch Bike Trail**

VII. **Adjourn**

Please Try To Make This General Membership Meeting. There Will Be Very Important Community Related Topics !

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.

IWCA Member's Offers Roof Repair Plan

By: Kim Greenberg, Resident Central Avenue

As a member of the Indian Woods Community I would like to tell you of an opportunity that we all need to capitalize on. Earlier this year there was a storm that caused a substantial amount of hail damage to many of our homes, and insurance companies are paying for all damages.

You need to take action before winter hits because most of the insurance companies will close out the storm on the one-year anniversary (meaning that they will no longer cover damage after April 5, 2011) so we must act now. It takes hail damage a few years to cause your roof to leak (depending on the size) and that is why insurance companies will close out the storm date before these leaks occur.

Once the storm date is closed insurance companies will make you take them to arbitration and you have to pay out of pocket for the engineer to come out to inspect your roof to see if hail caused the leak. I am a Project Manager for Troy Contracting here in Park Ridge and I would like to help. We offer free roof inspections!!! Then if you qualify I will walk you through the claims process and in most cases we can get you taken care of with no out of pocket expenses. I have done several homes in our area and most homeowners don't think they have damage until we point it out directly. I would also like to encourage you to review our web site at www.troycontracting.us. **If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 773-230-8864. Kim Greenberg, IWCA Member & Project Manager for Troy Contractors.**

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Community History

The Indian Woods Community Association (IWCA) serves the community area of Ardmore Avenue on the South, Indian Road on the Northeast, and Central Avenue on the West; including Linder, Luna, Lockwood, and Rosedale Avenues in the Southwest corner of the Edgebrook Community.

Established in 1962, IWCA provides community volunteer services to 201 single-family residents in Chicago. The IWCA, its' Board of Directors, and members promote the social welfare and education to preserve the character of the community. IWCA activities include combating neighborhood crime, provide private snow plowing of the community streets, coordinates and works close with city and county government services for improvements in the community; and provides public meetings, educational forums, panels, and lectures for the community.

The IWCA community area is rich in history. On September 18, 1918 James and Ella O'Brien purchased one of the first lots on Indian Road when the community only had nine lots. The original area was a farmhouse and farmland just off Central Avenue and Ardmore Avenue. The H.W. Butler development company advertised the area as - "Keep Your Job and Be A Farmer Too, Buy a Little Farm on the North-West Side". The land was further developed and H.W. Butler divided lots in grater numbers after the 1940's. The community now has over 200 individual lots.

The Indian Woods Community runs directly next to the Indian Road Forest Preserve on Indian Road with the North Branch of the Chicago River just to the North of the community. The Community is North of Elston Avenue and West of Central Avenue.

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 of your house or houses that have been replaced, marketing materials from the past, or want to tell your story, please contact Don Walsh at (773)-594-1422

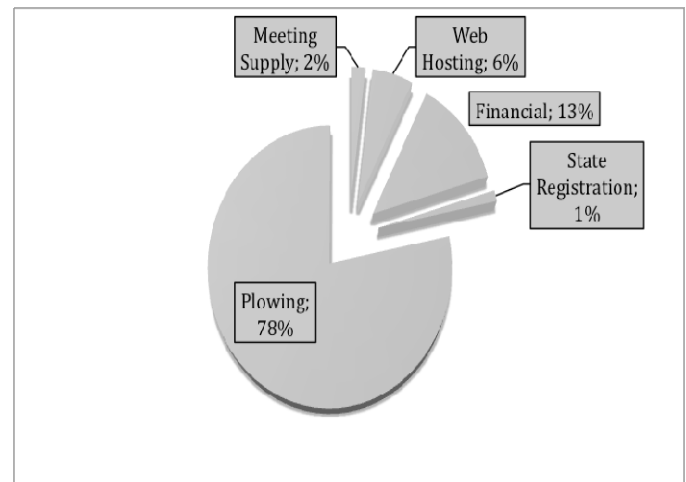
Treasurer's Report By Michael C. Kendal – IWCA Treasurer

