



# Indian Mountain News



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## **IM Newsletter: Going Green is Cheaper!**

Three times per year a dozen IM property owners contribute time and talents to construct your IM Newsletter. It is a big job starting with topic development and writing, editing and layout, printing and addressing over 2000 newsletters, and finally the bulk mailing to your mailbox (assuming we have your right address). It is also an expensive job costing some \$7K per year.

Last summer, IMRPD and IMPOA began to deliberately assess the pros/cons of changing the delivery of the IM Newsletter. There were many issues to carefully consider, but it was concluded that going "green" will save your money, our time, and of course our environment (trees, ink, landfills).

Starting with the May 2010 issue (the next issue after this one!), rather than printing and mailing over 2000 paper copies of the newsletter, the IM Newsletter will be posted on the web for quick and easy public access ([www.indianmountain.info](http://www.indianmountain.info)).

We think this convenience will benefit 95% of the property owners who can read and enjoy the newsletter on the internet. We are however, concerned about the other 5% of our owners who do not have internet access. If, for whatever reason, you would still like to receive a hard copy of the IM Newsletter, all you have to do is call in your name and address to the IMRPD office at 719-836-0657. We will send you a hard copy. We will also provide some complimentary hard copies at the Office and Comfort Station.

## **IMRPD Board Transparency**

Senate Bill 09-087 requires that special districts in Colorado provide their electors with certain basic information. Such information includes board member names, terms of office, office address, regular meeting schedule, election date, mill levy, and total tax revenue among some other basic information. SB 09-087 also authorizes several locations that this information can be posted.

IMRPD has completed its notice of transparency with all the required information. The notice is public and easily accessible from the following locations:

- Department of Local Affairs
- [www.indianmountain.info](http://www.indianmountain.info); go to Governance link in the left hand column of the home page
- email IMRPD Secretary, Glenn Haas, at [glennehaas@comcast.net](mailto:glennehaas@comcast.net) for an electronic copy
- call the IMRPD office and leaving your name and address to receive a hard copy



## Winter Fun at Indian Mountain

Is there anything more beautiful than watching snow fall from the warmth of your cabin? Actually, there is. Next time the snow falls in fluffy flakes, head on out for a day of fun in our very own winter wonderland. Indian Mountain provides the perfect backdrop for winter activities. All you need are some warm clothes, maybe a thermos of hot chocolate, and the desire to venture from the warmth of the fire. Snowshoes take the place of hiking boots. Frozen lakes and snow-covered trails signal the chance to go ice fishing, spin figure eights on skates and rev-up the snowmobile for a high-octane adrenaline rush.

Growing up in Montana where the winters are long, spring is muddy, and summer is gone in two weeks, we grew to love wintertime activities. Colorado weather is much nicer, but we have not lost our love of winter sports and the beauty of winter woods and remote places.

A few years ago, my sister started the much loved family tradition of the “winter picnic”. This special day started as a way to keep the adults and the kids happy for more than half an hour after that first hike up the sled hill. We have continued this tradition since coming to Indian Mountain. The pavilion provides the base camp for a hot lunch of grilled burgers and brats after snowshoeing the nature trails, playing Frisbee Golf on snowshoes, or a making a few trips up and down the sled hill.

And my top favorite winter pastime after the winter picnic at the pavilion – heading back to the cabin and stretching out by the fire with a warm drink and a good book.

Submitted by Jill Campbell



### Stay Informed

Just a reminder that the best way to stay informed about the activities and services provided to you by IMRPD and IMPOA is to frequent their websites: [www.indianmountain.info](http://www.indianmountain.info) and [www.impoa.net](http://www.impoa.net). These are excellent websites with current and detailed information about what is going on in Indian Mountain.

## IM Community Center Update

On December 15, 2009 the District met with the architect and engineering group to verify and approve the 90% completion of MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) design and structural drawings. The Geo-Thermal heating design has been incorporated into building. Final drawings and designs are scheduled for the end of February. We are still working with the water court for approval of well permit.



