

## **NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

**Trunk or Treat has been cancelled  
for 2023!**

**Picture contest Extended to October  
23rd**

## ***INDIAN MOUNTAIN FALL NEWSLETTER***

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The **RV Dump Station** will **CLOSE COMPLETELY** on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. The vaults will be pumped and **CAVED IN** on November 1st. **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!** Your RV Dump keys will work on the new RV Dump Station once it is ready to go early in 2024.

## IMPOA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Indian Mountain!

It is hard to believe that we are at the tail end of 2023, but I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you are looking forward to the cooler months ahead for one reason or another. Many people enjoy this time of year because of the celebrations, events, and holidays it brings.

With that in mind, I'd like to remind everyone of the fantastic events that the Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association hosts year-round, including fun fall and winter activities -- see the event calendar included in this newsletter for more information!

If you love the community events offered in Indian Mountain, please consider volunteering! In an effort to get our events back up and running post-pandemic shutdowns, a couple of people have been bearing the responsibility of planning, hosting, and working at our community events. **This is not sustainable, and we run the risk of fewer events if we can't have more community involvement in the planning, set-up, and tear-down of them!**

If events aren't your thing, there are plenty of other ways to help & volunteer. The IMPOA board is in the process of filling three vacant positions, and more positions will certainly be available in the future. Additionally, we need volunteers for other activities & services such as the Litter Bugs (road cleanup), the Burn Pit, Fencing projects, and Dumpster Day.

**Let us know how you can help by sending an email to: [impoa.bod@gmail.com](mailto:impoa.bod@gmail.com).**

*\*\* We know that the volunteer interest form on the IMPOA website has had some issues, so if you have expressed interest in the past, please let us know again!*

Lastly, thanks to all of our current volunteers, we couldn't do it without you!!!

*~Article provided by: Kathryn Abrahamson, IMPOA President*

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## **IMMD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The summer seems to have flown by and we are now enjoying our beautiful fall colors.

The District office continues to be a busy place assisting new and existing property owners with general questions, access keys and reservations. In addition, the District Manager provides critical support to the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District Board including administrative services and bookkeeping, providing information for audits, managing the District's properties, ensuring compliance with Special District Rules, Regulations and managing the District's Water Augmentation Program. Jackie Middelhoek is new to this position and has done an amazing job of learning and executing all the responsibilities of this position. The board is eternally grateful for her support. Please remember to give her a big thank you for all she does next time you visit, call, or email the office.

One of the primary functions of the District is to maintain and provide improvements to the district's properties and facilities. We are extremely fortunate to have Pat Smith on our team to lead this effort. Pat does regular checks on our properties and facilities to ensure all is well, identifies existing and potential issues, recommends and executes cost effective solutions and completes numerous maintenance and repair tasks. We could not provide the many wonderful Indian Mountain amenities without his dedication and hard work! He also assists in the District office as needed.

Since the last newsletter in May, a few items have been completed at District facilities. The Lodge underwent a review of the electrical system and found that the electrical panels were not up to code. The updates and repairs were completed in June. The Pasture Golf Course got some needed grooming and the greens were cleared in 8' diameter circles to make play easier. Other projects included repair and refinishing and painting of tables and benches; insect, weed and rodent control; assisting in preparations and take-down activities for the annual picnic; managing the bird nesting which occurs annually at the community center.

The burn pit has been closed for the season. There are 42 stacks. 599 loads of which 497 were from IM with 102 from other neighborhoods. We continue to have challenges recruiting volunteers to monitor the pit when it is open. Any suggestions in improving this effort would be appreciated. We also had issues with some folks concealing their construction materials under slash. Not nice.

Budget season has begun. The District held it's first budget work session on August 18. A second budget work session is scheduled for October 6.

I would like to thank the people who have volunteered to assist in various District projects.

We are grateful to IMPOA for the events they have hosted, the fencing project and particularly the wonderful improvements they donated at the Indian Mountain Park pavilion area.

*~Article provided by: Carol Darland, IMMD President*

### **IMWSP Members**

Many thanks to all of you who report your water meter reading in a timely manner every month.

As a reminder, due to a settlement that was reached with Bar Star Water last year, we cannot add any new members to the Indian Mountain Water Service Program until 1/1/2026. We will start taking applications in the spring of 2025 as the process takes a full ¾ of a year. Please let us know if you would like us to put you on our waiting list.