In 2009 and 2010, 62% of the community paid their 2009 membership dues. Actual revenues collected between November 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009 were \$2,010.00. If all 201 homes in the community became members, the Association, we would have an annual budget of \$4,200.00 to work with each year. Actual Expenses from November 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 under the our Board's direction were (\$2,689.48), with a closing balance of \$728.75 in the bank. A detailed account of the Association's expenses to date is as follows:

Expenses November 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010

11/24/10	Amal Tabbara – 2009 Election Supplies	Meeting Supply	\$12.05
12/10/09	Internet Hosting Fee	Web Hosting	\$151.20
12/14/10	Bank Service Fee	Financial	\$0.23
12/21/09	The Hartford - Insurance	Financial	\$350.00
12/30/09	Illinois Secretary of State Annual Report File Fees	State Registration	\$25.00
1/26/10	WRS Services - Snow Plowing	Plowing	\$600.00
3/2/10	WRS Services - Snow Plowing	Plowing	\$1,500.00
4/9/10	State of Illinois – Registered Agent File Fee	State Registration	\$10.00
7/13/10	Dunkin Donuts – Beverages for Special General Meeting	Meeting Supply	\$41.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$2,689.48

2009/2010 Expenses Percentages



The following chart identifies where your \$20.00 Annual membership fee is used:

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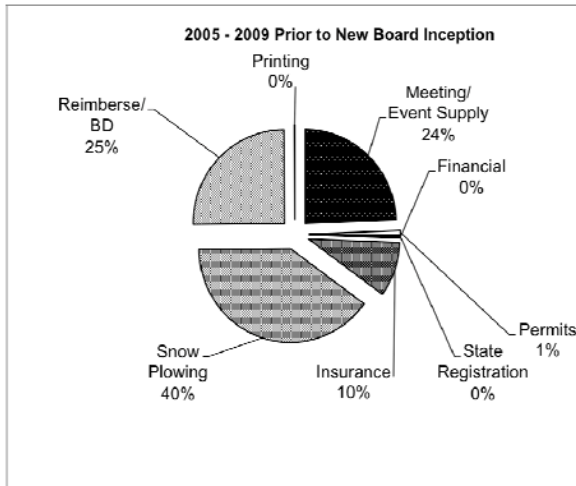
Expense Description	Amount
Meeting Supply	\$0.31
Web Hosting	\$0.88
Financial	\$2.05
State Registration	.20
Plowing	\$12.29
Surplus	\$4.26

2005-2009 Financial Audit Report

In 2010, the Board of Directors authorized in-kind outside audit of the IWCA financial records and reports. The audit was completed by Ms. Amy Times, CPA. The final report with recommendations was sent to Director Patrick McCann the Association Attorney for reporting to the Board.

The following chart identifies where the 2005 - 2009 Annual membership dues (\$20.00 Est.) were used:

Expense Description	Amount
Meeting/Events	\$ 4.87
Permits	.16
Financial	.03
State Registration	.05
Insurance	\$1.88
Snow Plowing	\$7.94
Reimbursement to Board	\$4.99
Printing	.02



Board review of the audit resulted in the following Board actions and policy.

- 1.) No payments for materials, products, services, or expense reimbursements will be made without detailed receipts and approval of such expense.
- 2.) Receipts for all cash dues and donations will be issues to the member and/or person providing cash due or donation payments. Such payments will be logged and recorded by the Treasurer.
- 3.) All due memberships will be logged, documented, and recorded to each member's account of the Association.
- 4.) All financial matters will be maintained recorded in a database and excel software program to maintain accurate records by the Treasurer.
- 5.) Deposits will be made weekly or sooner by the Treasure or an Officer of the Association.
- 6.) Payments for reimbursement for board members expenses for official Association activities shall be processed in a timely manner with all appropriate receipts and detailed explanations for the expense.
- 7.) Bank statements shall be reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis.
- 8.) The Association will file an Annual Report to the memberships each year,
- 9.) The Accounting year of the Association shall be January 1, to December 31 – each year.
- 10.) The Association will apply for a Non-Profits IRS Status for the Association.

Detailed audit reports and the current financials can be reviewed by going to the Indian Woods Community Association web site at:

www.indianwoods.org