## 2010 IMRPD Board Elections

There are two IMRPD Board positions open for the 2010 election. We invite all eligible property owners to consider contributing their time and talents to Indian Mountain. Board involvement is important and gratifying work. If you are interested, please feel free to contact any of the current Board members to learn more about meetings, dates, roles and responsibilities, and special initiatives underway.

In December, the IMRPD passed a resolution calling the 2010 regular district election. The full resolution is posted at [www.indianmountain.info](http://www.indianmountain.info) under the Governance button on the left. Several key elements are listed here:

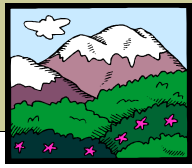
1. The regular election of the eligible electors of the District shall be held on May 4, 2010, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
2. There shall be one polling place at the following location: IMRPD Office/Lodge (old IM Ski Lodge); 1996 Chief Trail.
3. Applications for mail-in ballots may be filed with the Peggy Rupp, Designated Election Official, at 390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado 80228, no later than the close of business on the 7th day prior to the election (Tuesday, April 27, 2010), if the mail-in ballot is to be mailed to the elector, or until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, April 30, 2010), if the mail-in ballot will not be mailed to the elector.
4. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available at the Designated Election Official's office located at the above address. All candidates must file a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form with the Designated Election Official no later than the close of business on Friday, February 26, 2010.
5. If, at the close of business on March 2, 2010, there are not more than two candidates eligible for the Election, including candidates timely filing affidavits of intent no later than March 1, 2010, the Designated Election Official shall cancel the Election and declare the candidates elected.

### **Annual IM Picnic set for July 3rd**



The annual IM picnic will be held Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the IM Picnic Pavilion (adjacent to the Comfort Station and IM Office/Lodge at 1996 Chief Trail). Over 200 residents enjoyed the family fun and chance to visit with old and new friends last July. Watch for details in the May issue of the IM Newsletter or on the IMRPD and IMPOA websites. We hope to see you.





## Arrowhead Drive Update

On November 16th, 2009, Park County Road and Bridge temporarily closed a section of Arrowhead Drive between Breton Circle and Cobb Lane to begin the much needed reconstruction of this area of road. Following is a description of work completed:

- Dirt from the upper side of the road was shaved off and used on the lower side of the road thereby effectively widening the road.
- A large section of dirt in the area of the curve was removed and used to construct a dirt berm barrier on the opposite side of the road. This accomplished two things. First, this greatly improved visibility around the corner and secondly, the barrier will deter vehicles from sliding down the embankment and rolling.
- Road and Bridge also replaced the drainage culvert at the "little pond" as this area washed out with spring rains.
- Several truck loads of road base were spread along the road when repairs were complete.

These improvements will certainly help with the safety issues of the area. The speed limit for this short stretch of road is 15 mph. If everyone would slow down just a tad, we will surely have fewer accidents and a safer drive. Park County has done their job. Now drivers in Indian Mountain need to do theirs.

Submitted by Lou DeCarolis and Cyndi Burdick

**We would like to express our sincere thanks to Dick Hodges (Park County Commissioner who oversees Road and Bridge), Mark Dowaliby (Indian Mountain's representative on the Board of County Commissioners), and of course, all the workers involved in these repairs from Road and Bridge. Thank you for listening and acting on this safety issue in Indian Mountain.**

*(The IMPOA and IMRPD Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and thank Lou and Cyndi for their time and hard work to help make us safer. The improvements to Arrowhead Drive would not have happened without their volunteer efforts. Kudos to Lou and Cyndi).*

### Financial Corner

IMPOA Finances—December, 2009:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| • Checking Account  | = \$11,091        |
| • CD Savings        | = \$25,467        |
| <b>Total Assets</b> | <b>= \$36,558</b> |

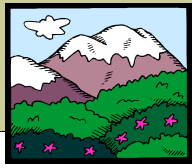
### IMPOA Needs You!