For the Colorado Division of Water Resources to approve a well permit application, the applicant needs to be a member of an augmentation plan. If you need to apply for a well permit before 1/1/2026, you have two choices.

- Bar Star Water: [Cost and Forms | Bar Star Water Company](#)
- HASP on an individual basis: [HASP - Headwater Authority of the South Platte \(haspwater.com\)](#)

If your meter is broken or you have a newly constructed home and now have a well connected to your structure, you can sign up for a meter install and/or certification on June 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAC28AAFBC07-water2>.

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie at 719-836-9043 from Wed – Sat, 9am – 1pm.

*~Article provided by: Jackie Middelhoek, IMMD District Manager*

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## EVENT UPDATES

### **Garage Sale (9/16/2023)**

The Community Garage Sale was a big success this year. The weather was brilliant and all of the tables were full of pretty and interesting items. Many thanks to Samantha Bertin for organizing the sale and the food, and to Pat Smith for doing an awesome job behind the grill.

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## FACILITIES UPDATES

### **RV Dump Station Update**

Good progress is being made on the new RV Dump Station next to the Community Center.

The tanks are in the ground, and it was really something to see when the big crane came out to pick up the 5,000 gallon tank, weighing about 23 tons, and lowered it into the ground.

The new RV Dump Station with leach field will save IMMD a lot of money in the long run. The old Dump Station has two vaults and no leach field. In the summer, we have had to have the Dump Station pumped twice a month at great expense to avoid the vaults flowing over.

The water to the old Dump Station has been turned off for the season and the water line has been blown out to prevent the line from freezing and bursting. We want to thank all of you for conserving water and staying within the limits stipulated to us by our augmentation plan and the CO Division of Water Resources.

For the foreseeable future, the new Dump Station will not have flush water as we could not find the funds to make that happen. It will be considered in the future as funds become available.





*~Article provided by: Jackie Middelhoek, IMMD District Manager and IMWSP Administrator*

### **New Electrical Panel Lodge**

This summer, the Lodge got an electrical update to bring us fully up to code. A new electrical panel was installed, as well as new light switches and flood lights.

### **New Boiler/Water Heater at the Comfort Station**

The Boiler/Water Heater at the Comfort Station started to show its age and is being replaced. Our contractor anticipates that there will be no hot water at the Comfort Station for 3 days to a week during the replacement. Please check Nextdoor and/or our website (<https://indianmountain.info>) for further updates.

### **Fire Mitigation/Prevention**

Fire risk remains the biggest threat to our beautiful neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who participated in removing slash from your land by way of the Chipping Program and taking your slash to the Burn Pit.

The Burn Pit was open from June 2nd to August 26<sup>th</sup>. It took 364 volunteer hours from our amazing volunteers to have it open, not counting the countless hours it took all of you to remove the slash from your land. We have a record 42 piles at the pit this year.

To burn the piles this winter, we need permission from the Park County Sheriff as well as our super helpful Fire Chief. We will keep an eye on the snow forecast and will try to make it happen just as soon as there is enough snow on the ground to prevent the fire from spreading. It is always a mad scramble to get everything and everyone together when we get last minute approval after the snow actually arrives.



Photo Credit Jeff Mason





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*~Article provided by: Jackie Middelhoek, IMMD District Manager and IMWSP Administrator*

## **INDIAN MOUNTAIN CRAFT FAIR**

**Join us for the annual craft fair!**

**Saturday OCT 28th 10am to 3pm**

**Featuring handmade goods, art, treats, and gifts from the neighborhood! Over 20 vendors at the Indian Mountain Community Center.**

**See you there!**

*~Article provided by: Jeremiah Davidson, IMPOA Events Coordinator*

## **IMPOA 2024 PHOTO CONTEST**

Time for another photo contest and Indian Mountain calendars!

IMPOA's second annual Photo Contest will starting soon. Check the association's website for more information on this year's calendar and theme, which is "Community Flora" – all the natural flowers, plants, and trees in our community and surrounding areas.

As you are submitting your photos – remember that we will be representing all four seasons, and we are looking for pictures from a variety of times throughout the year. Get creative and send in your photos!

We are also looking for a handful of volunteers to help with the judging of the photos – let us know if you are interested.

IMPOA will have all the details posted on their website shortly.