The IMPOA Board of Directors has two vacancies we need to fill: Secretary and an At-Large Board member. Please consider becoming involved in your community. Email a short bio and description of what you feel you have to offer to the Indian Mountain community to Dennis Burke at [burklings@yahoo.com](mailto:burklings@yahoo.com) for the Board's review.

## Stagestop Restaurant is Under New Management

In December the Stagestop Restaurant came under the new management of Lee Andrews. Lee has big plans to make the establishment more family-oriented, paint and re-decorate the interior, make the entrance and outside more inviting, and to develop an expanded menu while continuing to serve the best Philly cheese steak west of the Mississippi. He plans to offer a Wednesday "Ribs Night" to start later this spring. The side room is also available for meetings, card parties, birthdays, reunions and other special events. Call Lee at 970-836-2466 to make arrangements. Please stop by to say hello to Lee, see the changes, and enjoy the quality food.

*Local businesses, like the Stagestop Restaurant and those in Jefferson and Como, need our patronage!!*



## From the IMPOA President

Happy New Year! On behalf of the entire Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association Board, we are excited and look forward to the many changes that are coming in 2010—membership outreach and new merchandise to name a few. First and foremost, we want to thank everyone that is a member of IMPOA and supports our efforts to facilitate communication and make Indian Mountain a better place for us all! A couple of notable items of late:

- Many residents have been receiving letters from the Water Court in Greeley regarding water rights. I made some calls and spoke to a very helpful employee who will answer any questions about the rather complicated letters that have been sent out: **Jeff Cowan at (970) 351-7300 ext 5405.**
- Additionally, I have also received complaints from residents who have had to turn many pets over to Animal Control. These animals appear to be personal cats and dogs that have left to fend for themselves outdoors and have suffered from the elements. Please be a responsible pet owner!
- We hope to see you at the IMPOA Annual meeting, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Stay informed on our website: [www.impoa.net](http://www.impoa.net).

Diana Heyder

### Joining IMPOA

The Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA) has a goal to increase their membership to include more property owners in Indian Mountain. But, why should I join IMPOA? Since 1985 IMPOA has informed, educated and advocated on issues of concern to IM property owners. Its functions are very broad including:

- Tracking local, county, and state plans and policies that may affect IM (e.g., mining, sale of public land, cell phone coverage, taxes, development, land use regulations, water augmentation, IM roads, etc.)
- Driving around periodically to check for covenant and Park County LUR compliance
- Hosting free Community Dumpster and Swap Days
- Selling IM apparel
- Hosting an annual members' meeting and banquet
- Hosting an IM community summer picnic with IMRPD
- Publishing 3 newsletters each year in cooperation with IMRPD
- Maintaining an informative website for property owners with helpful web links (<http://www.impoa.net>)

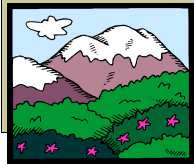
Please join now and help to make our community even stronger and more united! The IMPOA membership for is on page 7 of this newsletter. Join today and remember to renew each year. The cost is only \$35 a year.



#### Would you like this Newsletter emailed?

As you have read in this newsletter, both the IMPOA and IMRPD Boards have decided to save many trees (Go Green!), and also save money (\$7,000 combined each year) by making the joint newsletter available on line on both of our websites. However, if you would like this Newsletter emailed to you, indicate on your new/renewed IMPOA membership your Form (included in this newsletter).

We will email future newsletters to IMPOA members in May, September, and January.



## **IMPOA's Annual Member's Banquet & Business Meeting Thursday Evening March 11, 2010**

**WHERE:** Elk's Club, 1455 Newland Street, Lakewood 303-238-1707. Travel west on Colfax; between Sheridan and Wadsworth turn south on to Newland; go 1/2 block; Elk's Club is on the right side,

**WHEN:** 5:45-6:30 pm social to visit friends (cash bar); 6:30 pm dinner served.

\*\*\*\* Dinner choices are prime rib or grilled salmon or a vegetarian plate \*\*\*\*

**PROGRAM:** Business program begins after dinner about 7:45 PM.

**COST:** \$25.00 per person (members or non-members) includes tax and service charge.

**RSVP:** RSVP with payment due by **March 4, 2010**. Your canceled check will be your reservation receipt. We do not plan to send out a confirmation letter or tickets this year. A host will check your name at the door, confirm your dinner option, provide name tags and drawing tickets for "special door prizes". Indian Mountain apparel will also be for sale.

Please be sure to write down your dinner choice for each person in your group so there is no confusion that evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wally or Lee Techentien at 303-424-2651 or watlmt@aol.com.

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### **RSVP and Payment due (\$25/person) by March 4th** (One person should complete this RSVP for your group)

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people are you making dinner reservations for? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person.

Indicate the number of each menu options you would like for the people in your group:

\_\_\_\_\_ prime rib \_\_\_\_\_ grilled salmon \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian

Mail this RSVP with your check made payable to IMPOA to  
Wally Techentien, 6593 Urban Street, Arvada, CO. 80004  
303-424-2651





## Join IMPOA

The Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association (IMPOA) was legally created in 1985 by a group of community volunteers to *promote the health, welfare, safety, and interests of its members*. It is a voluntary membership organization. Today, we are 500+ IM property owners working together to ensure the protection of our homes, investments, personal and community rights, and our rural quality of life. Please join with us by sending in your membership form today!

### IMPOA Membership Form

Here is a **\$35.00 check** for my annual membership dues. I would like to join IM-POA, along with 500+ other residents in Indian Mountain, in order to help protect our homes, investments, and rural quality of life.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

IM Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_ IM Filing #: \_\_\_\_\_

IM Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes, Please email me my three issues of the Newsletters this year.*

**Simply mail this form and your check for \$35 payable to "IMPOA" and mail to**  
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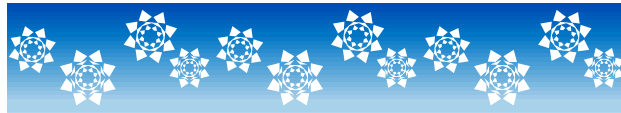
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Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District	Indian Mountain Property Owners Association
<p>IMRPD protects and maintains the District's parkland, recreation facilities, and hosts community events. Its functions are strictly limited, and at this time include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 356 acres of park lands</li> <li>• Pasture golf course</li> <li>• Ski lodge and recreation hall</li> <li>• IM Park with trails, playground, frisbee golf, horseshoes</li> <li>• Comfort station and potable water</li> <li>• RV dump station and storage lot</li> <li>• Pond and information kiosk</li> <li>• Social events</li> </ul>	<p>IMPOA informs, educates and advocates on issues of concern to IM property owners. Its functions are very broad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board tracks local, county and state plans and policies that may affect IM (e.g., mining, sale of public land, cell phone coverage, taxes, development, land use regulations, water augmentation)</li> <li>• Periodic drive-around covenant compliance check</li> <li>• Dumpster and swap days</li> <li>• IM apparel sales</li> </ul>
<p>Government Entity Special District - State of Colorado Created in 1975</p>	<p>Non-profit Association Federal 501( c) 4 - State of Colorado Created in 1985</p>
<p>Mandatory property taxes paid by all IM property owners (6.94 mils)</p>	<p>Voluntary annual dues (\$35) from willing property owners.</p>
<p>Dec 2009 financial assets—\$325K 2010 projected revenue—\$156K</p>	<p>Dec 2009 financial assets = \$36K 2010 projected revenue—\$16K</p>
<p><a href="http://www.indianmountain.info">www.indianmountain.info</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.impoa.net">www.impoa.net</a></p>



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