*~Article provided by: Jeff Mason, IMMD Finance*

## **2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**October 23: Picture contest for 2024 calendar**

**October 28: Annual craft Fair, 9am-3pm**

~~**October 28: Trunk or Treat 4pm-6pm**~~

**(Trunk or Treat cancelled, will return in 2024)**

**December 9: Tamale making w/Nick Rinaldi**

**Noon-3pm**

Visit **IMPOA.NET** for more details

***Save the dates! We hope to see you there!***

*~Article provided by: Jeremiah Davidson, IMPOA Events Director*

**Jefferson Community Church meets at Indian Mountain Community Center every Sunday** service is at 10:45 am.

Join us early for conversation, coffee, tea, or cocoa at 9:00 am.

Sunday School is at 9:30 am.

Contact us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCommunityChurchSouthparkColorado>

*~Article provided by: Jefferson Community Church*

## **INDIAN MOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT INFORMATION**

There is a new helpful links page on our website: <https://indianmountain.info>. It is located at the bottom left corner of the home page. Here is a direct link to it: [2023-08-03-Helpful-Links.pdf \(indianmountain.info\)](https://indianmountain.info/2023-08-03-Helpful-Links.pdf). If there is any other information that you would like to see on that page, please email me at [indianmtn@hotmail.com](mailto:indianmtn@hotmail.com).

### **Indian Mountain Community Center**

The Indian Mountain Community Center is open Wednesday thru Saturday from 9am – 1pm. The office is open for business during those hours. Here are some things that you can do there:

- Purchase a key card to the Comfort Station (one per property) [Comfort Station – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#).
- Purchase an RV Dump Station key (one per property) [RV Dump Station – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#).
- Pay/renew/fill out form for RV Storage Lot (copy of vehicle registration required) [RV Storage Lot – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#).

- Rent the Lodge or the Community Center [Ski Lodge – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#) and [Community Center – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#).
- Pay your IMWSP dues (due at the end of January)
- Get a burn pit permit (when the burn pit is open) [Burn Pit – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#).
- Purchase IMPOA cups, baseball caps, keychains, lanyards and disk golf sets
- Pay your IMPOA dues [IMPOA](#).
- Ask as many questions about Indian Mountain as you want
- Get a document notarized (please call first 719-836-9043)

Here are some activities that go on at the Community Center:

- The Quilting Group meets every Tuesday (except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month) from 9:30am – 2:30pm.
- The Book Club meets every third Tuesday of the month from 11am – 3pm
- Pool players meet every Thursday from 10am – 1pm
- IMMD's and IMPOA's board meetings take place every second Saturday of the month

Items that can be borrowed and checked out from the Community Center are:

- Video Tapes (movies)
- DVD's (movies)
- Books
- Games

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## **WINTER FIRE AWARENESS**

Each winter is different, some have a lot of snow fall and some have fewer snow falls but the snow sticks around. Despite the amount of snow fall, the ever present winds are quickly drying out the vegetation. Everyone needs to be extremely careful with any form of

fire. All fire pits should be located away from trees, in an open area, built in a deep hole with rocks around it, and have plenty of water available to extinguish stray embers and flames. Be sure your fire is completely out before you leave. Cover it with water and dirt to prevent any possible flare-ups. Remember even a discarded cigarette can cause major devastation. We all love and cherish this special place we call Indian Mountain, so please do your part to protect it from harm.

Burning in Indian Mountain other than barbeque grills, requires a burn permit. [You may obtain a burn permit from the Jefferson Como Fire Station #5 on Elkhorn Road](#). When not under a fire ban you must report the burn event before it occurs. This reporting is to avoid unnecessary dispatch of emergency equipment. You can report burning before starting to burn by calling (833) 935-1189. When there is a fire ban posted at the fire station or in the newspaper, you may not burn even though you have a permit. Any fire in the open should have a nearby water supply (even if it's just a big bucket full) and a shovel for containing a fire that spreads to the grass if the wind whips up.

Although burn permits are a legal way to burn in the open, burning of forest slash in our wildland urban interface is not encouraged by IMPOA. Erratic winds, even in the winter, will create dry conditions and can easily lead to a loss of control of a fire. **If you want to have an open-air fire (bonfire, fire pit etc.), you need an approved permit.** If you are having a barbecue, a permit is not required. Here is the link and information on how to get your burn permit. <https://www.icfpd.org/burnpermits>

Call 1-833-935-1189 whenever you want to burn. A registered burn is valid for 24 hours. This number will also give you information on whether or not a burn ban is in effect.

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